



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

"The greatest leaders are not necessarily the ones who do the greatest things. They are the ones who inspire others to do the greatest things." Ronald Regan

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY – 2:45 to 6:00 p.m.

Due to the beautiful rain that fell all day on Wednesday, the Twilight Swimming Carnival has been postponed to next **Wednesday, 12 February** commencing at **2:45 p.m.** Unfortunately we are unable to hold our carnival on Thursday or Friday as the pool is already booked by other schools. *As there will **not** be a Pupil Free Day next Thursday, we will start the carnival a little earlier so that we can finish earlier.* A timetable has been sent home with today's About, containing details of the new times. We also ask that families complete the new tear-off slip which has also been sent home today, asking for people to assist as judges and cooks. As the sausage sizzle will now be held at the conclusion of the swimming carnival, we again ask that families please indicate whether or not they will now require sausages, as we are aware that some families may choose to go home straight after the carnival. *We will only be buying sausages for those families who indicate that they need them. Please return these notes by Monday, 10 February so that we can order the food and send home the roster next Tuesday.*

IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT DUE TO WET WEATHER, WE WILL PLACE A NOTIFICATION ON THE SCHOOL STREAM APP AND ALL CHILDREN WHO NORMALLY GO HOME VIA SCHOOL BUS WILL BE PLACED ON THEIR BUS UNLESS WE ARE ADVISED OTHERWISE.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students will be selected from next week's swimming carnival to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble on Friday, 21 February. Those students who have been selected will receive a note towards the end of next week.

100 M FREESTYLE AND 200 M MEDLEY EVENTS

At the Western Region Carnival the above two events will also be held. We will hold trials for these two events next week on Monday and Tuesday. Those students wishing to try out have been advised and should bring their swimmers on these days.

NO SPORT NEXT THURSDAY

Due to the swimming carnival being held next Wednesday, there will be no sport on Thursday. Children are asked to wear their normal uniform to school next Thursday and their sport uniform to school for the swimming carnival on Wednesday.

STUDENT LEADERS INVESTITURE MASS

It was a wonderful celebration at Mass on Tuesday when we joined with our Year 6 leaders as they received their leaders' badges. We thank former student and now teacher at Gilgandra High School, Mr Andrew McCutcheon, who attended the Mass and gave a wonderful address regarding the attributes of successful leaders. Congratulations to our Year 6 class and we all look forward to working with them as they lead us through 2020.

School Captains: Ethan Morris and Grace Tancred

Vice Captains: Will Younghusband and Jordan Neeves

Minister for the Environment: Blake Fairey

Minister for Communications: Eva Bonnington

Minister for Health: Charlie Zell

Minister for Catering: Tia Allan

Student Leaders: Tahleigh Davey, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Shane Estens, Charlotte Ferguson, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Lochlann Henry, Rhyann Hutchison, Grace Jones-Copelin, Nick Kirsop, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Ryder Ryan, Millie Spora, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams, Sienna Zell, Trinity Zell.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

One of our most anticipated and exciting days of the year is nearly here and that is when we host Grandparents Day on Tuesday, 18 February. Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old to celebrate Grandparents Day with us. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed.

LIBRARY NEWS

A Scholastic Book Club Catalogue has been sent home this week and orders are due back at school by next Friday, 14 February. Orders help earn new books and teaching material for our school so please consider ordering from book club. The library will continue to be open at lunchtime on Monday (Years 5 & 6), Wednesday (Years 1 & 2) and Thursday (Years 3 & 4). Digitech, reading, STEM and other activities of interest to the students will take place during lunchtime.

Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas

FAMILY INFORMATION/PERMISSION NOTE

Every child received a Family Information/Permission Note last week. These forms need to be completed and returned to school by **Monday, 10 February**. Please note, a separate form must be completed for each child.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES USER AGREEMENT

A Digital Technologies Student User Agreement was sent home last week with each child 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 the office by **Monday, 10 February**.

2020 SCHOOL FEES

Last week's About stated that the Term 1 School Fee Accounts will be sent out today. Please note that fee accounts will not be sent home until the week of 24 February.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to work in our school canteen this year. The Term 1 Canteen Roster has been sent home with today's About and will also be available to view on the School Stream App. If you put your name down and didn't receive a Roster, please see Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office. If you haven't yet volunteered and would like to, it's not too late, please let us know and we can put you on the Term 2 Roster!

