



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

**Grandparents show that they believe in us  
and all we're dreaming of...**

**When God created grandparents, He blessed our lives with love.  
GOD BLESS YOU.**

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – 5-11 March, 2017** **GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY**

What a wonderful day we had today celebrating Catholic Schools Week and 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 had enjoyed morning tea, Jennifer Ibe, Olivia McClelland and Jack Oehm, accompanied by the whole school, formally greeted everyone beautifully by singing, 'We Welcome You'. Then it was time for the Joey's version of Eurovision. We were all treated to songs by the Proclaimers, Wham, Tina Turner, Guy Sebastian and Sham Rocks. It was sensational! William Spora, Camilla Beveridge, Alana Elsom and Sienna Marchant led us in a lovely rendition of the Irish Blessing. We were thrilled to have Mrs Jenny Allen, Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Bathurst as a special guest. We thank Mrs Allen for her kind words. Congratulations to Mrs Hilda Newstead who was named Gilgandra's Senior Citizen of the Year. To conclude the day everyone joined the children for a tour of our school. Congratulations to the students who ensured we all had a most enjoyable morning. You were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Schier and all the staff for preparing the concert items so professionally ensuring great entertainment. Also thank you to those who provided a plate for morning tea. Overall it was a delightful way to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents Day.

#### ***'Catholic Schools – Great Learning, Great Communities'*** **DIOCESAN SWIMMING**

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo yesterday. Congratulations to **Luke O'Neill** who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior 50 m Breaststroke and our Junior Boys Relay team consisting of **Bailey Wykes, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora** and **Darcy Neeves** who came also came 2<sup>nd</sup>. Luke and the relay team will now compete at the Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush on Wednesday, 22 March. Also special mention to **Patrick Spora** – 6<sup>th</sup> Senior 50 m Butterfly and **Will Spora** – 10<sup>th</sup> Junior 50m Butterfly – a wonderful achievement to finish in the top ten of the diocese.

#### **BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 11 March**

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 11 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.

#### **KIDSLIT QUIZ**

Our St Joey's KidsLit Team is off to Orange on Monday to compete in the annual KidsLit Literature Quiz. The team consists of **Bradley Kilday, Jennifer Ibe, Camilla Beveridge** and **Emily Zell**. Quizzes are held in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom and USA. The winning team from each heat competes in a National Final. National champions compete in the World Final. The teams of four students are asked to answer 100 questions on children's literature divided into ten categories, which vary each year. Examples of categories set previously include poetry, authors, titles, settings, characters, and nursery rhymes. Our Joey's Team has been madly reading and completing practice quizzes. Good luck to our first ever KidsLit Team!

#### **DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Dr Marie Crowley is coming to Gilgandra to conduct a Day of Prayer and Reflection on the life of Fr Julian Tenison Woods to which everyone is invited. The day will be held next Monday, 13 March from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in St Joseph's School Hall. The cost is \$20.00 and morning tea and lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

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

**Saturday, 25 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 Thursday, 23 March and Friday, 24 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 26 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 SEVEN 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, 16 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!

#### **MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2017 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 on Tuesday, 21 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 to obtain a note. All permission notes must be returned to school by Monday, 20 March. **Only those children with written permission will be permitted to attend the workshops on 21 March.**

#### **ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS - Friday, 17 March**

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated on Friday, 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. Our Year 5 students will also visit Cooee Lodge at 2:00 p.m. to entertain the residents as part of their St Patrick's Day celebrations.

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

As Joseph's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Monday, 20 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.

## **DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

Over the past couple of weeks we have been running trials at school for all those Year 5 and 6 students who were interested in attending the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials to be held in Bathurst next Friday, 17 March. The sports include rugby league, netball, soccer and rugby union. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm of every single child has been absolutely fantastic. Children who have been selected will be advised tomorrow.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Monday, 27 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.

### **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 Tuesday, 14 March**. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2017, 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.

### **CLOTHING POOL COORDINATOR**

Thank you to Sally Oehm who has taken on the job of Clothing Pool Coordinator. Sally has already been in doing some stocktaking.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Caine Bugmy for great work recognizing containers that are full, partly full or empty, Ashley Gilmour for great work recognizing words that begin with 't', Elsie Mudford for being a thoughtful member of Kindergarten, Joe Staggs for telling entertaining news, Callan Tobin and Clayton Wheatley for painting perfect turtles and Lilly Hanson for being kind and considerate towards others during Lent. **YEAR 1:** Makynli Hazelton and Layla Wykes for beautiful artworks of 'Koala Lou', Mia Ferguson for a super effort in Spelling and Alexia Riley for being a kind and helpful student. **YEAR 2:** Eliza Larkin and Jonas Naden for beautiful illustrations and careful work in Religion, Molly Temple for super 'sounding out' in Spelling, Jordan Wighton for excellent work in reading activities and Hope Jones-Copelin for super work in reading and comprehension activities. **YEAR 3:** Dakotah Gilmour for a determined effort in Maths, Nick Kirsop for being a quiet and conscientious class member, Tia Allan for fabulous work in spelling, Blake Fairey for always 'Giving Of His Best' in Maths and Grace Jones-Copelin for being a considerate member of Year 3. **YEAR 4:** Chelsea Brand for always 'Giving Of Her Best' during Maths activities, Samantha Naden for trying hard to improve her knowledge of times tables, Mattea Purvis for completing art activities with care and precision and Will Spora for fantastic contributions to class discussions. **YEAR 5:** Isaiah McKenzie and Jade Elsom for creating beautiful desert scapes, Emma Westwood for including others in groups activities and Bailey Wykes for being a great team leader in researching an anaconda in Science. **YEAR 6:** Marshall Fairey and Finn Marchant for great enthusiasm during our Grandparents Day practices, Samantha Miller for excellent work in Maths Operations, Zac Ferguson for working carefully and accurately with long division and Heidi Ferguson for settling in so well at St Joseph's.

