



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

Term 1 Week 1

29 January, 2015

### Thought for the Week

*It is always good to start a new year – to be fresh and renew ourselves and begin the journey ahead with enthusiasm for the adventures to come.*

#### WELCOME BACK

A very big welcome back to a brand new school year. We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and look forward to a prosperous year. A special welcome to our new Kinder class and new students in other classes. We hope all the new members of our school family find their time at our school enjoyable and rewarding.

#### STAFF FOR 2015

Kinder	-	Miss Belinda Bourke/Mrs Sue Alchin
Year 1	-	Mrs Alison Newstead/Miss Lisa Harvey
Year 2	-	Mrs Melinda Morris/Mrs Meichelle Schier
Year 3	-	Mr Damien Soares
Year 4	-	Miss Phillipa Smith
Year 5	-	Mr Tim Keady
Year 6	-	Mrs Dominica Banks/Mrs Nikkola Thomas
Parish Priest	-	Fr Martin O'Mahony
Principal	-	Mr Tony Musgrave
Assistant Principal	-	Mrs Dominica Banks
Religious Education Coordinator	-	Mrs Dominica Banks
Support Teacher	-	Mrs Sheree Spora
RFF	-	Mrs Donna Colwell
Literacy/Numeracy Assistants	-	Mrs Cheryl Batten, Mrs Margie Stewart
Aboriginal Education Worker	-	Mrs Margaret Pearce
Librarian	-	Mrs Jenny Kilby
Secretary	-	Mrs Heather Hodge
Cleaner	-	Mrs Dawn Cooper

#### KINDER/YEAR 6 BUDDIES

It was an exciting time yesterday when the Year 6 students were introduced to their Kinder buddies. The Year 6 students now have a big job in front of them making sure our new Kinders settle in well at St Joseph's. The Year 6 students and Kinder children will do things like visit the church together, have lunch together and be there for one another. A full list of the buddies is included in today's newsletter.

#### STUDENT LEADERS' INVESTITURE MASS

The Student Leaders' Investiture Mass for 2015 will be held next Tuesday, 3 February at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. At St Joseph's we consider all our Year 6 students to be leaders of our school and therefore all Year 6 students will be presented with a leader's badge. Everyone is welcome to attend this ceremony, particularly family and friends of the Year 6 students. Following the Mass morning tea will be served and we would appreciate it if all Year 6 parents could supply a plate for the morning tea.

#### GOOD LUCK ZOE

We wish Zoe Welsh the best of luck as she represents the diocese in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Basketball Championships to be held in Lismore next week. It is a fantastic effort to reach this level of competition. Well done Zoe!

#### ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 21 March, 2015

The P & F Debutante Ball will be held at the Shire Hall on Saturday, 21 March. This is a wonderful evening and raises funds for our P & F Association which in turn is then spent on much needed and very worthwhile resources for our school. There are lots of jobs in the lead up to the ball with working bees being held regularly. We will let you know next week when they will be held. Even if you can only spare an hour or so it would be greatly appreciated. So please try and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser.

#### TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year's twilight swimming carnival will be held on **FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY**. The following timetable for the carnival will be in operation:

1. Children come to school on Friday at the usual time for a normal day's school.
2. Children wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming gear to school with them.
3. End of school bell rings at 3:20 p.m. but the children **DO NOT GO HOME**.
4. The canteen is open and the children can buy an afternoon snack or bring it with them. (Cordial and watermelon will be provided).
5. If the children wish, they can change into clothing representing their house colour. This is optional. No crepe paper please.
6. At 3:45 p.m. the children will go to their Sports House Meetings to be held in the classrooms.
7. At 4:00 p.m. the staff and students walk down to the carnival together.
8. The carnival begins at 4:30 p.m.
9. A sausage sizzle tea will operate between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. (cost \$1.50). The canteen at the pool will also be operating where you can purchase pies (\$4.00), sausage rolls (\$3.00), hot dogs (\$3.00), hot chips - small (\$3.00), medium (\$4.00), large (\$6.00), pizzas (\$2.60), munchies (20¢) and fish cocktails (50¢). It would be appreciated if these foods could be ordered at the canteen when you arrive at the pool – but not necessary.
10. The infants' events will cease at 6:30 p.m. At this time the parents of the infants children can either take their child home, or keep them at the pool for the sausage sizzle and the remaining carnival under their own supervision.
11. The carnival will finish by 8:30 p.m.

