



ABOUT

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Thought for the Week

We are one family, all following in God's way

With open arms, we welcome you, into our Joey's family!

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

It was a beautiful liturgy held in St Joseph's Church today as we officially welcomed our Kinder class of 2016. The Kinder children were wonderful and we congratulate all of them for their reverence and enthusiasm. The Year 6 leaders were splendid as they told us about each of their buddies. Thank you to all those family and friends for joining in this special celebration. A huge vote of thanks to Miss Bourke from the Kinder class and Mr Soares from Year 6 for all their hard work in preparing the liturgy. Our 2016 Kinder class includes: **Brooke Beaton, Scarlett Chandler, Tilla Chandler, Alex Cosier, Toby Davis, Te Mana Diamond, Mason Evans, Alyssa Ferguson, Mia Ferguson, Xanthe Gale, Jack Gibson, Sophie Gilmour, Kenedi Hazelton, Makynli Hazelton, Jacqueline Hutchison, Riley Hutchison, Angus Johnson, Ava Lacey, Poppy-Grace Newton, Hayden Nichols, Evie Peart, Sophia Peart, Alexia Riley, Sailor Ryan, Georgia Tancred, Violet Whitehouse, Dimity Wykes, Layla Wykes, Lara Younghusband, Vaughan Zell.**

DIOCESAN SWIMMING

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo yesterday. Many of our students improved their times from the Western Region Carnival. Well done! Congratulations to **Will Spora** who came third in the 9 years 50 m Freestyle. Will will now compete at the Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush on Thursday, 31 March. Also special mention to the following swimmers who finished in the top ten in the diocese: **Patrick Spora** – 6th 11 years 50 m Butterfly, **Ashleigh Carlow** – 6th Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Hamish Beveridge** – 5th 12 years 50 m Freestyle, **Luke O'Neill** – 8th Junior 50 m Breaststroke, **Grace Tancred** – 9th 8 years 50 m Freestyle and our Junior Boys Relay team consisting of **Bailey Wykes, Dylon Murray, Ryan Ferguson and Will Spora** who came 6th. Congratulations to all our swimmers!

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 19 March - Only Two Weeks Away!

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and **WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS**. Helpers are needed on Wednesday, 16 March, Thursday, 17 March and Friday, 18 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 20 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area and marquee and clean up. Also needed on the night of the ball are people to assist in the bar and kitchen. People actually attending the ball may like to give up an hour of their time, while those not attending may be able to give a couple of hours. **SO FAR WE HAVE HAD OFFERS OF HELP FROM ONLY SIX FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL!** So we

are sending home another note with today's About. If you haven't already done so, could you please put your name down to help out in some way and return it to school by next Thursday, 10 March.

CLEANING UP AFTER THE BALL

One of the least favourite jobs each year seems to be cleaning up after the Ball on Sunday morning. If we could get 20 volunteers then it would all be done in two hours. Any less than 20 and the poor old volunteers are there all day. We really need 20 helpers on the Sunday. Please help!

BALL WORKING BEE - Saturday, 5 March

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 5 March at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. As we said last week, 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.

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 tomorrow, Friday, 4 March. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has declared 2016 as a Holy Year of Mercy. Throughout the year he wants us to contemplate the mystery of mercy. He says, "It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace." The motto for the year, "*Merciful like the Father*", invites us to follow the merciful example of God who asks us not to judge or condemn but to offer love and forgiveness instead. Today we are sending home with each family a *Year of Mercy* card. This card aims to help us understand the importance of this special year and highlight ways that we can reach out to those in need.

YEAR OF MERCY THIS WEEKEND

Pope Francis has asked us to observe 24 hours for the Lord, this coming weekend. While most parishes in the world will observe the 24 hours on Friday, 4th to Saturday, 5th March, our Parish Council decided it would be practical for us here in the Parish of Gilgandra to have 12 hours for the Lord on Saturday commencing with 8:00 a.m. Mass. During this time you are invited to spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Father will also be in the Confessional for half an hour at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon and 6:30 p.m. Our 12 hours for the Lord will conclude at 7:00 p.m. with Mass followed by Benediction.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - 6-12 March, 2016

I Belong You Belong We Belong

Next week more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school. This year's theme, 'I belong. You belong. We belong', ties in with the Church's celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love. Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community. **We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with a special Liturgy prepared by Year 2, which the whole school will attend, next Thursday, 10 March at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.**

DIOCESAN SCHOOL LEARNING REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

This year our school will be undergoing a Diocesan School Learning Review and Development process (DSLDRD) conducted by the Catholic Education Office on 5-6th May (Week 2 of Term 2). There is a letter with today's About addressed to all parents from the Catholic Education Office regarding this process. As you will see they are asking the input of parents via a survey. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PARENTGIL2016> The survey closes on Friday, 18 March.

