



ABOUT

St Joseph's School Gilgandra

www.stjosephsgilgandra.nsw.edu.au
Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au

Term 1 Week 4

20 February 2020

Thought for the Week

*"Children and their grandparents build the future:
Children because they lead history forward and grandparents because they
transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives."* Pope Francis

GRANDPARENTS DAY / OPEN DAY

What a wonderful day we had on Tuesday celebrating Grandparents Day. Our Year 6 leaders were fantastic welcoming all our visitors to the school. This really did set the tone for the rest of the day. After everyone enjoyed morning tea, Jessie Riley, Ryder Ryan, Molly Nichols and Taylor Hayes gave the Welcome To Country, followed by Brooke Woollams, Sienna Zell and Millie Spora who led the whole school in singing "We Welcome You". We were then entertained by Madonna, Cher, Katy Perry and Lady Gaga who battled it out for the title of 'The World's Biggest Diva'. It was sensational! Trinity Zell and Kimbalee Gilmour then led the whole school in singing the "Irish Blessing". To conclude the day everyone joined the children for a tour of our school. Thank you so much to the huge amount of people who visited our school on Tuesday and to our amazing students and sensational staff who ensured we all had a most enjoyable morning. It was a delightful way to celebrate Grandparents Day!

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble tomorrow, Friday, 21 February: Georgia Allan, Brooke Beaton, Tilla Chandler, Alex Cosier, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Alyssa Ferguson, Lucas Fong, Jacob Fordham, Alex Gaff, Jemima Harrison, Jagger Hazelton, Brody Heffer, Lochlann Henry, Jacqueline Hutchison, Rhyann Hutchison, David McIsaac, Tom McIsaac, Jock Mills, Alison Mudford, Ben Mudford, Eliza Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Eva Mulligan, Jonas Naden, Jordan Neeves, Hayden Nichols, Molly Nichols, Will O'Connor, Evie Peart, Isabelle Peart, Ryder Ryan, Sailor Ryan, Millie Spora, Georgia Tancred, Grace Tancred, Molly Temple, Will Youngusband.

SPORT FOR ALL STUDENTS TOMMORROW

As the Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Coonamble tomorrow, **all infants** and **primary** students need to wear their sports uniform tomorrow and bring their swimming gear and money.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Diocesan Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 11 March in Dubbo. Children who gained a first, second or third placing in an individual event, or a team who came first or second in the relays at the Western Region Swimming Carnival will go on to compete at the Diocesan Carnival. These children will receive a note next week.

CONGRATULATIONS ETHAN & DARCY

Congratulations to Ethan and Darcy Morris who represented the Diocese of Bathurst at the Polding Basketball Championships held in Lismore. Both Ethan and Darcy acquitted themselves extremely well with Ethan being selected in the Possibles -v- Probables match. A wonderful achievement by both boys!

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to those who attended our P & F AGM held at school on Tuesday. I am 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 Damien Jordan**
Secretary: Chris Riley **Treasurer: Toni Fuller.** 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. So come along and have a good time while supporting your P & F Association.

PANCAKE TUESDAY - Tuesday, 25 February

Next Tuesday, 25 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, 26 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 fasting and abstinence there will be no morning tea for parents after Mass.

CANTEEN - ASH WEDNESDAY

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

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We will once again be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign this year. We will be collecting rubbish in the area bordered by Chelmsford Avenue, the railway line, Warren Road and Wamboin Street on Friday, 28 February. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

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 2020 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to Amy Naef for her generous donation of her book "One Day Closer To Rain" to the school library. We are sure the children will enjoy reading this book and admiring the wonderful artistry work of Amy!

OLD WATER BUBBLERS

We have the old bubblers stored away and if there is an organisation that would like them please let us know. They are 17 years old and there are 6 of them, so maybe with a little bit of work you might be able to create a couple of good working bubblers.

DEBUTANTE BALL - CATERING

On the night of the Debutante Ball we will need someone to co-ordinate 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.

DROUGHT ANGELS

The Drought Angels invite you to a **FREE** pampering day on Monday, 2 March from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Services Club. All are welcome to attend and lunch will be included. For catering

purposes please RSVP to the Gilgandra Post Office (6847 2396) by Friday, 28 February or phone 6847 2036 to put your name on the list.

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 7:00 p.m. Training will commence on Tuesday, 31 March at Victoria Park No. 2 & 3 Ovals from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m with the competition running for approximately 13 weeks from 1 May through to August. For information on how to register please visit the Club's Facebook page: **Dubbo Junior Rugby Club Inc** or contact Scott Barton on 0407 020 076.

SUNGLASSES FOUND AT GRANDPARENTS DAY

A pair of polarised 'Cancer Council' brown tortoiseshell framed sunglasses were handed into the school office following Grandparents Days. If they are yours, please collect them from the office.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Georgia Riley** for writing an excellent story about a king, **Lleyton Lummis** for "Giving Of His Best" in all activities, **Charlie Cruickshank** for trying hard in Maths and **Alice Peart** for drawing and colouring a beautiful picture of her family.

YEAR 1: **Chloe Heffer** for having a diligent approach to all tasks, **Elijah Newton** for having beautiful manners, **Hannah Meers** for a great effort sounding out words and **Clancy Larkin** for working quietly and conscientiously.

YEAR 2: **Akhiro Baker** for writing a great cinquain poem for Grandparents Day, **Claudia Harrison** for creating a beautiful artwork of a koala for Grandparents Day, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for working beautifully in MiniLit with Mrs Alchin, **Milla Morris** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Joe O'Brien** for a fantastic effort with morning reading and **Archie Valler** for making positive contributions to class discussions.