Once again there will be a Staff, Ex-Student, Parent Relay and also a free swim at tea time for everyone, so bring along your

swimmers. To help make this carnival a success we will need **YOUR HELP!** Attached to this newsletter is a tear-off slip asking for people to assist as judges and cooks. Also, to assist with catering, we would like to know how many sausages your family will require. The staff looks forward to seeing you for a family night out at the pool.

#### **STAFF/PARENT/EX-STUDENTS RELAY**

The staff team is again in solid training and we'd appreciate some opposition. So come on, get your team organised and get into the water. We encourage our kids to have a go at lots of different things, let's lead by example. The teachers promise to go easy on you!

#### **SWIMMING HEATS**

Heats for the length of the pool races for children in Years 2-6 will commence on Monday and will continue on Tuesday and Friday next week with different strokes being held on different days. Students will be advised which stroke we will be doing on a particular day. All students entering length of the pool races should bring their swimmers on these days. If anyone could help time the heats from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. on any or all of these days, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please phone Mrs Hodge if you can help. The Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Coonamble on Thursday, 26 February.

#### **SPORT NEXT TUESDAY**

Due to Tooraweenah Public School's Swimming Carnival being held on Thursday, 5 February and Gilgandra High School's Swimming Carnival being held on Thursday, 12 February, our students will be going to the pool for sport on Tuesday for the next two weeks. Therefore the students should wear their sports uniform on Tuesday instead of Thursday for the next two weeks.

#### **P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our P & F AGM will be held at school on Tuesday, 17 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

#### **SEVERE REACTION TO NUTS**

As some of our 2015 students have a 'nut' allergy, we ask that you refrain from sending nuts and nut products as part of school snacks and lunches. Your help in this matter is much appreciated.

#### **CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

School banking will commence next Tuesday, 3 February. Mrs Lorraine Hutchison is the agent for the CDF. All Kinder and new students to our school will receive an application to open an account with the CDF next week. If anyone else would like to start banking with the CDF please let Mrs Hodge know and she will give you an application.

#### **SPORTS SOCKS**

Our order for sports socks has arrived, so those wishing to purchase the Joey's sports socks can call in at any time and see Mrs Hodge.

#### **LIBRARY**

Library classes will commence next week and the timetable is as follows:

Tuesday: Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6.

Wednesday: Year 2, Year 3, Kinder and Year 5.

Each child must have a library bag. School library bags may be purchased from the school for \$4.00 each. *Mrs Kilby*

#### **PRIVATE VEHICLE CONVEYANCE SUBSIDY**

A subsidy is available for students who travel by private vehicle from home to the bus stop. It is paid twice a year. Application may be made online at [transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc).

**WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 (so far!)**

#### **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

The school newsletter, the 'About', is sent home with the eldest child in each family every Thursday. Please make sure you ask for your 'About' each Thursday to enable you to keep informed about what's happening at the school.

#### **FAMILY INFORMATION/PERMISSION NOTE**

Every child received a Family Information/Permission Note yesterday. These forms need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Please note a separate form must be completed for each child.

#### **CANTEEN**

Our school canteen operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. When your child is ordering his/her lunch, please include only the lunch order on the lunch bags. Any 'extras' eg chips, ice blocks etc can be purchased by the children after lunch. For the benefit of new parents to our school this year, when ordering lunches please include on the lunch order your child's name, class and the order. The lunch bag, together with money, is then placed in the basket in the classroom when the children arrive at school.

