



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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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!*

#### **~VALE~ Michael Harland**

We were all saddened to receive the news of the death of Michael Harland after a long battle with cancer. Michael was at school recently supporting his son Jacob at the Investiture Mass and we were all so pleased to see him here. Testimony to Michael's fine character was the amazing attendance, support and generosity at the fundraising event held for Michael last year. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Melissa, Shaii, Nathan, Tyson, Lachlan, Makayla and Jacob and his extended family during this sad time.

#### **KINDER WELCOME LITURGY**

It was a beautiful Liturgy held in St Joseph's Church today as we officially welcomed our Kinder class of 2018. 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 Smith and Mrs Newstead from the Kinder class and Mr Soares from the Year 6 class for all their hard work in preparing the Liturgy. Our 2018 Kinder class includes: **Chloe Alexander, Akhiro Baker, Arabella Chandler, Oli Chandler, Heidi Colwell, Mitchell Cosier, Bayley Dent, Lottie Duffy, Bella Ferguson, Claudia Harrison, Kellie Hutchison, Connor Jones-Copelin, Olamide Kuku, Keaghan Lummis, Thomas McIsaac, Milla Morris, Eva Mulligan, Ella Murphy, Harrison Newton, Benjamin O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien, Jessie O'Connor, Isabelle Peart, Oliver Peart, Lucy Profke, Lucas Riley, William Ryan, Mackenzie Skinner, Alana Spora, Andrew Standing, Izack Tarrant, Indy Thomas, Harry Thurlow, Archie Valler, Peregrine Volkofsky, Ivy Zell and Lucy Zell.**

#### **DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo last Thursday. Our team were a wonderful representation of St Joey's and completed with pride and great sportsmanship. A special mention to top ten finishers **Will Spora** - 6<sup>th</sup> 11 years 50m butterfly and **Darcy Neeves** - 10<sup>th</sup> 11 years 50m freestyle. Well done also to our Junior Girls Relay team (**Grace Tancred, Alana Elsom, Jordan Neeves and Millie Spora**) who came 6<sup>th</sup> as well as our Senior Boys Relay team (**Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes and Jack Oehm**) who came 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS - Friday, 16 March**

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated on Friday, 16 March 2018 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. Our Year 5 students will also visit Cooe Lodge on Thursday, 15 March at 10.30am to entertain the residents as part of their St Patrick's Day celebrations.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

We have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Monday, 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** - Liturgy **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**

As mentioned in last week's About, individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. If you would like your child to enter please fill in the tear-off slip that was sent home with last week's About and return it to Mrs Fuller or Mrs Banks at school no later than Wednesday, 14 March.

#### **BALL WORKING BEE - Saturday, 10 March**

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 10 March at 9:00 a.m. at school. **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.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL**

**Saturday, 24 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, 21 March from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 22 March and Friday, 23 March from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 25 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. ***SO FAR WE HAVE HAD OFFERS OF HELP FROM ONLY EIGHT FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL!*** As such, 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, 15 March 2018. **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 \$35.00 each.**

#### **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!

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Monday, 26 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](http://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.

#### **IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)**

We have had a case of impetigo (school sores) reported at school. If your child develops symptoms of school sores, your family doctor should be consulted. Children can attend school if they are being treated and are properly covered by a clean dressing.

#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

The Library staff are currently running a competition 'Guess the Teacher's Favourite Childhood Book'. There has been much excitement as the children study the photo board located in the square! Entries to the competition will be accepted until 16 March. Scholastic book club orders are also due on 16 March. Orders may be made online by following the instructions on the back of the catalogue. Otherwise, please complete the order form and return to school with payment. *Mrs Thomas & Mrs McIsaac*

#### **WRITING COMPETITION**

Entries are now open for the 2018 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](http://www.write4fun.net), or email to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto: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, 2018.

## **ST PATRICK'S MARKET FUN DAY**

The Curban Community Hall Committee are hosting a St Patrick's Market Fun day on Saturday, 17 March from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Curban Community Hall. There will be kids activities, games, jumping castle, as well as morning tea, BBQ lunch, ice creams and drinks. The kids can dress up with prizes being awarded for best-dressed Leprechaun / Irish Princess.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Chloe Alexander** for drawing a lovely picture of her favourite part of 'Mary Had a Little Lamb', **Indy Thomas** for great work describing groups as 'equal' and 'not equal', **Claudia Harrison** for reading beautifully during morning reading, **Kellie Hutchison** for being a super 'Little Bo Peep', **Ben O'Brien** for wonderful tracing of the letter 't', **Alana Spora** for singing the crayon song beautifully and **Keaghan Lummis** for a fantastic effort in MiniLit.

**YEAR 1:** **Joe Staggs** for lovely reading at our Mass practice, **Caine Bugmy** for super work in subtraction, **Oliver Christian** for great effort in Spelling and **Jock Mills** for great elaborating in your recounts.

**YEAR 2:** **Hayden Nichols** for working well in Problem A Day and Operations, **Sophie Gilmour** for trying hard to finish her work in Art, **Te Mana Diamond** for being a good listener and attentive worker in Religion, **Brooke Beaton** for working hard in free writing activities, **Layla Wykes** for excellent checking of her work in Writing and Spelling and **Makynli Hazelton** for taking great pride in Handwriting.

**YEAR 3:** **Lucas Fong** for being an enthusiastic reader, **Isabelle Mudford** for an outstanding effort in all learning activities, **Jordan Wighton** for fantastic work in Maths Operations and **Kaycee Bugmy** for showing kindness and consideration to all those in Year 3.