### **WHAT'S ON**

<b><u>WEEK 6</u></b> -	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>
Saturday, 11 February	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 7</u></b> -	<b>Year 5 Reconciliation</b>
Monday, 13 March	- Kidslit Quiz – Orange
	- Day of Prayer and Reflection
Tuesday, 14 March	- Eisteddfod Entries due
Friday, 17 March	- St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
	- Year 5 to Cooee Lodge – 2:00 p.m.
	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst
Saturday, 18 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 8</u></b>	
Monday, 20 March	- St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by fun at the pool
Tuesday, 21 March	- Moorambilla Trials
	- Principals' Meeting
Wednesday, 22 March	
Friday, 24 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date
	- Ear Bus
Saturday, 25 March	- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** We enjoyed a lovely Grandparents Day celebration at school today. Thank you to all who attended. We enjoyed showing you our classroom and all the different things we've been doing in Kindergarten. The children have enjoyed revising the 'a', 'm', 's' and 't' sounds this week and I've been impressed with how many children are competent at recognising this sound at the beginning of words. On Monday the children wrote about their weekend. I was glad to see many children beginning their sentence with a capital letter, separating their words with finger spaces and attempting to spell words by sounding them out. During Mathematics we wrote the numeral '5' and counted out groups of five along with recognising halves. In History we defined the terms 'past', 'present' and 'future'. Our sound next week is 'i'. Have a great weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** What a fantastic Grandparents Day! Year 1 was so excited to show their Grannies and Grandads all their hard work. Thank you to everyone who came to visit our classroom – it certainly was a very special day. We are still collecting family photos to display around our room. The children will also take home a family tree worksheet next week. It would be great if somebody could sit with the children to help them fill out the information and return it to school. In Maths this week we have been trying to follow directions, compare mass and working out groups of 10. Adjectives have been our grammar focus and we used many of them to describe 'Koala Lou'. In Science with Mrs Colwell we have been learning about the seasons of the year and what special things occur at different times. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** Happy Grandparents Day everyone! It was wonderful to see so many friends and family at school today to help celebrate Grandparents Day. Thank you for visiting our classrooms and we hope you enjoyed our mini 'Joey's Vision' concert. It certainly was lots of fun. In the classroom we have been busy finishing our pirate artworks and we painted some colourful grandparent pictures after we wrote about why grandparents are so special! Enjoy your weekend everyone! *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** What a busy week Year 3 has had practising and participating in our Grandparents Day celebrations. We hope everyone enjoyed their day. This week in Grammar we have been learning about adjectives and the children have been encouraged to write them in their story writing. In Maths we learnt about place value and how numbers can be expanded in hundreds, tens and ones. During History we focused on the Wirradjuri word 'country' and wrote down the meanings of other words from an Aboriginal elder, written from a famous quote. In Religion we discussed what happens during Lent. Take care and thank you for attending our special celebration today. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** Wow – what a day we have had today! Thank you to all the amazing family and friends who came along to our Grandparents Day celebrations today. This week in class we have been revising all of our Grammar topics we have covered so far while in Maths we have spent time multiplying numbers and expanded notation. Our Religion lessons have seen us look once again at the Ten Commandments while we try to remember our Lenten promises. Well done to all the swimmers who travelled to Dubbo yesterday – you certainly did represent our school with pride. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** What a wonderful day we had today entertaining all the grandparents and visitors. It was lovely to meet everyone and show them our classroom. During writing we have been focusing on expositions. We looked at the purpose, structure and language features and have started to write an exposition titled: Should mobile phones be brought to school? During Maths we have been working on place value, mass and order of operations. In Geography we have learnt that the world is divided into lines of longitude and latitude, which help us to locate specific locations. Year 5 is also looking forward to celebrating the St Patrick's Day Mass next Friday, 17 March! To be sure! To be sure! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** What a great Grandparents Day we've had today! It was wonderful to see so many people here at St Joey's. All the children sang and performed beautifully! Congratulations to all the Year 6 leaders on the mature and warm way they welcomed our visitors to school. In Maths this week we have focused on multiplication, fractions, decimals and percentages. Our Grammar activities have been on identifying different types of verbs. In Writing we have been working on information reports in pairs and so far they are well structured and written. We have learnt about plotting points of longitude and latitude in Geography. Have a wonderful weekend! *Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 10 March – Belinda Murray & Jo Lummis  
Monday, 13 March – Tanya Hutchison & Donna Wheatley  
Wednesday, 15 March – Sophia Ibe & Kirstie Bugmy  
Friday, 17 March – Amy Spora & Anna Peart

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 12 March – Isaac Grimshaw, Jett Grimshaw, Emily Zell, Rani Diggs

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