#### **CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS**

Attached to today's newsletter is a note for those who would like to help out on canteen this year. If we get enough helpers, it usually means helping only once a term from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. When we get all the notes back a roster will be prepared. If anyone can help out in the first couple of weeks, please let Mrs Hodge know.

#### **NEW PRICE LIST**

A new canteen menu and price list is with today's newsletter. There have been a couple of price changes, so please destroy all previous canteen lists.

#### **CRUNCH & SIP PROGRAM**

Our 'Crunch & Sip' Program will continue this year in each classroom at 10:00 a.m. every day. At this time each class takes a five minute break in their class to have a drink of water and to eat some fruit. This is a voluntary activity and the water and fruit is brought from home. All fruit must be cut into bite-size pieces. Acceptable foods include apple, grapes, banana, carrots, celery sticks, sultanas, dried fruit, strawberries, cherry tomatoes. The purpose of this activity is to encourage healthy eating and to give the children an energy boost in the morning.

#### **NO HAT, NO PLAY**

If your child does not have a hat, he/she will not be permitted to play on the playground. Please dress your child in a maroon school hat. All classes have been distributed with sunscreen.

#### **PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL**

##### **A SAFETY ISSUE**

Just a reminder that when picking up children from school to use the Wrigley Street entrance and not the Dudley Street entrance. The Dudley Street entrance is for buses only in the afternoon and it is too dangerous for children to be ducking between buses to leave school.

#### **KID'S FUN DAY**

The Christian Youth of Gilgandra are doing FREE face painting and Ice Cream Spiders at Gilgandra Plaza this Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please come along!

<b>WEEK 2</b>		
Monday, 2 February	-	The Presentation of the Lord
	-	Swimming Heats – 1 – 2 p.m.
Tuesday, 3 February	-	Investiture Mass – Year 6 (K-6)
	-	– 10:30 a.m.
	-	Sport
Thursday, 5 February	-	Polding Summer Sports Trials –
	-	Zoe Welsh
Friday, 6 February	-	Polding Summer Sports Trials –
	-	Zoe Welsh
	-	Swimming Heats – 1 – 2 p.m.
<b>WEEK 3- Year 6 Reconciliation</b>		
Monday, 9 February	-	Swimming Heats – 1 – 2 p.m.
	-	NRL Bulldogs Visit – 2:00 –
	-	3:00 pm.
Tuesday, 10 February	-	Sport
	-	House Meetings – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 11 February	-	House Meetings – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 February	-	House Meetings – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 13 February	-	Twilight Swimming Carnival
	-	Polding Summer Sports Trials
	-	back-up date
<b>WEEK 4- Year 4 Reconciliation</b>		
Tuesday, 17 February	-	Pancake Tuesday
	-	P & F AGM
Wednesday, 18 February	-	Ash Wednesday Mass – (K-6)
	-	10:30 a.m.
Friday, 20 February	-	IT Contacts Meeting
<b>WEEK 5</b>		
Thursday, 26 February	-	Principals Meeting
	-	Western Region Swimming
	-	Carnival - Coonamble
Friday, 27 February	-	Principals Meeting
	-	Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday, 1 March	-	Years 1 and 4 Sunday Mass –
	-	9:45 a.m.
<b>WEEK 6- Year 4 Reconciliation</b>		
Tuesday, 3 March	-	Diocesan Swimming Carnival –
	-	Dubbo
Thursday, 5 March	-	Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6) -
	-	10:30 a.m.
<b>WEEK 7- Year 5 Reconciliation</b>		
Tuesday, 10 March	-	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
	-	back-up date
Thursday, 12 March	-	Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
<b>WEEK 8- Catholic Schools Week</b>		
Tuesday, 17 March	-	St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5
	-	(Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 18 March	-	Grandparents Day
Thursday, 19 March	-	Moorambilla – Gilgandra Public
	-	School 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. - Boys,
	-	10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Girls
	-	St Joseph's Day – Mass (K-6) –
	-	12:00 p.m. followed by
	-	celebrations at the pool
Friday, 20 March	-	Polding Swimming – Homebush
Saturday, 21 March	-	Ball
<b>WEEK 9</b>		
Wednesday, 25 March	-	The Annunciation Mass – Year 3
	-	(K-6) - 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 27 March	-	Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
Sunday, 29 March	-	Palm Sunday
<b>WEEK 10</b>		
Monday, 30 March	-	Year 3 Reconciliation
	-	School Photos
	-	School Performance Tour
	-	– 'Return of the Bully' (K-3)
	-	– 'The Cyber Bully' (4-6)

