



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Everything I do and say with anyone makes a difference.

PEPPERS – CHAMPIONS!

It was another sensational swimming carnival held at the Gilgandra Pool on Wednesday afternoon. Congratulations to all our students for their magnificent swimming and school spirit. You were all fantastic. It was with much excitement that Peppers was announced the champion house narrowly taking the title with a 3-point margin! Well done Peppers! 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, Alicia Heffer and all the staff at the pool for their assistance leading up to and during the carnival itself. An information/permission note will be sent home tomorrow with all competitors who will compete at the Western Region Carnival to be held at Coonamble next Friday, 21 February. Please complete and return the tear off slip by Monday, 17 February.

SPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS NEXT FRIDAY

As the Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Coonamble next Friday, we will have sport for **ALL** students at school on Friday instead of Thursday. **All infants** and **primary** students who are coming to school next Friday need to wear their sports uniform and bring their swimmers.

BISHOP VISIT

We are excited that Bishop Michael is visiting Gilgandra this weekend and he will celebrate Mass in St Joseph's Church at 9:30 a.m. So come along and make Bishop Michael feel welcome in Gilgandra.

GRANDPARENTS DAY – TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

One of our most anticipated and exciting days of the year is almost here and that is when we host Grandparents Day this **Tuesday, 18 February**. Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old to celebrate Grandparents Day with us. The day begins at 10:00 – 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 beginning at approximately 10:40 a.m. 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.***

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

THURSDAY, 5 March

St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2019 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy which will be held on **Thursday, 5 March** in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend, especially the family and friends of the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies. It is a fantastic celebration where we get to learn a little more about the newest members of the Joey's family. Morning tea will follow the Liturgy and we ask Year 6 parents to please bring a plate.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A whole staff professional development day was held last Thursday. The day was run by Diana Scullard, Education Officer with Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst and focused on supporting students with additional needs. It proved to be a most informative and productive day for all teachers.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P & F AGM will be held at school next **Tuesday, 18 February** at **7:00 p.m.** Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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.

REHEARSALS FOR "MATILDA"

Gilgandra High School's 2020 Annual School Production will this year feature "Matilda". Rehearsals will take place two (2) nights per week – Monday from 5:50 – 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:30 pm for all students who previously auditioned and would still like to be part of the production. Rehearsals will take place in the school's music room (N1) near the hall. Any student who has after school commitments on the Wednesday can attend the rehearsals on Mondays. Any queries should be directed to Mr Neal Reed at the High School on 6847 2276.

GO4FUN ONLINE PROGRAM

Go4Fun Online is a free 10-week program for children aged 7-13 years who may be above a healthy weight and in need of support to improve eating and physical activity habits. Included are fun weekly online learning and activity sessions, weekly personalised phone, email and SMS support, regular mail outs containing free tools and resources, online community with a closed Facebook group, weekly targets and challenges, progress tracking and rewards, prizes and freebies. To register or find out more please visit <https://go4funonline.com.au/>.

DUBBO JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

Registrations are now open for Junior Rugby in Dubbo which is played on a Friday night at Victoria Park No. 2 & 3 Ovals from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration fees are: Walla Rugby U7, U9, U11 - \$130 and Junior Rugby 12, 14, 16 - \$200. All players will receive a training shirt, playing shorts and socks as part of their registration fee. There will be a Welcome Day on Friday, 27 March where players can collect these items. Active Kids Vouchers may also be used. For information on how to register please visit the Club's Facebook page: **Dubbo Junior Rugby Club Inc.**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Mia Buckley for writing a great story about a bunny sitting under a tree, Tiaki Diamond for super sequencing of Jack and Jill, Rose Howard for being a well organised and polite Kinder student and Nate Temple for beautiful, neat colouring of Jack and Jill.

YEAR 1: Estelle Hazelton for being a reliable and responsible classroom helper, Caitlin Younghusband and Sophie Lacey for drawing sensational swimming artworks and Darcy Adams for terrific effort in Story Writing.

YEAR 2: **Lottie Duffy** for writing a detailed recount about her holidays, **Bella Ferguson** for using paragraphs in a fabulous holiday recount, **Keaghan Lummis** for super counting in Maths, **Thomas McIsaac** for being a kind and caring member of our class, **Andrew Standing** for making a pleasing start to Year 2 and **Peregrine Volkofsy** for writing detailed paragraphs in Text Types.

YEAR 3: **Chloe Harris** for fabulous work identifying sound words in Spelling, **Jock Mills** for a mature and settled approach to Year 3, **Elsie Mudford** for fantastic work in Maths Plus and **Amity Henry** for writing an imaginative response about a place you would like to go to.

YEAR 4: **Alyssa Ferguson** for excellent contribution to class discussions, **Scarlett Chandler** for consistently working well in every lesson, **Toby Davis** for his positive attitude towards completing tasks and **Violet Whitehouse** for fantastic work in Mathematics.

YEAR 5: **Eliza Larkin** for a great effort using strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations, **Jonas Naden** for having a positive approach toward his learning, **Mitchell Fuller** for striving to produce writing of a high standard and **Emily Standing** for being a quiet and conscientious class member.

