

# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

Term 1 Week 3

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### Thought for the Week

*When God created grandparents, He blessed our lives with love.*



#### **GRANDPARENTS DAY – TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY**

One of our most anticipated and exciting days of the year is almost here and that is when we host Grandparents Day next **Tuesday, 19 February**. Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old to celebrate Grandparents Day with us. The day begins at 10:00 – 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.*

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

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent St Joeys at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble next **Thursday, 21 February**:

**David McIsaac, Ben Mudford, Georgia Allan, Evie Peart, Elsie Mudford, Sailor Ryan, Hayden Nichols, Angus Johnson, Georgia Tancred, Alyssa Ferguson, Jemima Harrison, Will O'Connor, Ryder Ryan, Mitchell Fuller, Isabelle Mudford, Alex Gaff, Molly Temple, Sam Dunn, Will Younghusband, Rhyon Hutchison, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Millie Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Nick Tancred, Lucy McIsaac, Billie Allan, Ava Meyers, Brody Heffer, Darcy Morris, Jacqueline Hutchison, Blake Fairey, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Lucas Fong, Molly Nichols, Jett Tarrant, Eliza Mudford.**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS JORDAN**

Congratulations to **Jordan Neeves** who represented the Diocese of Bathurst at the Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cricket trials last Friday in Lismore. Making it to this level is a huge achievement. Well done Jordan on a great performance.

#### **KINDER WELCOME LITURGY**

**Friday, 8 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 **Friday, 8 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.

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

This week and next week 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.

#### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The staff will continue their professional development activities on Monday, 25 February and the following Monday, 4 March when they will begin to analyse the 2018 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. These sessions will be held from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

#### **2019 SCHOOL FEES**

School Fee Statements were either emailed or sent home with the eldest child on Monday. If you did not receive your Fee Statement, please contact Mrs Hodge. Term 1 fees are due on Friday, 1 March.

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

Our P & F AGM will be held at school next **Tuesday, 19 February** at **7:30 p.m.** Everyone is most welcome to attend.

#### **THANK YOU FORRESTFIELD BENDIGO BANK**

We have been very fortunate to be included in a Bendigo Bank community donation to be shared between Gilgandra High School, Gilgandra Public School, Tooraweenah Public School and ourselves. Each school was gifted \$2,500.00 which has allowed us to purchase contemporary furniture to be placed in the library. Money has also been allocated for the purchase of exciting new Science and Technology equipment to be shared between the four schools. This donation was instigated by the Forrestfield, Western Australia branch of the Bendigo Bank and we thank them for their amazing generosity and inviting us to be part of this great initiative.

#### **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.

#### **BUS SAFETY WEEK – 18 - 24 FEBRUARY**

Next week is Bus Safety Week and a time for us all to think about safety around school buses. A few things to bear in mind:-

- Meet your child AT the bus stop. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Always wait until the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross.
- Remember when crossing the road to 'STOP, LOOK LISTEN, THINK!' and keep checking as you cross the road.
- A 40km/h speed limit applies when bus lights at the front and back of the bus flash.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL ROAD TIPS**

Parents are reminded to brush up on their safe parking skills around schools when dropping off and collecting their children.

- Use the kerb-side doors for children to access and egress the car.
- Do not allow children to go to the rear of the car to deposit their bags in the back door (or boot).
- Do not call children from across the road to your car. Collect them from their side of the road or park legally where you can go and meet them, then cross the road together.

#### **DUBBO JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB**

Registrations are now open for Wallaroo 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. for children aged 5 to 11 years. The season commences on 3 May and runs through to the end of August. Gala days are held in the region on most Sundays, but these are optional. Training commences on Tuesday, 2 April from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. For information on how to register please visit the Club's Facebook page: **Dubbo Junior Rugby Club Inc.**

#### **SPORTING MOUTHGUARDS**

The Dentists of Gilgandra have a special offer for those who would like a custom made sports mouthguard for their child. Mouthguards are FREE for children that are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) and \$20 for private payment children, when they attend the surgery for a check-up and teeth cleaning. Please contact the Dentists of Gilgandra on 6847 2319 to make an appointment or with any questions. Alternatively, please call into the surgery at 25 Miller Street.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Chloe Heffer** for very neat, careful colouring in her Sound Book, **Sophie Lacey** for identifying full stops in the nursery rhyme 'Jack and Jill', **Jakirah McKenzie** for being a happy, polite member of Kinder and **Tex Mudford** for trying hard to count using a number line.

**YEAR 1:** **Bella Ferguson** for sharing her general knowledge about possums and an interesting information report, **Oliver Peart** for great work using numeral expanders to show and describe place value, **Isabelle Peart** and **Lucas Riley** for drawing fabulous swimming artworks.

**YEAR 2:** **Caine Bugmy** for trying hard in Problem A Day, **David McIsaac** for taking great care in all bookwork, **Ben Mudford** for good listening and problem solving in Maths, **Ruby Ryan** for great work in Spelling and **Mia Mudford** for wonderful work in Art.

**YEAR 3:** **Alyssa Ferguson** for being a kind and helpful class member, **Scarlett Chandler** for having a conscientious attitude towards all class work and **Alex Cosier** and **Violet Whitehouse** for writing sensational holiday recounts.

**YEAR 4:** **Tom Staggs** for working productively on a range of writing tasks, **Emily Standing** for writing a detailed recount using the correct organisational structure, **Stella Valler** for using neat handwriting to present her bookwork in a tidy manner and **Stuart Wheatley** for working hard on subtraction tasks in Mathematics.

