



ABOUT

St Joseph's School Gilgandra

www.stjosephsgilgandra.nsw.edu.au

Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au

Term 1 Week 6

5 March 2020

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 2020. 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 Mrs Newstead and Mrs Alchin from the Kinder class and Mrs Banks, Mrs Van der Walt and Mrs Thomas from the Year 6 class for all their hard work in preparing the Liturgy. Our 2020 Kinder class includes: **Nykea Aldridge, Taylor Alexander, Mia Buckley, Oliver Buckley, Hugo Campbell, Katie Colwell, Charlie Cruickshank, Tiaki Diamond, Zoe Fiddes, Regan Godber, Bella Hammond, Laycee Hazelton, Jack Howard, Rose Howard, Charlie Jones-Copelin, Dusty Jordan, Maci Lomax, William Luckie, Lleyton Lummis, Pearl Mudford, Archie O'Connor, Alice Peart, Georgia Riley, Nate Temple, Beatix Volkofsky**

2020 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 Monday, 9 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 31 March and 1 April with the top two students from each division progressing to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 28 May in Wellington.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Years 5 and 6 students will be attending the Gilgandra High School Open Day next Tuesday, 10 March. There will be hands on activities, an opportunity to meet the current staff and students, view an active classroom, tour the school with the principal at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and enjoy a free sausage sizzle lunch. The Year 7 2021 Year Advisor, Miss Austen, will also be available on the day. Parents can book a tour by contacting the high school's front office or by visiting their Facebook page.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We wish our sensational swimmers the very best of luck as they compete in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo next Wednesday, 11 March: **Jock Mills, Jagger Hazelton, Jordan Neeves, Alex Gaff, David McIsaac, Jacob Fordham, Grace Tancred, Ben Mudford, Sailor Ryan and Hayden Nichols**. A note containing details about travel arrangements will be sent home shortly.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 12 March in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the liturgy.

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 have been sent home with today's About. 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 Friday, 3 April so all our donations can be presented during the Holy Thursday Mass on 9 April. 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.

ATTENDANCE SNIPPET

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 28 March

Only Three Weeks Away!

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and **WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS**. Helpers are needed on Wednesday, 25 March, Thursday, 26 March and Friday, 27 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday, 29 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area 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. If you are able to help please fill in the helper's note with today's About and return it to school by next Thursday, 12 March. **Please support this school fundraiser by purchasing your tickets at Kelly & Astill Lawyers or better still, why not get your friends together for a great night out and book a table! Tickets are \$40.00 each.**

THANK YOU MONICA MUDFORD & SARAH ADAMS

We would like to thank Monica Mudford who has agreed to take on the role of Ball Secretary next year and also Sarah Adams who will take on the catering for this year's Ball. We hope everyone will get behind these two Mums and help where they can.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 23 March. Each child has today been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. To order your photos online go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 5JT KQZ at the top of the page. Then just follow the prompts. You do not need to return your child's envelope if ordering online. You can also make payments by cash or cheque and must be returned in the envelopes provided. A separate envelope must be used for each child. **ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.** The money for photos may be returned to school at any time. If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Thursday, 19 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 are able to loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

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 that was attached to last week's About and return it to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller at school no later than Wednesday, 18 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2020, 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. The proposed dates for the individual speech and drama section are 9 to 12 June.

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 that was attached to last week's About and return it to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller at school by Wednesday, 18 March. The proposed dates for the nursery rhymes is 3 to 5 June.

GILGANDRA YOUTH SERVICES BREAKFAST CLUB

Gilgandra Youth Services runs a free breakfast club every school morning from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. A bus pick up service is available for those without transport and following breakfast the staff and volunteers walk the children to school. The breakfast club provides young people with the opportunity to eat a basic breakfast, have some physical activity and socialisation before attending school. For further information, please contact Monica Mudford on 6817 8798 or visit:

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Community-Support-Services/Youth-Services.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Katie Colwell** and **Maci Lomax** for a super effort in Homework, **Jack Howard** for trying hard to write a sentence using sight words and **Pearl Mudford** for being an enthusiastic, happy member of Kinder.

YEAR 1: **Mack Hutchison**, **Roxy Zell**, **Neve Walker** and **Mitchell Beaton** for writing imaginative free choice stories and **Abhijot Singh** for "Giving Of His Best" at school.

YEAR 2: **Heidi Colwell** for being a fantastic listener, **Jessie O'Connor** for treating others with respect, **Oliver Peart** for working hard in Maths, **Indy Thomas** for beautiful work in Religion, **Ivy Zell** for writing a detailed recount about the swimming carnival and **Lucy Zell** for helping others in need.

YEAR 3: **Jacob Fordham** for an outstanding effort in all learning activities, **Max Fiddes** for enthusiastic participation in the Literacy Pro Reading Challenge and **Cooper Lummis** for asking thoughtful questions to clarify understanding.

