



ABOUT

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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 – 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 Cedars were announced the champion house. 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 Thursday, 22 February. Those students who have been selected will receive a note next week. As we are convening the carnival again this year we will need lots of helpers. There will be details of the jobs required on the note.

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.

PANCAKE TUESDAY - Tuesday, 13 February

Next Tuesday, 13 February is Pancake Tuesday (or Shrove Tuesday) which is the day before Lent begins. People ate up the butter, eggs and meat in their houses before beginning the Lenten fast. In England the day is called Pancake Tuesday because people prepare for Lent by eating a feast of pancakes. Therefore next Tuesday we too are going to cook up a storm. For 20¢ your child can buy a pancake with a choice of yummy toppings. For catering reasons and time, children can only purchase one pancake each. All money raised will go to our foster child.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, 14 February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the special time of the year when we prepare for Easter by trying to be better people. We encourage the children to take on extra responsibilities at home like doing the dishes, making their beds, taking out the garbage etc. It would be wonderful if we all took time out before next Wednesday to discuss with our children what we all could do at home to make us all better people like Jesus. There will be an Ash Wednesday Mass which all students from Kinder to Year 6 will attend next Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Because Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence there will be no morning tea after Mass.

CANTEEN – ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be no meat products available from the canteen on Ash Wednesday.

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, 20 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to work in our school canteen this year. The Term 1 roster will go home early next week. It will also be available on the school app. If you don'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!

SEVERE ALLERGIES

Some of our students have severe allergies to nuts, nut products and eggs. Please try to avoid packing these items for school snacks and lunches as some students may be put at risk.

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, on Monday. Term 1 fees will be due on Friday, 2 March.

ASSEMBLY NOW ON TUESDAY

Our main weekly assembly has moved this year from Monday at 11:20 a.m. to Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. The change was made to reduce the disruption to the children's learning.

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, 16 February.

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.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM MUSIC LESSONS

We have been advised that the music lessons conducted by the Macquarie Conservatorium will commence at school this Tuesday, 13 February for those students who are enrolled.

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** – means you cannot stop in this area unless there is a medical or other emergency.

- **No parking** – 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.
- **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.
- **Stop on or near a children’s crossing** – means you must not stop on or within 20 metres of the approach of a crossing or within 10 metres after the crossing.
- **Double parking (school zone)** – means you must not stop on a road between the centre or the road and another vehicle parked at the side of the road.

STEPPING OUT DANCE FACTORY - GILGANDRA

Classes are held on Tuesday afternoons. Visit their Facebook page for more information or contact Georgie on 0447546883.

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

If anyone has any four litre ice cream containers they don’t need, could you please drop them into Mrs Hodge.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Lucas Riley** for drawing a great picture of his family, **Oliver Peart** for telling interesting news about the Kokoda Trail, **Lucy Zell** for super reading of “Old Mother Hubbard” and **Oli Chandler** for listening and following instructions beautifully.

YEAR 1: **Lisa Volkofsky** for settling in so well to St Joseph’s, **David McIsaac** for great work in Spelling, **Ivy Murphy** for beautiful presentation of work and **Mia Mudford** for a wonderful holiday recount.

YEAR 2: **Tilla Chandler** and **Alexia Riley** for taking extra care when setting out their work, **Mia Ferguson** for trying hard to be a good listener, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for taking great pride in the presentation of her work, **Sailor Ryan** for being a settled worker and trying hard, **Olivia Westwood** and **Lachlan Profke** for settling in well to the St Joey’s family.

YEAR 3: **Tom Staggs** for a mature and focused approach in class, **Eliza Larkin** for being a great classroom helper, **Stuart Wheatley** for trying hard in Spelling and **Jaida Tarrant** for having beautiful manners.

YEAR 4: **Shane Estens** for always showing respect towards others, **Lochlan Henry** for having an enthusiastic approach towards Year 4, **Ella Mudford** for having a positive attitude towards all tasks, **Lilla Oehm** for creating a wonderful artwork to decorate our new classroom and **Brooke Woollams** for writing a fantastic holiday recount.