**YEAR 4:** **Rani Diamond** for showing persistence towards all learning activities, **Sam Dunn** for working well during independent narrative writing, **Ethan Morris** for continued accuracy in Problem A Day and Operations tasks, **Millie Spora** for showing speed and accuracy during our Sentence A Day activities and **Grace Tancred** for giving 100% in all areas of Year 4.

**YEAR 5:** **Billie Allan** for working diligently on all set tasks, **Jett Chandler** for writing creative descriptions in his narrative about 'The Box', **Lucy Kilpatrick** for brightening our day with her beautiful smile, **Samantha Naden** for a beautiful desert landscape and **Ava Meyers** for working diligently on Problem A Day and Operations.

**YEAR 6:** **Tom Dunn** for using multiplication strategies effectively, **Emma Durrant** for great work identifying verbs in sentences, **Dennis Gale** for trying hard in Problem A Day and **Chloe Mudford** for reading our class novel with excellent expression.

## **WHAT'S ON**

<b>WEEK 6 -</b>	<b>Catholic Schools Week – Blaze New Trails</b>
-	<b>Year 5 Reconciliation</b>
Thursday, 8 March	- Kinder Welcome Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. - Support Teachers Meeting
Friday, 9 March	- Support Teachers Meeting
Saturday, 10 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b>WEEK 7</b>	
Wednesday, 14 March	- PLC Day Dubbo
Thursday, 15 March	- ICT Contacts Network Meeting - Year 5 visit to Cooee Lodge – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 16 March	- St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m. - Hearing Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 17 March	-
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
Monday, 19 March	- St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Liturgy (K-6) - 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Wednesday, 21 March	- Peachey/Richardson Footy/NSW Netball Cup at Dunedoo
Thursday, 22 March	- Principals' Meeting
Friday, 23 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials - Shell Questacon – K-2 – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., 3-6 – 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, 24 March	- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball
Sunday, 25 March	- Palm Sunday

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Congratulations Kindergarten for your beautiful reading, singing and smiles at our Welcome Liturgy today. We were so proud of you all! Thank you to our Year 6 buddies who prepared our profiles and made our badges with such care and thoughtfulness. This week we enjoyed reading 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and sequencing the story. We also read 'I'm Green and I'm Grumpy' by Alison Lester and wrote a story about what we could see in the cupboard. In Maths we have learnt that a half is two equal parts and we compared objects that were heavy and light. Our Science activity this week involved exploring how we measure temperature using a thermometer. Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** What a lovely celebration we had on Sunday at the Year 1 and 4 Mass. Thank you to all the students for their reverent participation and to all our family and friends who joined us. On Friday we took part in the 'Clean Up Australia Day' and felt very proud to do our part to keep Gilgandra clean. Today we really enjoyed the Kinder Welcome Liturgy and find it hard to believe that 12 months ago that was us!! In Grammar we are looking at adjectives and continue to develop our narrative writing. This week in Science the students have been asked to observe the changes in the sky before and after nightfall. Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 2** are thoroughly enjoying their Science unit with Mrs McIsaac and looked at the different parts of an ant's body after collecting the critters and viewing them using a magnifying glass. In Maths we investigated using Base 10 materials to solve place value problems using ones, tens and hundreds. They also sketched the position of objects around them and compared the mass of different objects. Some super paper chipping pirates were made in Art and during History the students looked back at the changing 'faces' of St Joseph's School and how technology has had an impact from the past to the present. Have a terrific weekend.

*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Congratulations to Kindergarten and Year 6 on the beautiful Liturgy which we celebrated this morning. It was such a lovely way to welcome our newest members to the St Joseph's family. Year 3 has had another busy week. During Religion we looked at the gifts and talents that members of our family, our community and our friends have. During Maths we have looked at trading, the "gazinta" and numbers greater than and less than during Operations. We have also been tackling multistep problems during Problem A Day. Our Grammar focus this week has been on adjectives and how we can use them in our writing to make our stories more interesting. Year 3 has also begun writing narratives about a haunted house. We will try focusing on using our senses and using adjectives to describe our experience of the haunted house. Have a nice weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Another very busy week in Year 4. Thank you to everyone who came along last Sunday to our Mass, it was a fantastic celebration. In class this week we have been revising sentence structure and looking at how to make sentences become more interesting to improve our writing. During Maths we have been spending time looking at expanding and ordering numbers and compass bearings. We have spent the last few weeks becoming familiar with our school's new Chromebooks and this week we have been spending time publishing our Portfolio tasks for English this term as well as doing some research on our History focus for the week. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to Kinder and Year 6 on the beautiful Liturgy this morning – it was such a special celebration. In Religion we focused on the social justice values of the Catholic Church. We are enjoying reading our class novel "The Donkey Who Carried The Wounded" and have been looking at the way Jackie French uses imagery to enhance her writing. During Maths we have learnt how to record remainders as fractions and revised 3D shapes. It seems that everyone is working well on their speeches for homework and we look forward to seeing the drafts on Friday!

*Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** We celebrated such a lovely Kinder Welcome Liturgy this morning. Year 6 read their buddy profiles beautifully 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 we identified them in sentences. Our Maths activities have covered making predictions and we revised 3-dimensional shapes and their properties. In History we have learnt about the federation of Australia and we discussed the importance of this event. Have a great weekend!

*Mr Damien Soares*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 9 March – Belinda Murray & Rachel McMahon  
Monday, 12 March – Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin  
Wednesday, 14 March – Gai-Maree Youngusband & Amanda Chandler  
Friday, 16 March – Melanie Ferguson & Helen Oates

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 11 March – Olivia McClelland & Oli Schier