YEAR 6: **Eva Bonnington** for an amazing increase in her Lexile level, **Sam Dunn** for an impressive increase in his Lexile level, **Blake Fairey** for being an organised and dedicated member of Year 6, **Ryder Ryan** for asking clarifying questions in Maths and **Rydah Whitehouse** for having an enthusiastic and positive attitude.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

Friday, 14 February - Principal's Meeting - Compliance

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 18 February - Grandparents Day - 10:00 a.m.

- 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.

WEEK 6

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, 3 March - Support Teachers Meeting

- Moorambilla Trials 1:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 March - Support Teachers Meeting

Thursday, 5 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6)

WEEK 7

Tuesday, 10 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)

- GHS Open Day – Years 5 & 6

Wednesday, 11 March - Diocesan Swimming

Thursday, 12 March - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a fabulous carnival we had last night! It was wonderful to see our Kinders participating with lots of smiles and enthusiasm! A big thank you to all our new parents and friends who came along to join in the fun. This week Kinder read Humpty Dumpty and we talked about finger spaces being used to separate words and full stops indicating the end of a sentence. We wrote a story about our weekend and recalled our favourite part of the swimming carnival. Our sound this week was “m” and we made some magnificent ‘mice’. Our cutting out has really improved along with our colouring! In Maths we compared and described straight and curved lines and compared longer, shorter and same length items. We are looking forward to Grandparents Day next week and can't wait to show everyone our classroom. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 What a sensational carnival we had last night. Congratulations Peppers on your win! This week we have been reading “Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge”. We discussed what a memory is and wrote a memory about our Grandparents which is on display for Grandparents Day. We have also been learning about nouns and trying to locate nouns in our story. In Art we painted some colourful ice creams, completed a swimming artwork and practised our cutting and folding skills to make a heart artwork. Thank you to those parents who have returned the note

regarding our Year 1 and Year 4 Sunday Mass. We are looking forward to Grandparents Day on Tuesday. *Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 2 What a fabulous carnival we had yesterday! You all showed great school spirit, cheered your houses on and gave of your best in the pool. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends there to watch us compete and enjoy ourselves. In class, we have been working hard and making great progress in writing recounts. In Maths we have been learning how to set out Problem A Day and Operations and also looking at subtraction, place value and 3D shapes. We have been enjoying creating some lovely Grandparents Day artworks and we also constructed a cinquain poem which we can't wait to share with our families on Tuesday. Have a fantastic weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 3 Congratulations Peppers on winning the swimming carnival yesterday. Everyone swam so well and it was so much fun. In Year 3 this week we have been busy singing some great songs for our upcoming Grandparents Day. We have also been writing our top 10 reasons why we love our grandparents so much. During Maths we have been concentrating on changing addends to make 10, inverse operations and describing position. While in Text Types, we have looked at the structure of a recount and how we can vary our sentence beginnings and include elaboration in our paragraphs. Our Art lesson saw us complete a picture of ‘Thing 1 and 2’ and they look fantastic. Everyone is showing great commitment to our Literacy Pro reading program with many students borrowing library books and eagerly reading. We hope to see lots of grandparents and friends at school next Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 The swimming carnival was fantastic yesterday afternoon. The atmosphere was amazing with students cheering and supporting each other and participating in a variety of events. I was impressed with the positive sportsmanship on display by everyone. Well done! This week we have been focusing on noun groups in Grammar, Handwriting and Sentence A Day. In Maths we are consolidating our knowledge of addition, symmetry and measurement. History has involved discussing the First Fleet. “Nanberry”, our class novel, is introducing us to different perspectives of people and how they experience the world. Have a great weekend everyone. *Mrs Jacquie Clark*

YEAR 5 What a great afternoon we had yesterday at our school swimming carnival. Congratulations to everyone on their participation and sportsmanship. Well done Peppers on winning the 2020 trophy. In Grammar this week we investigated colons and semi-colons and revised the structure of a narrative in Text Types. As part of our History unit ‘Australia As A Nation’ we looked at the Australian flag and discussed the meaning behind each of the symbols. We will also design our own flags that best represent the Australia of today. On Tuesday afternoon we attended a sensational science show which demonstrated many cool science experiments with friction, liquid nitrogen and pressure. In Art we have created some beautiful word pictures to decorate our room as we celebrate Grandparents Day next Tuesday. We hope to see you there. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 6 Congratulations Year 6 on your outstanding school and house spirit at the carnival last night! Everyone was certainly impressed with your style during the bombing competition! Kindergarten visited us last Friday so we could interview our buddies. With the information we collected we have started to write our Buddy Profiles in preparation for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. We have also written letters to Mr McCutcheon, thanking him for his inspiring speech at our Investiture Mass. During Maths we have been focusing on properties of 2D shapes, area and multi-step problems. Our Grandparents Day writing activity has been most entertaining as we reflect on the wonderful things our grandparents do for us and we can't wait to show off our amazing photos. *Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 February – Laura Jordan & Alicia Heffer

Monday, 17 February – Helen Naef & Amy Naef

Wednesday, 19 February – Donna Wheatley & Susan Baker

Friday, 21 February – Michelle Buckley & **Volunteer Required**

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 16 February – Millie Spora, Lilla Oehm, Emmie Peart, Sarah Chandler

