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Thought for the Week

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind. And always remember to love your neighbour as yourself.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

The St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball was held in the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturday evening. The theme this year was the 'Queen of Hearts' and seven stunning debutantes and their handsome partners came down the red carpet to be presented to Matron of Honour, Mrs Alison Newstead and Parish Priest, Fr Martin O'Mahony. The hall was once again brilliantly decorated thanks to the hard work of the Ball Committee headed by Merylyn King, Melissa Welsh, Helen Naef and Mandy Musgrave. Mrs Dominica Banks did a wonderful job as compere. The contribution to the night by so many of our school community was superb, from the hard working committee, to those who attended working bees, went to practices, helped decorate the hall and erect the marquee, prepared the food and served, worked on the bars and door, donated food, prepared food, organised light and sound, attended the ball and helped dismantle everything! This was a huge effort by a fantastic group of helpers and our school appreciates the amount of time and effort that goes into such a successful evening.

DEB BALL ON WIN NEWS

There was a great story on Win News last week on our Deb Ball. It was compiled and presented by ex-Joey's student, Adam Murray, who is now a news reporter for Win. Adam was a partner at the Ball when he was in Year 11 and we thank him for putting together such an interesting story about our Ball. Once a Joey, always a Joey!

CHAIR COVER WASHING

We need volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. There are nearly 200 to wash and many hands make light work! The covers are located in the otto bin in the school square so come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to those Years 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst last Friday. Well done to **Ryder Ryan** (Under 11's Rugby League) **Ben Standing**, **Ryan Ferguson**, **Nick Tancred** and **Will Spora** (Open Rugby League), **Nick Kirsop** (Soccer) and **Will Youngusband** (Rugby Union) who were selected in their respective Possibles vs Probables matches. Congratulations to **Will Spora** who was then selected in the Diocesan Open Rugby League team. He will now represent the Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Championships to be held next term.

SENSATIONAL SPELLERS

Congratulations to our sensational spellers who competed in the St Joey's Spelling Bee Finals this week. The audience was amazed at the students' super spelling. Well done! A special mention to **Jessica Ibe** and **Tom Staggs** in the Years 3/4 section and **Michael Ibe** and **Ethan Morris** in the Years 5/6 division. **Jessica**, **Tom**, **Michael** and **Ethan** will now represent Joey's at the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held in Wellington on Thursday, 6 June.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country for the primary students was staged on the school oval today. Congratulations to all our runners for their tremendous training and efforts today. From our school trials a team will be selected to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 7 May and a note will be sent home shortly in this regard. It is expected that the children will continue training for this event during the holidays.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class will visit Cooe Lodge next **Tuesday, 9 April** at 10:00 a.m. bearing gifts. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children the spread some Easter cheer.

YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CACTUS WORLD

This term during Science we have been learning about deserts. As part of this unit we will be visiting Cactus World next **Wednesday, 10 April**. During this term we have been learning about cacti and other plants and how they survive and thrive in extreme conditions.

FETE CO-ORDINATOR – STILL REQUIRED!!

We are still in desperate need of someone (or even a group of people!) to take on the role of fete co-ordinator. We urge you to please consider putting your hand up to take on running the fete, which is one of the P&F's major fundraisers and one of the students' favourite events of the year. It would be such a shame to have to cancel the fete because we don't have someone to run it! If you can assist or would like some more information about what is involved in running the fete, please speak with Heather or Toni in the office.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 10 MAY

Thank you to Rachel Lacey who has again offered to take on the role of co-ordinator for the Mother's Day Stall this year. Each year parents are asked to donate gifts which the children can then purchase at the Mother's Day Stall. The stall will be held on **Friday, 10 May**. This may seem a long way off at the moment, but with the school holidays in between, it will come around very quickly! Your contributions can be sent in at any time and left at the school office. *If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated.* The Mother's Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it gives the children the opportunity to bring in their own money to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves. Prices at the stall range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

PROJECT COMPASSION

At the beginning of Lent a Project Compassion box was sent home to each family. Project Compassion is a Lenten program that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. We hope that whenever you have been emptying your pockets you have been able to drop a few coins into your Project Compassion box. Your donations could go towards improving health and education or aiding an emergency crisis somewhere in the world. *Send your boxes back to school during next week so that we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass.* Please encourage your child to give to this worthy cause as it is a wonderful opportunity for children to share what they have with those less fortunate.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass on **Thursday, 18 April** at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

ANZAC DAY

Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and an invitation is extended to all students from Years K-6 to represent our school on ANZAC Day. St Joseph's has traditionally had a fantastic representation at this march and hopefully as many students as possible will give up an hour or so of their time to represent their school on such an important occasion and show respect for those who served our country. **Children need to assemble in Bridge Street at 10:30 a.m. or they could come to Mass at 9:00 a.m. after which I will walk them down to Bridge Street.** The march will proceed down Bridge and Miller Streets to the War Memorial for the service at 11:00 a.m. Students are required to wear full summer uniform.