YEAR 5: **Grace Winter** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 5, **Harry Mudford** for asking questions to clarify understanding in Maths, **Ryan Ferguson** and **Chelsea Brand** for making excellent goals for 2018 and **Nick Gale** for an enthusiastic approach to his learning.

YEAR 6: **Molly Wilson** for contributing to class discussions, **Sarah Temple** for excellent work with 4 digit addition, **Rhys Bonnington** for using his punctuation skills accurately in Grammar and **Dylen Murray** for accurate work in Maths.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 3

Tuesday, 13 February - Pancake Tuesday
 Wednesday, 14 February - Ash Wednesday Mass (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, 16 February - Principals’ Meeting – Compliance

WEEK 4 - Programme Supervision

Tuesday, 20 February - P & F AGM
 Thursday, 22 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble – St Joey’s to host

WEEK 5

Thursday, 1 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival
 - AP Meeting
 Friday, 2 March - Clean Up Australia Day
 Sunday, 4 March - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER We all had a great time at the swimming carnival on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to all the mums and dads who helped out and a big congratulations to the Cedars. In Kinder this week we learnt all about the sound ‘a’ and next week our sound is ‘m’. We read the nursery rhyme, ‘Jack and Jill’ and even acted it out. In Maths we circled groups, split shapes in half and investigated curved and straight lines. We are all very excited about receiving our home readers and trying hard to recognise new words. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 What a fabulous time we had at our school swimming carnival on Wednesday. Congratulations to everyone on their participation and team spirit. Well done to the Cedars on their mighty win. In Maths we investigated take away, area and shapes. In Science we ventured down to the playground to “spy” things in our school environment and in Religion we have begun our unit of work on Baptism and read the story of how Jesus welcomes all children. We have enjoyed reading the story “The Magic Hat” by Mem Fox and have decorated our own magic hats in art. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 Congratulations to the winning house Cedars. It was a wonderful carnival and everyone is to be congratulated for their terrific school spirit. During the week we were busy working on the structure of a recount in Text Type Writing. Maths challenged us with problem solving, addition and fractions. In Religion we discussed how Jesus is like a shepherd and we are his flock, always sticking together and staying together to care for one another. In S.A.D. we focused on punctuation and identifying nouns and verbs in sentences. Thankyou to everyone who helped get books covered and returned back to school so quickly. Have a wonderful weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Congratulations to the Cedars on winning the swimming carnival on Wednesday evening. It was so great to see so many family and friends come along and cheer everyone along. 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. During Maths we have looked at subtraction and expanded numbers, while during our literature unit we have looked at the book “The Cat in the Hat”. We’ve read the text and discussed rhyming words and hidden messages. Our grammar focus has been on proper nouns and learning that they are for special people, places, animals and things. During Science this week we have begun looking at the terms melted and unmelted and come up with a big list of describing words. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 What a super swimming carnival we had on Wednesday! Well done to everyone who participated with enthusiasm and certainly did ‘give of their best’. This week in Year 4 we have been focusing on Descriptions in our writing groups. We had to choose an object and examine its features. In Maths we have investigated place value of 4 digit numbers as well as subtraction and symmetry. In History we have started looking at our very interesting unit, ‘First Contacts’. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 Thank you to everyone for a fabulous swimming carnival on Wednesday! During Text Types we have looked at a rubric which helps us recognise expectations for writing narratives at a Year 5 level. 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, angles and addition and subtraction strategies. We started our Religion unit called “The Reign of God” in which we will investigate social justice issues. 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 & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

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 interviewed our Kinder buddies so we can write our speeches for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. Our Grammar activities this week have focused on common and proper nouns. We identified them in sentences and wrote our own sentences to practise using them correctly. Year 6 students are carefully designing badges for our Kinder buddies this week and they are looking magnificent so far! In Maths we have worked with kilometres, fractions, addition and subtraction. Keep up the excellent work Year 6! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 9 February – J B Tancred & Ali Tancred
 Monday, 12 February – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison
 Wednesday, 14 February – Belinda Murray & Sophia Ibe
 Friday, 16 February – Tanya Hutchison & Lorraine Hutchison

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 11 February – Oscar Spora & Nick Gale