FAREWELL MRS COLWELL

Mrs Colwell's last day of teaching before she goes on maternity leave will be this Tuesday, 8 March. We wish Donna well and look forward to the happy news of the birth of her third child. We have readvertised for Mrs Colwell's replacement.

2016 DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE

The Diocesan Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for students to engage in spelling. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to enter the competition. There are several stages to the competition. Selection Trials will be held next Tuesday, 8 March where children sit a written test. There are two divisions (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6). This test is voluntary. A school spelling bee for the top ten spellers in each division will be held on 29 and 30 March with the top two students from each division progressing to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 26 May in Wellington.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2016 WORKSHOP TOUR

Moorambilla Voices Artistic Director, Michelle Leonard is currently touring Central and Far Western NSW facilitating free workshops for school students from Years 3-11. A workshop will be held in Gilgandra next Wednesday, 9 March at 9:00 a.m. for boys and 10:00 a.m. for girls at Gilgandra Primary School. From these free workshops gifted children who show outstanding natural capacity are selected to participate in *Moorambilla Voices'* annual program. The program consists of residential camps where students work alongside professional musicians and composers to create original compositions and culminates in performances as part of the Moorambilla Festival in Coonamble! A note went home to interested students on Tuesday. If you haven't received a note and would like your child to attend these workshops, please contact the school tomorrow to obtain a note. All permission notes must be returned to school by Monday, 7 March. **Only those children with written permission will be permitted to attend the workshops next Wednesday.**

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Thursday, 17 March

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated on Tuesday, 17 March at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. This Mass is being prepared by Year 5. All are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Saturday, 19 March

A Diocesan Celebration is being held in Wellington on Saturday, 19 March, that day being the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Sisters of St Joseph in Penola, South Australia. This is also an opportunity to celebrate the presence of the Sisters in our Diocese since 1872. The Sisters are very keen for the schools to be involved and Mr Musgrave and our school captains and vice captains will represent our school at this special Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

As Joseph's Day falls on a Saturday this year, we have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Monday, 21 March to celebrate St Joseph's Day. St Joseph is certainly a special saint for all of us at St Joseph's and we want to honour him on this special day. So if you would like to join us for part or all of the day, you are most welcome. Our timetable is as follows:

12:00 noon Mass

1:00 p.m. Class picnics at pool

1:30 p.m. Year 6 Synchronised Swimming, dancing in the pool, biscuit fun and a free swim.

SKI BISCUITS AND ROPES REQUIRED for St Joseph's Day. As in the past we hope to have lots of fun on the ski biscuits at the pool. If you could loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD - INDIVIDUAL POEMS AND NURSERY RHYMES

Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group need to let us know by **next Friday, 11 March**. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2015, 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 or nursery rhyme. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

HEAR OUR HEART - EAR BUS PROJECT

The members of the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again in Week 9 of this term. All students were today given a permission note and checklist with a letter from the Hear Our Heart organisation. If you would like your child's hearing tested please fill in the permission note and return it to school by Wednesday, 16 March.

FREE ORGAN

Father Martin is giving away an organ free of charge. First in, best dressed, just ring the school.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - ADULT SPORTS SHIRTS

At the last P & F Meeting the idea of buying more adult sport shirts for purchase by parents, was discussed. We can easily put in another order for the shirts but we thought it might be easier if those parents who would be interested in buying one, could let us know and advise what size they require, before ordering. So if you are interested in buying one of these shirts, please get in touch with Mrs Hodge.

WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is now open in the 2016 Schools Writing Competition. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme. Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild on any topic and in any style. Students from all grades from Kinder to Year 12 are welcome to enter. Enter online at www.write4fun.net, or email to enter@write4fun.net, or fax entries to (07) 5574 3644, or post entries with official entry form (available from school) to Write4fun, PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211. Entry is free and all entries must be received by 31 March, 2016.

THE DANCE ACADEMY

Ballet, tap and jazz classes will be commencing at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturdays. Children must be enrolled before classes can commence. Please call 68451998 or 0499686996 with any enquiries or to request an enrolment pack. *Doreen Thompson*

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS WASTE TO ART 2016

Waste to Art is a community art exhibition and competition that showcases creative works made from reused & recyclable waste materials. This exciting and innovative challenge invites schools, community groups and individuals to turn rubbish into an art form of their choice, from sculptures to clothing. The purpose of the project is to encourage the concept of reduce, reuse & recycle whilst challenging attitudes about waste and what is thrown away. Each year there is a specific waste stream that will be featured during the Waste to Art and this year is the Year of Used Tyres. If anyone is interested in entering this competition, entry forms are available from Mrs Hodge. The official opening and announcement of winners is on Tuesday 17 May from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a community event and all are welcome to attend.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Toby Davis** for settling in so well at St Joey's, **Xanthe Gale** for giving her best when singing the school song, **Jacqueline Hutchison** for pointing to her words when reading, **Angus Johnson** for giving his best when writing sentences, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for her beautiful manners in class, **Alex Cosier** for his bright and cheerful morning greetings and **Alexia Riley** for super counting in Maths Warm Up.

YEAR 1: **Orlando Ryan** for careful, neat artwork, **Alicia Fordham** for excellent spelling results, **Jessica Ibe** for a super effort in Maths Warm Up and **Isabelle Mudford** for trying hard to write neatly.

YEAR 2: **Abigail Davis** for settling in so well to the St Joey's family, **Eva Bonnington** for fantastic results in Spelling, **Alison Mudford** and **Michael Ibe** for writing great recounts about Pongo's adventures and **Lochie Henry** for marvellous Maths work.

YEAR 3: **Cameron Davis** for settling in so well to school life at St Joey's, **Paige Gilmour** for great work in Problem A Day, **Harry Mudford** for excellent team work in Writing, **Nick Gale** for working enthusiastically in Art and **Nick Tancred** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 3.

YEAR 4: **Layne Godber** for super typing when publishing her description, **Molly Fairey** for her good knowledge of

multiplication facts, **Emma Westwood** for improved spelling results and **Isaiah McKenzie** for great work identifying 3D objects.

YEAR 5: **Olivia McClelland** for improved results in Maths Operations, **Tayarna McKenzie** for always contributing to class discussions and **Patrick Spora** for working hard to improve his spelling in writing.

YEAR 6: **Charlie Banks** for asking questions to clarify his understanding in Maths, **Ashleigh Carlow** for carefully creating her perspective artwork, **Emily Skinner** for excellent contributions during Comprehension and **Tyler Evans** for improvement in his spelling results.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

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

Tuesday, 8 March	-	Spelling Bee Tests
Wednesday, 9 March	-	Moorambilla Trials – Boys 9:00 a.m., Girls 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 10 March	-	Year 2 Liturgy celebrating Catholic Schools Week (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, 12 March	-	Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 8

Monday, 14 March	-	Principals' Meeting
Tuesday, 15 March	-	Principals' Meeting
Thursday, 17 March	-	St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 18 March	-	Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
	-	School Review Surveys due
Saturday, 19 March	-	St Joseph's Mass Wellington Ball
Sunday, 20 March	-	Palm Sunday

WEEK 9 - Ear Bus

Monday, 21 March	-	St Joseph's Day – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Tuesday, 22 March	-	Kinder Cocee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 23 March	-	Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date
Thursday, 24 March	-	Holy Thursday
Friday, 25 March	-	Good Friday
Saturday, 26 March	-	Easter Saturday
Sunday, 27 March	-	Easter Sunday