GILGANDRA SHOW

This year's Gilgandra Show will be held during the school holidays on Friday, 26 & Saturday, 27 April. On Saturday, the Show will be filled with all the usual spectacle of sideshow alley, the rodeo etc with the addition of flair action sport bikes, lawn mower races (entries close 24 April), whip cracking lessons, Circus West AND much, much more! Please help make the show a great success by entering some cooking, art, photography (entries close 11 April), needlework, handcraft, a billy cart or modified push bike.

Grab a schedule and check out which categories interest you. See you at the Show!

BALLADORAN DUST BUSTER BBQ

Escape the dust for a few hours this **Sunday, 7 April** and attend the Dust Buster BBQ at the Balladoran Culture Camp from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be live music, a free BBQ and soft drinks, free tea, coffee and slices as well as face painting and a jumping castle. This is an alcohol free event. BYO chair/picnic rug. Please RSVP to Kristy Cosier on 0408 651 666 or by email to kristycosier@gmail.com. This event is supported by Gilgandra Shire Council through funding from the Australian Government as part of the Drought Communities funding.

HIP-HOP DANCE CLASSES

Enrolments are being taken for Hip-Hop Dance Classes to be held at the Gilgandra Youth Centre commencing **Monday, 6 May** at 3.30 p.m. (6-8 year old group) and 4.30 p.m. (8-10 year old group) and continuing on **Wednesday, 8 May** at 3.30 p.m. (10-12 year old group) and 4.30 p.m. (13-17 year old group). The cost is \$2 per student per lesson. For further information, please contact Jo Stevenson on 0473 101 985. Student information and enrolment forms are available in the school office.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday:

KINDER: **Layla Walker** for knowing the names of the animals on our coins, **Tex Mudford** for great sounding out during Story Writing, **Jakirah McKenzie** for answering tricky questions about Little Miss Muffet and **Estelle Hazelton** for great counting to 20.

YEAR 1: **Andrew Standing** for reading with increasing confidence and fluency, **Joe O'Brien** for great work completing number patterns, **Lucy Zell** for sensational sounding out in Story Writing and **Arabella Chandler** for a terrific effort learning her sight words.

YEAR 2: **Georgia Allan** for beautiful publishing of her recount, **Max Fiddes** for a great effort in Reading, **Chloe Harris** for taking care with her writing and setting out, **Cooper Lummis** for trying hard in Problem A Day and Operations and **Tilly Tancred** for being a kind and happy friend.

YEAR 3: **Sophia Peart** for a great effort in Maths, **Alyssa Ferguson** for fabulous work in Spelling, **Jemima Harrison** for reading with beautiful expression and **Alex Cosier** for an outstanding effort in all learning activities.

YEAR 4: **Lucas Fong** for being a cheerful class member who treats others with respect, **Eliza Mudford** and **Orlando Ryan** for being enthusiastic readers and successfully completing a range of Literacy Pro quizzes and **Emily Standing** for writing a beautiful cinquain poem based on Lent.

YEAR 5: **Alex Gaff** for positive and thoughtful contributions to class discussions, **Declan Gale** for a positive approach to his learning, **Rhyan Hutchison** and **Ryda Whitehouse** for a dedicated approach to understanding challenging maths problems, **Emilia Peart** for using descriptive sentences in writing tasks, **Jessie Riley** for being a considerate member of Year 5 and **Trinity Zell** for showing a positive attitude towards all school activities.

YEAR 6: **Ben Standing** for using Google Slides to make a professional presentation in Science, **William Spora** for presenting an excellent slideshow on wool production in Science, **Billie Allan** for planning and presenting a healthy meal in Science and **Lucy McIsaac** for mastering the Google Slides App to make a great wool presentation in Science.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 11

- Monday, 8 April - Mrs Cooper's farewell
- Tuesday, 9 April - Kinder Cooee Visit – 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, 10 April - Year 5 to Cactus World
- Thursday, 11 April - Rugby 7s Warren
- Friday, 12 April - Last Day Term 1
- Stations of the Cross (Years 3-6) – 12:30 p.m.
- Infants Easter Egg hunt
- Portfolios home
- Palm Sunday