**YEAR 5:** **Rhyan Hutchison** for always participating in class discussions during Maths, **Grace Jones-Copelin** and **Ryder Ryan** for an excellent effort with homework, **Henry Purvis** for showing enthusiasm during writing tasks and **Ryda Whitehouse** for displaying great manners in our classroom.

**YEAR 6:** **Billie Allan** for having a positive attitude and being persistent during Maths, **Hayden Ferguson** for paying close attention to this week's spelling rule, **Cameron Davis** for reading with a powerful and expressive voice and **Samantha Naden** for persistence during Maths and never giving up.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 3**

Friday, 15 February - Principal's Meeting - Compliance

### **WEEK 4**

Tuesday, 19 February - Grandparents Day – 10:00 a.m.

- P & F AGM – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble

### **WEEK 5**

Monday, 25 February - NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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**

Monday, 4 March - NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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.

### **WEEK 8** ***Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation***

Tuesday, 19 March - St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool

Thursday, 21 March - Principals' Meeting

Friday, 22 March - Principals' Meeting

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** In Kinder this week we have been learning all about the sound "a" and using our own whiteboards to practice writing the sound. We read the funny story about Humpty Dumpty and tried really hard to sequence the order of events. We completed some beautiful pictures of our grandparents and wrote about why we love them so much! We can't wait to show everyone our hard work next Tuesday when we celebrate Grandparents Day. Thank you to our Year 6 buddies who took us to Mass on Tuesday morning and are always there to help us when we need it. We showed off our careful cutting and gluing skills when we made ants in Art. Just a reminder to label all your children's clothing and personal items so we can keep track of all of them. Thank you and have a great weekend.  
*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** is very excited about Grandparents Day next Tuesday. We have been busy practising for our performance and completing our best work to show our grandparents and friends. We read 'Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge' and have written a memory about our grandparents. We have used our senses to write a description about a memory from a visit to the beach, just like Miss Nancy in the story. We have also been learning about Baptism and we visited the church to see the special symbols that are used during this welcoming sacrament. The children have been asked to bring in a photo from their baptism/naming day or a baby photo with their parents/family. We have also created some cute love heart and icecream artworks to display in our room. We look forward to seeing all our grandparents and friends on Tuesday!

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 2** It has been another busy week in Year 2. We have really enjoyed our school yard safari finding bugs, insects and creepy crawlies with Mrs McIsaac. In Maths we began completing operations and realised how important the working out is when problem solving for +, -, ÷, ×. In History we looked at how the past can shape today's present world and beyond into the future. We realised evidence from the past is proof of things that happened, eg. photos from war. We really enjoyed reading activities about Pongo, the pirate who wouldn't wash – phew!! The spelling and phonics focus was 'ue' (glue) and 'ew' (flew). We are looking forward to Grandparents Day next week and have been busy doing some pirate art and craft. Have a wonderful weekend.  
*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** In Year 3 this week we have been busy singing some great songs for our upcoming Grandparents Day. We have also been making some fabulous posters about the wonderful qualities of our grandparents. During Maths we have been concentrating on changing addends to make 10, inverse operations and describing position. In Text Types we have written a class recount about the swimming carnival, our focus was to try and vary our sentence beginnings and include elaboration in our paragraphs. Our Art lesson saw us complete a picture of 'Thing 1 and 2'. We will add a photo of our face to it and have them on display on our classroom window. Everyone is showing great commitment to our Literacy Pro Reading Program with many students borrowing library books and eagerly reading. We have begun using the new Chrome Books, which the students are very excited about! Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** has been working hard this week on a range of learning activities. We have started learning about 'Planning for Success in Writing' and clauses in Sentence A Day. In Maths we have been looking at addition, number patterns and position and we have been working on the Religion unit 'Living the Law of Love'. We have also been creating some special artworks for Grandparents Day next week. Hope to see lots of you. Thank you parents for getting books covered, it is greatly appreciated. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** This week Year 5 has been working hard in class preparing for our grandparents' visit next week. In Writing we have been looking at extending our vocabulary when describing our action climaxes in narratives. During Geography we have discussed how we are globally connected and the importance of appreciating the diversity of the world's people and cultures. Our Maths time has been focusing on subtraction strategies and interpreting picture graphs. We have also begun completing our PAT assessments for Comprehension and Maths this week. Have a great weekend.

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

**YEAR 6** Week 3 has been a blast! I would like to personally thank Year 6 for their positive attitude in the classroom and their wonderful dedication in ensuring that their Kinder buddies are settling in well. What a busy week! The highlight has certainly been on the introduction of our 'Global Connections' Geography unit, as students are simply fascinated by our personal interaction with the world (e.g. our school writing books are made in Malaysia, our Chrome Books are made in China, Rossi work boots are made in South Australia, etc). In Science this term we are studying 'Sustainable Agriculture' which includes a primary industries research task, with the inclusion of digital systems. Year 6 are excited to get started and are looking forward to broadening their knowledge in this area. Have a safe and wonderful weekend. We look forward to our Grandparents Day celebrations next week.  
*Miss Jess Seaman*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 15 February – Anna Peart & Amy Spora

Monday, 18 February – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison

Wednesday, 20 February – Jodie Peart & Lib Walker

Friday, 22 February – JB & Al Tancred

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 17 February – Emmie Peart, Millie Spora

