



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 1 Week 2

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### Thought for the Week

*Everything I do and say with anyone makes a difference*

#### **CEDARS – BACK TO BACK CHAMPIONS!**

It was another sensational swimming carnival held at the Gilgandra Pool yesterday evening. Congratulations to all our students for their magnificent swimming and school spirit. You were all fantastic. It was with much excitement that Cedars were announced the champion house, their second in a row. Well done Cedars! Many thanks to those parents, family and friends who helped. Without your support these type of activities don't happen. A huge vote of thanks to our staff for preparing the carnival and ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. We'd also like to thank Bill Welsh and all the staff at the pool for their assistance leading up to and during the carnival itself.

#### **WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Students will be selected from our swimming carnival on Wednesday to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble on Tuesday, 21 February. Those students who have been selected will receive a note next week. As we are convening the carnival this year we will need lots of helpers. There will be details of the jobs required on the note.

#### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The staff will be participating in several professional development activities in the next month from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. The first will be held this Monday, 13 February. During this time the teachers will participate in a Professional Practice and Development Inservice. This session will enhance teacher knowledge of how to create a Smart Goal Action Plan. It will also develop awareness of personal contributions towards the achievement of the school's annual teaching and learning priorities. Then, on 23 February and 6 March, the staff will analyse the 2016 NAPLAN results identifying what is being taught well at St Joseph's in Literacy and Numeracy and more importantly where we may be able to improve our teaching and learning practices. All staff members agree that these professional development activities will further enhance the fine educational opportunities already present here at St Joseph's.

#### **'LET'S STAMP OUT BULLYING' PERFORMANCE**

Let's STAMP Out Bullying is our school performance for this term. It combines all new magic tricks and stories to get its simple, effective plan for dealing with bullies across. Illusions and comedy are the two main ingredients that illustrate the five simple steps in this practical STAMP acronym – Stay away, Tell someone, Always help, Make friends, Play nicely. 'Let's STAMP Out Bullying' will be staged at school next Wednesday, 15 February at 2:00 p.m.

#### **YEAR 2 LITURGY**

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 16 February at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

#### **YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS**

Our Year 1 and Year 4 classes are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 26 February at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

Over the next few weeks students in Years 1-6 will be completing a variety of assessments. Results of these assessments will be used to assist teaching and learning in the classroom.

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

Our P & F AGM will be held at school on Tuesday, 21 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to work on our school canteen this year. The Term 1 roster went home on Tuesday. It is also available via the school app. If you didn't receive one, please see Mrs Hodge. If you haven't yet volunteered and would like to, it's not too late, we can catch up with you in Term 2!

#### **BALL WORKING BEE**

There are always lots of jobs in the lead up to the ball and **working bees will now be held at school each Saturday prior to the ball, commencing this Saturday, 11 February from 9:00 a.m.** 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.

#### **SCHOOL FEES**

School fees will be sent home, via email for those who have provided email addresses, or otherwise with the eldest child in the family, next week. Term 1 fees will be due on Friday, 3 March.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SMARTPHONE APP**

Thanks to the generosity of our P & F Association we have a school app to enable parents to receive school information instantly and directly to their smartphone. This app has newsletters, general school information, details of upcoming events and also has an absentee form which enables parents to let us know the reason for their child's absence. Simply search for School Stream from the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android) and download the app to your phone. Make sure you agree to push notifications. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type St Joseph's School Gilgandra into the search and select. If you have any problems, contact Mrs Hodge in the office. We strongly recommend this app to all our parents/caregivers.

#### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES USER AGREEMENT**

With today's About is a Digital Technologies Student User Agreement for each student in Years 3-6. Please take the time to read through this and sign it with your child so they are aware of the rules and expectations at our school regarding the safe use of technology. A form needs to be completed by each student and returned to Mrs Hodge by Friday, 17 February.

#### **ROAD CLOSURE**

Commencing this Monday, 13 February, part of Wrigley Street, including the block in front of the school and church, will be closed to all traffic due to road and footpath maintenance. Accordingly there will be no access to the school or church via Wrigley Street during this upgrade. Access to the school can be made via Noreen or Wamboin Streets. Council is encouraging the use of the Noreen Street gates to avoid congestion in Wamboin Street. This work is expected to be ongoing all term. If you have any questions regarding the road closure and entry to school, please contact the school office.

## **GILGANDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AND NETBALL**

Information packs with registration details for Gilgandra Junior Rugby League and Netball are available from the office.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Jeremiah Woodrow** for spectacular listening during the Investiture Mass, **Lilly Hanson** for sharing fantastic news with the class, **Brodie Nichols** for using kind words in the classroom, **Baxter Whitehouse** for working hard to improve his pencil grip, **Jock Mills** for demonstrating great listening skills, **Ivy Murphy** for taking great care in the presentation of her work and **Anna Walker** for expertly paper chipping her apple artwork.

**YEAR 1:** **Tilla Chandler** for being a great classroom helper, **Sophie Gilmour** for trying really hard to 'Giving Of Her Best', **Angus Johnson** for being a polite student, **Evie Peart** for a super story about her holiday to Smith's Lake and **Vaughan Zell** for answering tricky Maths questions correctly.

**YEAR 2:** **Alicia Fordham** for taking great pride in all her bookwork, **Emily Standing** and **Tom Staggs** for being organized workers, **Will O'Connor** for settling in well to St Joseph's and **Lauren Thurlow** for being a good listener in class.