WEEK 10 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday, 28 March	-	Easter Monday
Tuesday, 29 March	-	Spelling Bee
Wednesday, 30 March	-	Spelling Bee
	-	Junior Joeys to Cocee Lodge
Thursday, 31 March	-	Polding Swimming
	-	Stig Wemyss – Actor & Storyteller – Gil Public School 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. (Years 3-6)
Friday, 1 April	-	Gilgandra Show
Saturday, 2 April	-	Gilgandra Show

WEEK 11

Monday, 4 April	-	School Photos
	-	The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6 April	-	Grandparents Day
Thursday, 7 April	-	School Cross Country Trials
Friday, 8 April	-	Last Day Term 1

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Today we officially welcomed our new Kindergarten students to St Joseph's and what a wonderful and happy occasion it was for our new students and their buddies. Thank you Year Six for all your efforts – I am very proud of everyone. This week we have been revising the names and sounds of all the letters we have learnt so far. Next week our sound is 'Ii' so please start looking for things you can bring in for our sound table. Our big book this week is "Mary Had A Little Lamb" and we discussed what happened at the beginning, middle and end of the story. During History we brainstormed how families can change over time and in Science we watched a clip about how to tell if it is going to rain and how animals behave when it rains. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 In Religion this week Year 1 has been finding out all about the special sacrament of Baptism. We are reminded that through our Baptism we become part of a church family. The children have been encouraged to bring in photos of their own Baptism. In Grammar we are trying hard to think of interesting adjectives to help nouns and we have also been brainstorming words that match our sound trees. In Maths we are trying really hard to skip count by 10's, 5's and 2's and we can practise at home using the hundreds chart in the back of our Maths homework books. We have been comparing photos from the past to photos of the present. We discovered that photos from the past were black and white and families were not encouraged to look happy or relaxed. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 In Grammar we have investigated common nouns and this week we are looking at proper nouns. In Science we went on a 'School Yard Safari'! We had fun looking for all the different creatures that share our environment and took a closer look at worms and ants. In Maths we discussed position (left, right, above, below) and used base ten materials to represent numbers to 1000. After our 'discovery' walk we made a model of our school and labelled the buildings in order of construction. Next week is Catholic Schools Week and Year 2 is preparing a special Liturgy to celebrate. We hope many of our family and friends can join us next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Congratulations to the Kindergarten and Year 6 students on such a beautiful and reverent Liturgy this morning. It really was a special celebration! This week in Spelling we are learning how to change words that end in 'f' or 'fe' into plurals and in Grammar we have been focusing on verbs. During Maths we have been working through telling the time, the greater than and less than symbol and our 3x tables. In History we worked in groups focusing on the importance of appreciating cultural diversity in our community. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 For writing this week we have written a description of our favourite dessert and a 'Guess What' about a piece fruit. In Grammar we have learnt about verb tense by identifying the verb and finding its tense in various sentences. During Maths we have

learnt how to use the properties of odd and even numbers to check answers. We have also practised rounding to 10 and are working hard to conquer rounding to 100. In History we have looked at various Aboriginal artefacts and their uses while in Religion we read Matthew 16:1-18 to explore how and why we should pray, fast and give to others this Lent. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 What a great day to officially welcome our Kindergarten class to our school. Well done to Year 6 and Kindergarten on a great Welcome Liturgy. This week in Year 5 we have been looking at developing our vocabulary and refining how to persuade someone when writing an exposition. In Maths we have touched on multiplication strategies as well as problem solving in group situations. Our 'Australia as a Nation' History unit has had us investigating the differences between primary and secondary sources as well as looking at the early years of Australian Federation. A reminder that speeches are due to be presented next week – so let me know if you need any help. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 We celebrated such a lovely Kinder Welcome Liturgy this morning. Year 6 read their buddy profiles perfectly and it was great to see all the Kinder boys and girls smiling as they received their badges. This week in Grammar we have been learning about different types of adverbs and identifying them in sentences. In Comprehension we read an interesting information report about what causes hail. Our Maths activities have covered making predictions and we revised 3 dimensional shapes and their properties. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 4 March – Jodi Johnson & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 7 March – Emma Meyers & Sarah Hickey
Wednesday, 9 March – Donna Wheatley & Belinda Murray
Friday, 4 March – Sarah Gordon & Kristy Gale

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 6 March – Laura Smith, Jessica Scholte, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers

Everyone is special and everyone is important



At St Josephs School