Wednesday, 1 April	-	Diocesan Winter Sports
	-	Trials
	-	back-up date
Thursday, 2 April	-	Last day Term 1
Friday, 3 April	-	Good Friday

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome to all our new kindergarten students. They certainly looked smart in their St Joseph's uniforms ready to start their school year. We wish them all the very best. Today has been a very busy day with our swimming and I'm sure the children will enjoy that each week. The children will also be given their news day which will start next week. Just a reminder to make sure that all their belongings are labelled with their name. e.g. lunch box, drink bottle, jumpers etc. I look forward to a good year and working well with everyone. Take care. Miss Bourke

**YEAR 1** Welcome back to all our fabulous Year 1 students. We have enjoyed hearing about your super holidays and my goodness some of you have grown!! This year we are looking forward to learning lots of new and exciting things and being part of our Joey's family once more. We have started learning our new spelling words and in Maths we practised our adding using two dice. We read the Pat Hutchins classic, "We're Going on a Picnic" and discussed some of the places we can go to for a picnic and all the things we can take along. Our HSIE unit this term is 'Identifying Us' and we drew a picture of our family and wrote what we liked to do together. In Art we completed a self portrait and nominated what we liked most about ourselves. A note will be sent home on Friday with our News topics and a reminder that homework starts next Monday. We are looking forward to a super term in Year 1! Mrs Newstead & Miss Harvey

**YEAR 2** Welcome back to the start of another school year. We are sure everyone enjoyed catching up with friends and sharing their exciting holiday adventures. We also welcomed a new class mate, Sienna Marchant to the St Joey's family. This week we listened to some twisted fairy tales, discussed Australia Day and created a lovely artwork with 2D shapes. Next Tuesday we celebrate Mass with our new Year 6 leaders and begin preparing for our school swimming carnival. We are looking forward to getting to know everyone in Year 2 and their families as the year progresses and please drop in and see us if you have any concerns. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Morris & Mrs Schier

**YEAR 3** Welcome back! I've heard many stories about lots of holiday fun and it sounds like everyone is excited to start the school year. We welcome Moly Wilson to our class and the St Joey's family. We've started looking at descriptions in Text Types and we also read an interesting story about 'Puck Wudgie'. In Maths we have reviewed addition facts and skip counting. We have discussed our Science topic this term which is 'Feathers, Fur or Leaves'. In Religion we have started to learn about creation. Books will be sent home on Friday to be covered. Please ensure all books are returned to school Monday covered or uncovered so we can continue with our work. Year 3 is off to a wonderful start to the year! Mr Soares

**YEAR 4** Welcome back to the start of the new school year. A special welcome to Finn Marchant who has joined our class this year. In Year 4 this week we have revised various grammar and mathematical concepts. As we are working on the recount text type for the next few weeks we have written

