



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

Term 1 Week 2

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### Thought for the Week

*Look back and be grateful, look forward and be hopeful and look around and be helpful*

#### **GUMS – CHAMPIONS!**

It was another sensational swimming carnival held at the Gilgandra Pool on Wednesday evening. Congratulations to all our students for their magnificent swimming and school spirit. You were all fantastic. It was with much excitement that Gums was announced the champion house narrowly taking the title with a 3-point margin! Well done Gums! Many thanks to those parents, family and friends who helped. Without your support these type of activities do not happen. A huge vote of thanks to our staff for preparing the carnival and ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. We would 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 Thursday, 21 February. Those students who have been selected will receive a note 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, with the 100 m Freestyle on Monday and the 200 m Medley on Tuesday. Those students wishing to try out have been advised and should bring their swimmers on these days.

#### **STUDENT LEADERS INVESTITURE MASS**

It was a wonderful celebration at Mass on Monday when we joined with our Year 6 leaders as they received their leaders' badges. We thank Gilgandra's Citizen of the Year, Mr Stuart Border, 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 2019.

School Captains: Will Spora and Billie Allan

Vice Captains: Ryan Ferguson and Lucy McIsaac

Minister for the Environment: Nick Tancred

Minister for Communications: Alana Elsom

Minister for Health: Hayden Ferguson

Minister for Catering: Samantha Naden

Student Leaders: Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Casey Gaff, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Lucy Kilpatrick, Ava Meyers, Harry Mudford, Ben Standing, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell.

#### **CASH COW COMES CALLING!!**

There was much excitement in the Heffer household, and indeed all around Gilgandra, on Tuesday morning when the Sunrise Cash Cow made a call to one of our Joey's families. Our very best wishes to Alicia, Jarrod, Ry, Brody and Chloe on your wonderful good fortune. It was a good news story for Gilgandra and a popular comment seemed to be, "It's always great to see nice things happen to nice people".

#### **KINDER WELCOME LITURGY CHANGE OF DATE**

In last week's About in the "What's On" section we had the Kinder Welcome Liturgy on Thursday, 7 March. Due to an unforeseen clash of dates, it will now be held on Friday, 8 March in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. We apologise for any inconvenience.

#### **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, 19 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.

Following morning tea the students of St Joseph's will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect the classrooms. So, if you have a grandma, grandpa, nan, pop, an elderly next door neighbour or in fact know any person, young or old, please invite them to our Grandparents Day. **We will be needing cakes and slices etc. for morning tea, so please bring a plate.**

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

A Scholastic book club catalogue was sent home last week and orders are due back at school on Friday, 22 February. Orders help earn new books and teaching material for our school so please consider ordering from book club. We are also excited to advise that the library will now be open at lunchtime on Monday (Years K-2), Tuesday (Years 3 & 4) and Thursday (Years 5 & 6). 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, 11 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, 11 February**.

#### **CANTEEN – NEW PRODUCTS**

You will note from the new Canteen Price List sent home last week that there are two (2) new items available for purchase from the canteen, being:-

- Juice Bomb cans - \$2.00 (flavours – grape, apple blackcurrant and orange & passio)
- Popcorn - \$1.20 (flavours – BBQ and chicken)

There have also been a few price increases, so please ensure you check the new Price List before completing your child/ren's lunch order/s.

#### **MORE BACK TO SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY TIPS**

Please keep in mind that illegal school zone parking causes dangerous situations and also brings with it some heavy fines. Please be mindful of the following:

- **No Stopping in a school zone** – means you cannot stop in this area unless there is a medical or other emergency - **\$337 fine plus 2 demerit points.**
- **No parking (school zone)** – means you can stop here for a maximum of two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of your car at all times - **\$187 fine plus 2 demerit points.**
- **Bus Zone (school days)** – means you must not stop or park your vehicle in a designated school bus zone between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. or between 2:30 p.m and 4:00 p.m - **\$337 fine plus 2 demerit points.**
- **Stop on or near a children's crossing in a school zone** – means you must not stop on or within 20 metres of the approach of a crossing or within 10 metres after the crossing - **\$448 fine plus 2 demerit points.**

- **Stop on / across driveway in school zone** – means you must not stop on or across a driveway – **\$337 fine plus 2 demerit points.**
- **Double parking in a school zone** – means you must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle parked at the side of the road - **\$337 fine plus 2 demerit points.**

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Adelaide Mudford** for being a kind and caring friend, **Mitchell Beaton** for putting up his hand to ask interesting questions, **Caitlin Younghusband** for drawing a beautiful, detailed picture of herself and **Charlie Howard** for a super effort writing his name.

**YEAR 1:** **Oli Chandler, Mitchell Cosier, Jessie O'Connor** and **Harrison Newton** for using great imagination in their 'If I Was Invisible' story.

**YEAR 2:** **Baxter Whitehouse** and **Anna Walker** for being quiet and settled workers, **Jagger Hazelton** for taking great care in Sentence A Day work, **Isla Volkofsky** for asking excellent questions in class discussions, **Ivy Murphy** for beautiful bookwork and **Georgia Allan** for being a terrific listener when the teacher is talking.

**YEAR 3:** **Sophie Gilmour** for having a settled approach to Year 3, **Lachlan Profke** for having a mature and focused approach in class, **Riley Hutchison** for having beautiful manners and **Jemima Harrison** for being an organised member of Year 3.

**YEAR 4:** **Hudson Duffy** for making a diligent start to Year 4, **Emma Mills** for happily contributing to class discussions, **Darcy Morris** for thinking creatively to construct a written text titled 'That's Good That's Bad' and **Eliza Mudford** for using her time wisely to complete learning tasks.