ST JOSEPH'S P&F DEBUTANTE BALL SECRETARY

The current Debutante Ball Secretaries no longer have children at St Joey's, so they feel it is time to retire and allow current St Joey's parent/s to be involved in this major school fundraiser. If anyone is interested in organising the 2021 Debutante Ball, please contact the school and we will put you in touch with Melissa, Mandy or Merilyn so that they can start to show you the ropes before they step down after this year's Ball. It is not a hard job and a lot of the organisational process is already in place. Melissa, Mandy and Merilyn are happy to offer the new secretary/ies continued and ongoing support and assistance.

DEBUTANTE BALL - CATERING

On the night of the Debutante Ball we will need someone to coordinate the catering in the kitchen. It would be great if someone from our school community would volunteer for this job. It is not hard or too time consuming and again we can provide you with assistance and all the help needed. The food we serve is simple finger food to be heated in pie warmers (just like the school canteen!) and not a lot of time consuming preparation work. If we are unable to

secure helpers from the school, we will have to pay for an outside cater, which will reduce the amount of funds raised for our school.

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

We have had a case of impetigo (school sores) reported at school. If your child does develop symptoms of school sores, your family doctor should be consulted. Children can attend school if they are being treated and are properly covered by a clean dressing.

WASTE 2 ART COMPETITION

Entry forms are available at the Gilgandra Council Main Office, Service NSW, Gilgandra Library and Co-ee Heritage Centre (CHC) for the Waste 2 Art Community Art Competition, celebrating the re-use and recycling of waste across the NewWaste region through arts and crafts. Entry forms and artworks are to be delivered to the CHC by Thursday, 30 April with the exhibition to run from 1 May to 11 June. An opening event for the exhibition will be held on Thursday, 7 May from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

GILGANDRA PONY CLUB OPEN DAY

Gilgandra Pony Club will be holding an Open Day on Sunday, 16 February from 8:30 a.m. at the Gilgandra Showground. Please come along and join in the fun. There is a great year planned with events such as jumping, dressage, guest instructors, cross country, stock horse events, gymkhanas, camps and trail rides.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Beatrix Volkofsky** for a beautiful drawing of your first day coming to school, **Archie O'Connor** for being a kind and thoughtful Kinder student, **Hugo Campbell** for listening carefully and putting up your hand to answer questions and **Dusty Jordan** for sharing interesting news about Dinosaurs!

YEAR 1: **Jakirah McKenzie** for having beautiful manners, **Luka van der Walt** for wonderful news about your family, **Oscar Medd** for a settled start to the year and **Tex Mudford** for beautiful colouring in.

YEAR 2: **Arabella Chandler** for making a fantastic start to Year 2, **Oli Chandler** for following teacher instructions carefully, **Bayley Dent** for being a well mannered student, **Ellie McArd** for settling in well at St Joseph's, **Eva Mulligan** for being a wonderful listener and **Ben O'Brien** for taking pride in his work.

YEAR 3: **Caine Bugmy** for taking pride in the presentation of his work, **Ben Mudford** for fantastic work listing common nouns found in the house, **Brodie Nichols** for expertly identifying prisms and **Mia Mudford** for being a well organised member of Year 3.

YEAR 4: **Hayden Nichols** for his positive attitude towards completing tasks, **Xanthe Gale** for being a welcoming class member, **Alexia Riley** for being a fantastic helper in class and **Poppy-Grace Newton** for her cheerful approach to all tasks.

YEAR 5: **Abi McArd** for settling in so well to Year 5 and the St Joseph's family, **Eliza Mudford** for being an organised and capable student, **Jordan Wighton** for great work in addition and **Riley Fiddes** for great participation in lessons.