YEAR 3: **Elsie Adams** for fantastic enthusiasm towards our Literacy Pro reading, **Georgia Allan** for drawing a fantastic artwork of her grandma, **Tilly Tancred** for fabulous singing of our Grandparents Day songs and **David McIsaac** for fantastic work in Maths Plus and Operations.

YEAR 4: **Lachlan Profke** for his fantastic attitude to all tasks this week, **Mia Ferguson** for excellent work in Maths, **Evie Peart** for being an excellent role model and **Angus Johnson** for his persistence during class tasks.

YEAR 5: **Lucas Fong** for great work in 3-digit subtraction, **Maddi Peart** for an enthusiastic and positive approach to all tasks, **Alicia Fordham** for beautiful presentation of her work and **Emma Mills** for well thought out responses in Comprehension.

YEAR 6: **Tahleigh Davey** for starting each day with a fabulous smile, **Rani Diamond** for being an organised and enthusiastic member of Year 6, **Alex Gaff** for beautifully presented bookwork, **Nick Kirsop** for being a kind and caring buddy, **Ella Mudford** for creating a beautiful Vegemite artwork and **Emilia Peart** for working meticulously in Maths.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

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
Wednesday, 4 March - Support Teachers Meeting
Thursday, 5 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 7

Monday, 9 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)
Tuesday, 10 March - 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 Kinder has had a fantastic week with the highlight being Grandparents Day! It was wonderful to see so many visitors in our classroom to look at all of our work. We also loved singing and grooving along with our buddies. They were amazing! We have started preparing for our 'Kinder Welcome Liturgy' and everyone has a reading in their Homework Book to practice. In Maths we have focused on the numeral 2, made colour, number and shape patterns and investigated 3D shapes that roll. We made some terrific tigers and learnt that they are part of the cat family and love water! In Science we have been recording the weather and what a week of weather we have had! Enjoy your weekend everyone. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 What a fabulous day we had on Tuesday to celebrate Grandparents Day. It was wonderful to see so many people at our school and to welcome

them into our classroom. In Religion we have been learning about Baptism. This week we visited the Church and looked at the symbols of Baptism - the water, the oil, the candle and the white robe. I have asked the children to bring in a photo from their baptism. If your child has not been baptised please send in a baby photo. These can be emailed to the school email address. In Library this term we will be learning about fables and Bluebot robots. This week we are reading the fable of "The Hare and the Tortoise". During Maths we have been counting on, finding half of a group and naming events that 'might happen' and 'won't happen'. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 2 A massive thank you to all of our lovely grandparents and families who came into our classroom and looked at all of our artworks, books and the cinquain poems we created for you during Grandparents Day. We hope you enjoyed the morning tea and mini concert! This week we have been learning about the history of technology in the classroom and how it has changed over time. We are so lucky to have beautiful air conditioners today! In Religion we listened to the story of the 'Rainbow Fish' and talked about things we can do (sharing, caring, helping) to be more like Jesus. In Maths we have learnt about repeated addition and skip counting and students have enjoyed using the chromebooks. In Science, we have been learning about the water cycle and water's actions on the land. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Wow, what an exciting week! It was so lovely to see all of our grandparents and friends on Tuesday and we hope everyone enjoyed listening to our songs with the battle of the divas. Well done Year 6 for your groovy dance moves, you were awesome. In Religion this week we have focused on the Bible reading "The Potter and the Clay". We have discussed how we can be moulded just like the clay to become better people. During Text Types we have begun looking at writing descriptions and how we can use our five senses to make our writing more interesting. In History this term we are learning about the people who live in the Gilgandra community and about Wiradjuri culture as part of our unit called 'Communities and Remembrance'. Best of luck to those children who are competing in the Western Region Swimming Carnival in Coonamble tomorrow. Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Wow! Thank you to all the grandparents and families who visited our school on Grandparents Day. The 'Battle of the Divas' performance was fantastic. It was wonderful to meet so many families in the classroom. The students were very proud of their artwork and enjoyed sharing the work they have been doing in other curriculum areas. This week we have been playing 'Place Value Bingo' which has been a lot of fun. Our class novel "Nanberry" continues to fascinate us with descriptive details of life in 1789 in Australia. Our focus this week in Grammar is adjectives. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 It was wonderful to see so many family and friends on Tuesday for Grandparents Day. Year 5 was very proud to show our visitors our classroom and books. In Grammar we are revising our knowledge of nouns and discussed strategies of how to be a good listener in Personal Development & Health. In Maths we investigated addition and subtraction strategies and used grid references to give compass directions on a map of Australia. In preparation for the beginning of Lent we have written Lenten promises which we will offer during the Ash Wednesday Mass next week. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 6 With outstanding school spirit, Year 6 greeted our grandparents and visitors on Tuesday with great manners and smiles that made everyone so proud. Madonna, Cher, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, singers, dancers and speakers all did a great job keeping everyone entertained. In the classroom, the drafts of our Kinder profiles are finished and we are working on some editing to make them unique. During Maths we have been focusing on 4-digit addition and interpreting data from two way tables. In History we have started our unit called 'Australia as a Nation' and have brainstormed some of the concepts that give us our identity as a nation. Thanks again Year 6 for a great week and congratulations on your enthusiasm, leadership and great style!

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 February - Janine Ferguson & Toni Fuller
Monday, 24 February - Amanda Lesslie & Sarah Adams
Wednesday, 26 February - Jill O'Connor & Leanne Lomax
Friday, 28 February - Rachel Lacey & Michelle Buckley

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 23 February - Charlie Zell & Stuart Wheatley

