



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 1 Week 4

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### Thought for the Week

*We are the Church!*

*"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."*

Pope Francis

#### **THIS WEEK'S ABOUT**

This week's About is being sent home today instead of tomorrow, Thursday, due to the Western Region Swimming Carnival being held tomorrow which many children will attend.

#### **WESTERN REGION SWIMMING**

Good luck to all our swimmers who will represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble tomorrow Thursday, 18 February. Congratulations to all these sensational swimmers: **Billie Allan, Camilla Beveridge, Hamish Beveridge, Eva Bonnington, Ashleigh Carlow, Rani Diggs, Sam Dunn, Emma Durrant, Thomas Durrant, Tom Eason, Jade Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Zac Ferguson, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Kelsey Hutchison, Rhyon Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Olivia McClelland, Chloe Mudford, Amelia Murray, Dylon Murray, Samantha Naden, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Henry Purvis, Mattea Purvis, Mike Raglus, Jessica Scholte, Emily Skinner, Laura Smith, Millie Spora, Patrick Spora, William Spora, Grace Tancred, Nick Tancred, Amber Tarrant, Sarah Temple, Jacob Wilson, Bailey Wykes.**

#### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The staff participated in a professional development activity on Monday which will continue again next Monday, 22 February from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. During this time staff members are analysing the 2015 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. All staff members agree that these professional development activities will further enhance the fine educational opportunities already present at St Joseph's.

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

Many thanks to those who attended our P & F AGM held at school on Tuesday. Again it was a very positive meeting. I'm sure the P & F will again be a vital member of the St Joey's family this year. Congratulations to our elected office bearers:

**President: Peter Gaff Vice Presidents: Grant Zell and Mel Phillips**  
**Secretary: Wes Morris Treasurer: Carol Alchin Assistant Treasurer: Chris Riley**  
**Clothing Pool Coordinators: Toni Fuller and Mel Ferguson**

Just a reminder you are all invited to our P & F Meetings. There are only five more meetings this year. The meetings go for an hour and then everyone is invited for refreshments. The next meeting will be held on 26 April. So come along and have a good time while supporting your P & F Association.

#### **YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS**

Year 1 and Year 4 are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 21 February at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### **BALL WORKING BEE - Saturday, 20 February**

Our first working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 20 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can only spare an hour or so it would be greatly appreciated, so please try and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser.

#### **KINDER WELCOME LITURGY**

**Thursday, 3 March**

**St Joseph's Church - 10:30 a.m.**

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2016 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held on Thursday, 3 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.

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

This is a Lenten Programme that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. Project Compassion boxes went home with each family on Monday. Whenever you are emptying your pockets perhaps you could drop a few coins into your Project Compassion box. Your donations could go towards improving health and education or aiding an emergency crisis somewhere in the world. Send your Project Compassion box back to school by Monday, 21 March so we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass. Please encourage your child to give to this worthy cause as it is a wonderful opportunity for children to share what they have with those less fortunate.

#### **CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD**

Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group should fill in the tear-off slip attached to today's newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school no later than Friday, 11 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2016, ie, the age the child is turning this year. The school will assist any children wishing to enter the eisteddfod with their selection of a poem. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

#### **KINDER/YEAR 1 NURSERY RHYMES**

At the Dubbo Eisteddfod in June, Kinder and Year 1 children (six years and under) are invited to enter the singing section - Nursery Rhymes in Costume. In the past, children who have entered have enjoyed it greatly and gained much from the experience. If your child wishes to enter you must be prepared to take your child to Dubbo on the day and prepare the costume. We will help find a rhyme and teach it at school. If you wish your child to participate, you might also complete the tear-off slip attached to today's newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 11 March.

#### **GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION** **EVENING**

On Tuesday, 23 February at 6:00 p.m. Mr Paul Alchin, President of the Gilgandra High School P & C Association, will give an address in the St Joseph's School Computer Room to all parents informing them what Gilgandra High School has to offer your children. Paul will speak about many aspects of the school and answer any questions you may have. All interested parents are invited to this meeting.

## **MODEL OF CHRIST CENTRED LEARNING**

Mrs Schier and Mr Keady will attend a meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday regarding the Model of Christ Centred Learning (MCCL). The MCCL has many dimensions including Rich Catholic Curriculum, Personalised Learning, Engaging Adaptive Environments, Expertise and Collaboration, Insight and Meaning. Meichelle and Tim will facilitate the implementation of the MCCL into our school.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Scarlett Chandler** for beautiful drawing in her History book, **Mason Evans** for being a super helper in the classroom, **Makynli Hazelton** for being a great friend to others, **Sophia Peart** for being a kind member of Kindergarten, **Riley Hutchison** for taking extra care with his writing and **Vaughan Zell** for great listening skills in class.

**YEAR 1:** **Riley Fiddes** for being an enthusiastic member of Year 1, **Eliza Larkin** for sharing interesting and well planned news, **Abbie Skinner** for excellent work in Maths using place value and **Jordan Wighton** for trying hard with his reading.

**YEAR 2:** **Nick Kirsop** for great work in Comprehension, **Emilia Peart** for a fabulous swimming carnival recount, **Lilla Oehm** and **Sienna Zell** for beautiful writing and careful setting out of work, **Millie Spora** for super spelling and **Ethan Morris** for being a quick problem solver in Maths.