**YEAR 3:** **Charlotte Ferguson** for settling in so well to our Year 3 class, **Ella Mudford** for beautiful presentation of all bookwork, **Jordan Neeves** for being a fantastic classroom helper, **Rani Diamond** for being an enthusiastic participant in all lessons and **Will Younghusband** for great work in Spelling.

**YEAR 4:** **Jett Tarrant** for an eager approach towards all tasks, **Ben Standing** for trying hard to improve punctuation in his writing, **Cameron Davis** for a fantastic title page for our History unit, 'First Contacts' and **Jasmine Zell** for writing a fabulous recount about her holidays.

**YEAR 5:** **Ry Heffer** for being an attentive student, **Chloe Mudford** for having a positive attitude towards new challenges, **Daniel Kirsop** for excellent contributions to class discussions about our novel and **Breanna Foster** for being a cheerful and helpful member of Year 5.

**YEAR 6:** **Jinda Green** for reading our class novel with excellent expression, **Bradley Gibson** for showing wonderful school spirit, **Tayarna McKenzie** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 6 and **Kelsey Hutchison** for showing pride in her bookwork.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 2**

Saturday, 11 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

#### **WEEK 3**

Monday, 13 February - Staff Professional Development 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 15 February - 'Let's Stamp Out Bullying' performance – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 16 February - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 17 February - Principals' Meeting – Compliance

Saturday, 18 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

#### **WEEK 4**

Tuesday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble – St Joey's to host  
- P & F AGM

Thursday, 23 February - Staff Professional Development 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 25 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, 26 February - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

#### **WEEK 5 - Catholic Schools Week**

##### **Year 4 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 28 February - Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday, 1 March - Ash Wednesday Mass (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 2 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy – (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 3 March - Clean Up Australia Day

Saturday, 4 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** has been reading the nursery rhyme, 'Jack and Jill' this week. We have done a variety of activities around this rhyme including sequencing images and acting it out. Our sound of the week is 'Aa'. We have learnt a rhyme and action to help us remember this sound. We have a sound table in the classroom where the students are encouraged to bring in things that start with the sound of the week to put on the table. During Maths we've learnt all about the number 'one' and we've established the concept of one-half. In History we've examined different family trees

which I thank you for filling out and next week we will be looking at family photos so I would very much appreciate if you could send a family photo in with your child by Tuesday next week. Thank you to all who attended the swimming carnival. Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 1** Another busy week has flown by in Year 1. Thank you to everyone for covering all the books, they look great. If Maths homework wasn't handed in today, next Friday will be fine. This week in Science we explored things in our environment that can change and grow. We have a class garden that we will observe over the term to see what changes will occur. In Maths we have been measuring the length of objects and discussing the properties of 2D shapes. Congratulations to the Cedars for winning our swimming carnival. Everyone had a great night and thank you to all our wonderful helpers. Have a good weekend.  
*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** Congratulations Cedars on your win at our carnival on Wednesday evening. Well done to all the teams who gave of their best – Go Joey's! During the week we looked at subtraction, tens and ones and halves in Maths. We talked about God's creations in Religion and discussed how we have been created in God's image. Our Year 2 Liturgy is next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and we hope to see lots of parents and friends at the church to help us celebrate. Have a great weekend.  
*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Wow – what a great time everyone at the swimming carnival on Wednesday. Wonderful school spirit was shown with everyone cheering on their friends and giving of their best in the races. Congratulations to all who participated, especially the mighty Cedars! This week in Grammar we learnt about proper nouns and when to use them in our writing. The students gave lots of examples and explained where they were in sentences. Our Religion unit is about creation. Students were instructed to draw and describe their own creation. As a result there were many unusual creations! Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier Miss Belinda Bourke & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** Wow, what a great carnival. Well done to everyone who definitely gave of their best in all races. This week in Year 4 we have begun looking at verbs, identifying the various types and learning a short saying to help us remember. In Writing we have finished off our holiday recounts and have spent some time looking at another recount to identify where we can improve. In Maths we have been working on subtraction and place value. Our Religion unit has seen us looking at the 'law of love' and how we continue to love one another in all that we do. Have a great weekend.  
*Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 5** has been working hard this week. During Text Types we have written narratives using the stimulus of a mysterious box. We have been focusing on using the correct structure and trying to incorporate some more complex vocabulary. In Maths we looked at 24 hour time, simple fractions and addition and subtraction strategies. We started our Geography unit called "A Diverse and Connected World" and discussed some of the key inquiry questions. We are enjoying reading our class novel every morning, "The Donkey Who Carried The Wounded" by Jackie French. Year 5 is off to a flying start with homework and reading. Keep up the great work!

*Mrs Dominica Banks*

**YEAR 6** It was great to see lots of school spirit at our swimming carnival, well done to everyone. In the classroom Year 6 has finished publishing our Kinder buddy profiles and we have been busy practising them for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. Our Grammar activities this week have focused on the use of adverbs. We identified them in sentences and wrote our own sentences to practice using them correctly. We have carefully designed and finished the badges for our Kinder buddies this week, they look magnificent! In Maths we have worked with percentages, fractions, addition and subtraction. Keep up the excellent work Year 6!

*Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 10 February – Alicia Heffer & Mary Davis

Monday, 13 February – Rachel Lacey & Shiree Ryan

Wednesday, 15 February – Nicole Brand & Simone Beaton

Friday, 17 February – Kristy Gale & Toni Tarrant

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 12 February – Will Fuller, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