**YEAR 5:** **Rani Diamond** for writing a fantastic holiday recount, **Declan Gale** and **Nick Kirsop** for fantastic listening in class, **Michael Ibe** for being well organised and ready for all lessons and **Lilla Oehm** for writing a fabulous holiday recount using seven steps.

**YEAR 6:** **Ben Harland** for being a great leader by assisting others to settle into the new school year, **Grace Winter** for showing kindness towards others and being a great friend, **Ryan Ferguson** for showing initiative in the classroom, **Harry Mudford** for writing a wonderful holiday recount with awesome descriptive language and **Casey Gaff** for showing such great enthusiasm towards all aspects of his school work.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 3**

Friday, 15 February - Principal's Meeting - Compliance

#### **WEEK 4**

Tuesday, 19 February - Grandparents Day

- P & F AGM

Thursday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble

#### **WEEK 5**

Tuesday, 26 February - Moorambilla Trials 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, 28 February - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 1 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival

- Clean Up Australia Day

#### **WEEK 6**

Tuesday, 5 March - Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday, 6 March - Ash Wednesday Mass – (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 8 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

#### **WEEK 7**

Tuesday, 12 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)

Wednesday, 13 March - Support Teachers Meeting - Dubbo

Thursday, 14 March - Support Teachers Meeting – Dubbo

Friday, 15 March - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week we have been reading 'Jack and Jill' and sequencing the story. We also completed a picture using our coloured pencils of the characters in the story. We have explored the numeral "1" and curved and straight lines in Maths. Our Science topic this term is 'Wild Weather' and in Library we will be reading Aaron Blabey books. We are practising our pencil grip with the help of our 'crayon song' and trying hard to write our names. In History we will be looking at our family and what makes our families unique and special. Homework starts next week so keep an eye out for your child's homework folder. Kinder really enjoyed their first swimming carnival this week. It was lots of fun. We'd like to congratulate our buddies who received their leaders' badges on Monday. Have a great weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Wow! What a top evening it was at the pool for the swimming carnival. Go GUMS! Thanks to all the children for their great participation and to all our wonderful parent helpers. This week we have enjoyed reading recounts about everyone's fantastic holidays. We have also written recounts of the swimming carnival which has given us an insight into what Year 1 liked about the carnival. Our Grammar focus has been sentences and we explored what sentences are and the correct way to write and punctuate a sentence. During Maths we have taken away by counting back and used numeral expanders to explore place value. Thanks for covering all of your children's books. Please make sure to return them to school at the beginning of the school week. Have a nice weekend.

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 2** We began the week with a beautiful Investiture Mass for our Year 6 leaders and had an awesome time at the swimming carnival on Wednesday evening – congratulations everyone, you gave of your best. Well done Joey's. In the classroom, Year 2 has settled in well and learnt the rules and routines quickly. They have been setting a good example as leaders of infants! During Science, the topic of 'Schoolyard Safari' twiggged our curiosity as we investigated creatures living in the world's best playground. In Library this term, we will be using digital devices and talking about online safety with Mrs McIsaac. Thank you to everyone who covered the books to be used this year. They will go home again on the weekend if needed. Have a lovely weekend everyone. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Congratulations to the Gums on winning the swimming carnival on Wednesday afternoon. It was great to see so many family and friends cheering everyone on. Year 3 has been working very hard this week. During Religion we have discussed our topic 'Created by God: A gift to share.' We have looked at what classifies living and non-living items and how we are special and unique in our own ways. 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. In History this term we will study the Gilgandra community in our topic 'Communities and Remembrance.' Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** Wow, what a fantastic time we had at our swimming carnival on Wednesday! It was great to see the students participating in events, cheering and supporting each other and just having fun! Well done everyone! This week we have been writing recounts based on our holidays. We have also started learning about First Contacts in History and about punctuation in Grammar and Sentence A Day. In Maths we have begun our Problem A Day and Operations activities, along with learning about 3D shapes, centimetres, subtraction with trading and number patterns. A big thank you to parents for covering your children's books. Text books will be coming home today to be covered in clear contact. Enjoy your weekend!

*Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** Wow, what a start to 2019! Well done to the Gums on a sensational win at our swimming carnival on Wednesday. It was great to see all the students having a great time and cheering each other on. In class this week we have been looking at punctuation in Grammar whilst in Writing we have been focusing on narratives, in particular writing sensational starting paragraphs using sizzling starts. During Maths we have revised addition strategies as well as angles and fractions of a whole. In our Digital Technology lesson this week we discussed how to be safe when using technology and spent time investigating the difference between green and screen times. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** What a memorable week we have had in Year 6 this week with the Investiture Mass, where the children received their leadership badges with great honour. A big thank you to Mr Border for his inspirational address. Then mid week we thoroughly enjoyed the twilight swimming carnival, where we shared a wonderful evening with our families, cheering on our houses with great spirit. Year 6 has begun their roles around the school, demonstrating their 'lead by example' attitudes. In the classroom we have finalised our holiday recounts, been working on fractions, percentages and decimals and have enjoyed diving into our mysterious 'Stormbreaker' novel. I have enjoyed the past two weeks getting to know the children and hope that you and your child are settling in well to the new school year. *Miss Jess Seaman*

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 8 February – Rachel Lacey & Alicia Heffer

Monday, 11 February – Grant & Penny Zell

Wednesday, 13 February – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas

Friday, 15 February – Anna Peart & Amy Spora

#### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 10 February – Cameron Davis & Abigail Davis