Sunday, 14 April

HOLIDAYS

- Thursday, 18 April - Holy Thursday
- Friday, 19 April - Good Friday
- Saturday, 20 April - Easter Saturday
- Sunday, 21 April - Easter Sunday
- Monday, 22 April - Easter Monday
- Thursday, 25 April - ANZAC Day
- Friday, 26 and Saturday, 27 April - Gilgandra Show

TERM 2

WEEK 1

- Monday, 29 April - First Day Term 2
- Tuesday, 30 April - P & F Meeting – 7.30 p.m.
- Friday, 3 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Will Spora

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Kinder are very excited about our visit to Cooee Lodge next Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who has returned their note and money. There is still plenty of time if you haven't done so yet. This week we have been writing some super stories using our imagination and trying really hard to sound out words by ourselves. In Religion we have been learning all about Palm Sunday and the events that happened during Holy Week. We have completed our Maths portfolio task and explored 2D and 3D shapes. We have also learnt some really cool songs to help us write our numbers 1 to 10. We really enjoyed watching the cross country today and a big congratulations to everyone who participated. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 had a fabulous time meeting author Nathan Luff. He told many funny stories and we agree that he is a natural storyteller. The children were most impressed with his handstand ability! In History we have been learning about timelines and we looked at a timeline of phones and how they have changed. The children were quite amazed at the first mobile phone and that you couldn't play games on it! We have been learning about the importance of the Last Supper in Religion and will be looking at the events of Holy Week. In Art we created a cute bunny and Easter egg wreath. Congratulations to all primary students who ran the cross country today. Year 1 enjoyed cheering you on! Have a great weekend

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 enjoyed watching the primary Spelling Bees during the week and some keen students are looking forward to participating in next year's competition. In Religion we began looking at the lead up of events in Holy Week and talked about Jesus' life. During Maths we focused on revising fractions, multiplication and number patterns. We are now doing 3-digit addition and subtraction - well done Year 2. The sound focus was "j, ge" and Grammar challenged us with plurals and proper nouns. We continued writing narratives about pirates and hidden treasure. Only one more week to go everyone! Have a great weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Week 10 already! We have had a very busy term. What a fantastic opportunity we had on Monday meeting the author Nathan Luff as part of the GREAT Day celebrations. It was wonderful to hear how he became inspired to write stories and hopefully Year 3 are inspired to use their own imagination more when writing narratives during Text Types. Congratulations to those students who made the finals of the Spelling Bee, you did an amazing job. During Maths we have completed our diagnostic review with some fantastic results. We also looked at counting addition and subtraction, comparing and ordering fractions and angles during Maths Plus. During Science this week we looked at the importance of recycling and how some solids can be melted and remoulded to make other useful packages. Have a relaxing weekend everyone.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Last week was our final swimming session for the term. We have enjoyed being able to go to the pool each week and participate in a range of activities to improve our swimming skills. For sport this week Year 4 students have been participating in cross country trials and cheering each other on. We have been busy finishing off our portfolio tasks to show our parents how we are progressing with our learning. These will come home next week. Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Spelling Bee this week, you should all be really proud of yourselves. In Grammar we have been looking at prepositions and started learning about descriptions in Writing. We have also been working hard on improving our handwriting. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 Our writing focus this week has been persuasive texts and our topic is 'Which Is Better – Books or TV?'. There have been some excellent and very convincing arguments and we have been concentrating on using persuasive language and high modality to enhance the quality of our writing. In Maths we have been looking at properties of column graphs, subtraction strategies and prime and composite numbers. During Geography we located Asia on a map of the world and then attempted to find the 48 countries that make up this continent and labeled them on a map. In Religion we have been reminding ourselves of the importance of bouncing back after a setback and we have also been focusing on the meaning and importance of ANZAC day. Congratulations to all of the students for giving of their best at our school Spelling Bee this week.

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 Week 10 has absolutely flown by! We have focused on learning the properties of a triangle and how to measure the area and perimeter. Writing has been a success, with the completion of our persuasive texts. Our class enjoyed attending the Nathan Luff workshop, absolutely loving his humorous presentation and entertaining stories. The workshop provided an insight to how he creates his marvellous storylines and inspired each and every one of us to improve our writing. We would also like to congratulate all those who attended the Winter Sports Trials and participated in the Spelling Bee and Cross Country. Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 5 April – Alicia Heffer
- Monday, 8 April – Rachel Lacey
- Wednesday, 10 April – Rees & Sussane Gilmour
- Friday, 12 April – Sheree Staggs & Simone Fordham

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 7 April – Nick Tancred, Grace Tancred & Jordan Neeves

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