YEAR 4: **Sailor Ryan** for persistence during Maths lessons. Well done Sailor, **Sophia Peart** for consistently working well during Literacy lessons, **Georgia Tancred** for an excellent start to this week's artwork and **Jemima Harrison** for a fantastic week and having a positive attitude.

YEAR 5: **Mac Lesslie** for always striving to complete work accurately, **Darcy Morris** for working efficiently and accurately, **Abbie Skinner** for fabulous effort in Grammar and **Isabelle Mudford** for great participation in all class activities.

YEAR 6: **Tia Allan** for showing great initiative in the classroom, **Rhyan Hutchison** for being a problem solver during Digital Technologies, **Ethan Morris** for listening attentively to instructions and having great school spirit and **Lilla Oehm** for her positive attitude and contagious smile.

WHAT'S ON

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

WEEK 8

- Tuesday, 17 March - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Year 2 visit to Cooee Lodge
- Wednesday, 18 March - Hear Our Heart Ear Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 19 March - St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
- Friday, 20 March - Principals' Meeting
- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

WEEK 9 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation

- Monday, 23 March - School Photos
- NAPLAN Online Practice Test – Years 3 and 5
- Wednesday, 25 March - CPS Swimming – Homebush
- Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, 28 March - St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a fabulous celebration! Congratulations Kinder and Year 6. It was wonderful to see your beautiful smiles, hear you read so confidently and sing so beautifully. A big thank you to everyone who came along to welcome our new Kinders into the Joey's family. This week we have enjoyed reading "Little Miss Muffet", learning all about the sound "i" and making some interesting iguanas. We discovered that iguanas can detach their tails when in

danger and then regrow them. How about that? In History we discussed how we have grown and changed over time from a little baby to a big school child. We hope everyone enjoys the weekend and this beautiful rain!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Thank you to all those students who joined with Year 4 to participate in our Parish Mass last Sunday. It was a lovely celebration! Congratulations to Year 6 and Kinder on preparing such a beautiful liturgy today to welcome our Kinder friends into our school family. In Religion we have read the parable of 'The Mustard Seed' and discussed how the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, it will start small and grow. The children have enjoyed learning how to navigate some new apps on the iPad. We've completed some Maths assessments and have also started Reading Eggs. The login process was a little slow to start but they have quickly learnt how to do it. Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 We were lucky enough to share in the beautiful Kindergarten Liturgy today. Well done Year 6 on your lovely readings about your buddies! This week we have been learning about proper nouns in Sentence a Day and working hard in phonics each day. We have learnt the sounds made by the letters 's', 'se', 'sc', 'c', 'ce' and 'st'. We have finished our Essential Assessments in Maths and been learning about subtraction, place value and position. We are creating some pirate artworks to go with our Literature Unit. Next week is our Year 2 Liturgy on 'God's Creation'. We hope to see lots of our parents and friends there to celebrate with us and share in our morning tea. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 What a beautiful celebration it was this morning for the Kinder Liturgy. We have now officially welcomed our new Kinders into the Joeys family and it was so lovely to see you all get up on the altar and say your names and readings. During text types this week we have continued to look at writing narratives. We have written a class narrative about a haunted house and it sounds fantastic. So many creative minds in Year 3. We have also begun to write our own narrative and they are sounding great. During Maths we've looked at expanding 3-digit numbers, multiplication facts and grid maps while in Problem A Day we have begun tackling multi-step problems. In Science we've looked at a YouTube clip on 'Run, Run, Runny' and observed how things melt. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Thank you to all the families who were able to attend Mass last Sunday. The students were wonderful with the readings, singing and offertory. This week in Maths we have been learning about measurement. This involved estimating distances around the school and using trundle wheels to get an accurate measurement. During Grammar we are consolidating our knowledge of correct sentence structure. "Nanberry", our class novel, continues to develop our understanding of life in Australia during 1789. During Religion we continued with the significance of Lenten promises. The students are currently creating artwork using patterns and incorporating colour to enable elements to be highlighted. They look amazing. Congratulations to Kinder and Year 6 for a beautiful liturgy today. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 What a beautiful celebration we had today as we officially welcomed the Kinder students to the St Joey's family. In Maths we practised division with remainders and explored the use of dot plots. In Grammar we are revising adjectives and created a word using adjectives to describe ourselves. During text types we are writing expositions on 'Camping Is Better Than Staying At A Resort' and in History we discovered what a democracy is: 'rule by the people'. Next Tuesday we are looking forward to visiting the high school for their open day. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 Congratulations to the Kinder 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 revising our last four sounds, rules and high frequency words and in Grammar we have been focusing on adverbs. During Maths we have been working through the procedure for long division and practising simplifying fractions and finding equivalent fractions. In History we have been designing a new Australian flag after our discussion around the question: "What does it mean to be Australian?"

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 6 March - JB & Alison Tancred
- Monday, 9 March - Katherine Gaff
- Wednesday, 11 March - Sally Temple
- Friday, 13 March - Tracey Riley & Danelle Jones

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 8 March – Rydah Whitehouse, Dakotah Gilmour, Grace Jones-Copelin, Hope Jones-Copelin