**YEAR 3:** **Ben Standing** for excellent posture during handwriting, **Jasmine Zell** for being a great helper during News, **Alana Elsom** and **Ryan Ferguson** for great work during Comprehension.

**YEAR 4:** **Kate Woollams** for a tremendous effort when answering Religion response questions, **Isaac Grimshaw** for including imaginative ideas in her writing tasks, **Eli Fullbrook** for working well in Reading Groups and **Jade Elsom** for great work finding the area of shapes in square centimetres.

**YEAR 5:** **Tylah Anforth** for contributing some great responses during class discussions, **Harrison King** for using descriptive language when writing narratives and **Ella Wykes** for designing an extraordinary graffiti artwork.

**YEAR 6:** **Aliza Purvis** for showing a keen interest in our History unit, **Mary Westwood** for asking questions to clarify her understanding in Maths, **Abby Tate** for completing set tasks with confidence and **Amelia Murray** for always having a positive attitude.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 4**

Saturday, 20 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, 21 February - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

### **WEEK 5 - Year 4 Reconciliation**

Monday, 22 February - Staff NAPLAN Analysis 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 27 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

### **WEEK 6**

Wednesday, 2 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival  
- Support Teachers Meeting  
Thursday, 3 March - Support Teachers Meeting  
- Kinder Welcome Liturgy – (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 4 March - Clean Up Australia Day  
Saturday, 5 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

### **WEEK 7 - Year 5 Reconciliation Catholic Schools Week**

Wednesday, 9 March - Moorambilla Trials – Boys 9:00 a.m., Girls 10:00 a.m.  
Thursday, 10 March - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, 12 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week Kindergarten is learning about the 'Ss' sound and counting how many 'Ss' sounds are in words. Thank you to those who have contributed to the sound table this week. Next week's sound is 'Tt'. Our big book we are reading is 'Humpty Dumpty'. We discussed what sight words we could see and brainstormed other ways to put Humpty Dumpty back together. During Science and Technology we watched

a clip on weather and experimented how the air felt when we blew on our hands and made a hand fan. In History we spoke about the many different activities we do as a family and in Religion we have been preparing for our Welcome Liturgy in Week 6. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

**YEAR 1** is looking forward to celebrating Mass this Sunday with our Year 4 friends. Thank you to everyone who has offered to come. Please remember to bring a plate to share for morning tea after Mass. In History this week we have been discussing the differences in family size from the past to the present. Did you know, in the past, some families had 13 children! We also started to look at what a family tree is. For homework next week the children will be bringing home a family tree sheet to be filled in with the names of people in their family. In Maths we have been looking at equal groups, number patterns and units of time. We hope everyone has a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** On Monday we enjoyed a wonderful show about dinosaurs and wrote a review about a very smelly pirate. In Maths we investigated congruent shapes and practised some tricky skip counting. In Grammar we continued work on punctuation and went on a 'discovery' walk around the school to look at the different buildings that have been added onto over the years. This is part of our History unit, 'The Past in the Present'. We wish our fellow classmates all the best at the Western Region Swimming Carnival tomorrow – we know they will give of their best. On Sunday Year 1 and Year 4 celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. We hope to see you there. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** has been working hard on their descriptions of a toy they have brought in from home. Our Grammar focus is collective nouns and we are amazed at some of the more unusual ones! In Maths we have been focusing on 3D shapes, inverse operations and our 5x tables. During Art we have created some spectacular fireworks on paper! We used a smudging and blending technique with oil pastels and highlighted with glitter. School and road safety has been our focus in PDH so we went on a safety tour around the school to remind us of all our rules that keep us safe and happy. In Religion we have been looking at the creation story and we look forward to Mass on Sunday with Year 1 and 4! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** This week we've been preparing for our Mass with Year 1 on Sunday. It would be lovely to see everyone there with a plate to share for morning tea. We have also been revising nouns in Grammar and have begun looking at the purpose and structure of descriptions. During Maths we have worked on 2 and 3 digit addition, number patterns and describing position. For History we investigated Aboriginal traditions and culture through Dreamtime stories. Good luck to our Western Region swimmers tomorrow. See you on Sunday! *Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 5** Wow – it's Week 4 already! This week in class we have been looking closely at how to include adjectives in our writing and also trying hard to identify them when reading our class novel. In Religion we have been brainstorming when social justice is seen and not seen in our world. Our time spent on Maths has also been busy as we work through how to create and read picture graphs as well as investigating the cubic centimetre. All the best to the swimmers heading to Coonamble tomorrow – go Joey's! Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 6** This week Year 6 has been busily publishing the Kinder buddy profiles and we have practised reading them to the class. In Maths we have learnt about picture graphs, cubic centimetres and the addition of four digit numbers. Our Grammar activity this week has focused on identifying different types of adjectives. In our History unit we have continued to learn about Australia's democracy and how it has changed since the first settlement. It sounds like lots of boys and girls are looking forward to the Western Region Swimming Carnival tomorrow. Go Joey's!  
*Mr Damien Soares*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 19 February – Amy Spora & Michelle Woollams  
Monday, 22 February – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller  
Wednesday, 24 February – Rachel Lacey & Jessica Whitehouse  
Friday, 26 February – Paula Purvis & Briony Mills

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 21 February – Pat Spora, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead, Amber Tarrant