and self-assessed a recount of our holidays. We plan to examine this recount to learn ways to improve our writing skills. We have also begun reading our novel for this term which is 'The Magician's Elephant' by Kate DiCamillo. Throughout the term we will be reading part of this novel in class every day and completing a variety of activities. We have also begun our new HSIE topic for this term, 'British Colonisation of Australia' by discussing Australia before the British arrived. Books will go home this weekend to be covered - most require clear contact. Many thanks go to you for covering them and returning them as soon as possible. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 5** Welcome back to another exciting year at Joey's. It was great to see all the smiles as we started our Year 5 journey yesterday. We are also pleased to welcome Jacob Wilson to our class. We are already getting organised for what looks to be a busy week ahead. Over the next couple of days books will be sent home to be covered - can you please make sure that these books come back to school each day even if you haven't had time to cover them. Today we started swimming and will begin swimming trials over the next couple of weeks for our upcoming carnival. Please feel free to come and see me throughout the year if you have anything you would like to discuss. I look forward to a fantastic year working with you all. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** Our first few days back to school have started with lots of smiles and enthusiasm. A very big welcome to our new students, Nash Marchant and Stuart Larsen. Year 6 students greeted their buddies on Wednesday morning and have enjoyed getting to know them and help them settle in. Year 6 has written some goals for 2015 and it was wonderful to read the mature and reflective responses from our leaders. We have started preparations for our Investiture Mass and are working hard to learn the "Leader's Pledge" off by heart. We look forward to this special celebration next Tuesday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 30 January – Claudina Ryan & Katherine Gaff  
 Monday, 2 February – Volunteers required  
 Wednesday, 4 February – Volunteers required  
 Friday, 6 February – Kerrie Altus & Leanne Gilmour

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 1 February - Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, James O'Neill, Lachlan Fairey



**2015 KINDERGARTEN/YEAR 6 BUDDIES**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Kaycee Bugmy</i>       | <i>Milla Banks</i>       |
| <i>Evan Carter</i>        | <i>Nash Marchant</i>     |
| <i>Amity Chapman</i>      | <i>Kate Gilmour</i>      |
| <i>Justin Coleman</i>     | <i>Aiden Ryan</i>        |
| <i>Ryan Cox</i>           | <i>William Sandford</i>  |
| <i>Hudson Duffy</i>       | <i>Darren Doherty</i>    |
| <i>Riley Fiddes</i>       | <i>Marshall Ryan</i>     |
| <i>Lucas Fong</i>         | <i>Aiden Ryan</i>        |
| <i>Alicia Fordham</i>     | <i>Tarah Foran</i>       |
| <i>Mitchell Fuller</i>    | <i>Harry Spora</i>       |
| <i>Brody Heffer</i>       | <i>Lauchlan Bash</i>     |
| <i>Jessica Ibe</i>        | <i>Rebecca Gaff</i>      |
| <i>Hope Jones-Copelin</i> | <i>Lily Naden</i>        |
| <i>Eliza Larkin</i>       | <i>Alex Beveridge</i>    |
| <i>Emma Mills</i>         | <i>Grace Alchin</i>      |
| <i>Darcy Morris</i>       | <i>James Kilday</i>      |
| <i>Eliza Mudford</i>      | <i>Rebecca Gaff</i>      |
| <i>Isabelle Mudford</i>   | <i>Emilie Hassall</i>    |
| <i>Darron Mulligan</i>    | <i>Lachlan Fairey</i>    |
| <i>Jonas Naden</i>        | <i>Jye Day</i>           |
| <i>Orlando Ryan</i>       | <i>Ryan Carter</i>       |
| <i>Abbie Skinner</i>      | <i>Chloe Godber</i>      |
| <i>Tom Staggs</i>         | <i>Martin Fryers</i>     |
| <i>Emily Standing</i>     | <i>Olivia Newstead</i>   |
| <i>Jaida Tarrant</i>      | <i>Sinead Sutton</i>     |
| <i>Molly Temple</i>       | <i>Lucy Davis</i>        |
| <i>Adison Thomas</i>      | <i>Zoe Welsh</i>         |
| <i>Lauren Thurlow</i>     | <i>Kate Gilmour</i>      |
| <i>Stu Wheatley</i>       | <i>Sebastian Jackson</i> |
| <i>Jordan Wighton</i>     | <i>Stuart Larsen</i>     |