YEAR 6: **Abigail Davis** for being an organised and enthusiastic member of Year 6, **Taylor Hayes** for an enthusiastic start to Year 6, **Henry Purvis** for listening well to instructions and starting the year with enthusiasm, **Millie Spora** for being a positive and enthusiastic member of Year 6 and **Brooke Woollams** for working well with others to solve mathematical problems.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

Monday, 10 February - Swimming Heats
Tuesday, 11 February - Big Science Big Fun Show – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Swimming Heats
Wednesday, 12 February - Swimming Carnival – 2:45 p.m.
Friday, 14 February - Principal's Meeting - Compliance

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 18 February - Grandparents Day
- P & F AGM – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble

WEEK 5

Tuesday, 25 February - Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday, 26 February - Ash Wednesday Mass – (Years K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Child Protection Training – all staff – 3:30 p.m.
Friday, 28 February - Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday, 1 March - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER We have been very busy in Kinder settling into our second week of school. In Reading we focused on the nursery rhyme "Jack and Jill" and sequenced the main events, cut and pasted a sentence and completed some comprehension questions. We used our sound hound in Phonics to locate if we could hear the sound 'a' at the beginning, middle or end of a word. Everyone

enjoyed counting to 10 and joining in with the days of the week song. All of us were so proud of our buddies as they received their badges at the Investiture Mass. The remaining books for Kinder will be sent home today to be covered and returned on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we watched a Sesame Street clip called "Meet Julia". Julia is a friend of Elmo and Abby's and she has autism. This clip helped us to understand a little more about autism. It helped us to remember that each one of us is different but we can all still fit together and be friends. We made some jigsaw puzzle hearts to display in our room to remind us of this. In Writing we read about possums and highlighted important information in the text. We then used this information to write an information report about possums. This week we started our Phonics program and have been revising some Kinder sounds. Thank you everyone for covering and returning the books so promptly. The last of the books are being sent home today. Again, please return them to school on Monday. It was wonderful to receive the lovely rain this week and we look forward to our carnival next week. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 We have loved seeing some rain this week although it meant our swimming carnival was postponed, but we are now very excited about getting to enjoy the carnival next week! In Maths we have been enjoying lots of hands on tasks and looking at halves, 2D shapes and length. We have commenced writing our recounts about the holidays and have been producing some pleasing work so far! In Art we have created some bright suns and some beautiful hearts for Valentine's Day. Year 2 have all spoken clearly and confidently in news, making a great start to the year! Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Congratulations to Year 6 who received their leaders badges on Tuesday. It was a lovely Mass and we are sure that you will be wonderful leaders of our school during 2020. We were sad that the swimming carnival was postponed this week, but very happy to see some lovely rain! We look forward to a fun time at the pool next Wednesday. During Religion we have discussed our topic "Created by God: A Gift To Share". We have also started practicing our singing for Grandparent's Day. We have some great songs to sing and we can't wait to show everyone. In Maths we have looked at subtraction facts, ordering numbers and symmetry. While in English we have looked at common and proper nouns in Grammar and we have written exciting holiday recounts. Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 After the disappointment of having to postpone the swimming carnival until next week, we celebrated the much needed rain. Wasn't it just glorious?! This week we began summarising the completed chapters of our class novel "Nanberry". We have started our History unit on 'The First Fleet'. This unit correlates with the class novel nicely. In Maths we have continued with our Problem A Day and Operations activities. Daily Maths Warm Up sessions have included consolidating our knowledge of 3D shapes, measurement and times tables. Text books will be coming home to be covered in clear contact please. Year 4 has had a wonderful week. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 What a beautiful Mass we had on Tuesday as we celebrated the investiture of our Year 6 leaders. We were disappointed that our swimming carnival was postponed, but we enjoyed the rain and now look forward to a fun time at the pool next Wednesday. In Grammar we have continued to look at punctuation with a focus on commas, apostrophes and speech marks. This week in Spelling we are looking at the origin word 'aero' meaning 'air' in Greek. We have compiled a list of 'aero' words and recorded definitions as part of our Spelling activities. In Art we have completed work on our disco balls and baby owls. Thank you to everyone for covering the exercise books, it is greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 Our Year 6 leaders are very proud of their new shiny badges. Mr McCutcheon, our guest speaker really inspired us to take on the challenge of leadership and to always give of our best. In between swimming, doing our jobs and looking after our buddies, we have been working hard in Maths using protractors and revising various multiplication strategies. In English we have been enjoying reading our class novel "Stormbreaker" and we have been impressed with the increase in Lexile levels after the holidays. We look forward to participating in our swimming carnival next Wednesday.

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday, 10 February - Danielle Bonnington & Cassie Younghusband
Wednesday, 12 February - Jade Zell & Simone Beaton
Friday, 14 February - Laura Jordan & Amandeep Kaur

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 9 February - Cameron & Abigail Davis

