



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 1 Week 7

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### Thought for the Week

*A mind is like a parachute... it does not work if it is not open!*

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

**Next Saturday, 19 March**

#### **MORE HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

**Wednesday, 16 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We only have three helpers. More people are needed.**

**Thursday, 17 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We have four helpers. More people are needed.**

**Friday, 18 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We only have three helpers. More people are needed.**

Erecting the marquee and smokers' tent: **We have five helpers which is great. A few more helpers would make life easier!**

**Saturday, 19 March**

Kitchen Hands (6:00 p.m. →) **We have two helpers! We need more.**

Washing Up Helpers (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.) **We have NO helpers! We need YOU!**

BAR: Thank you to those who have offered to help in the bar. We could still do with more helpers. If you don't feel confident working behind the bar, we do need people to collect glasses.

DRY BAR: **We have no one! Please help.**

**Sunday, 20 March 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**At the moment we have six volunteers which is great – but we need twenty! Please spare an hour or so if you can!**

Our P & F hold two major fundraisers for the year and all money raised goes directly to helping your school. Our Ball cannot be successful without YOUR HELP. As you can see we need lots of helpers to ensure the Ball is a success. It can't happen without your help! Please try and give an hour or so of your time. Write your name down on the roster today and return it to school by **Wednesday, 16 March.**

#### **WORKING BEE FOR THE BALL – Saturday, 12 March**

There will be another working bee for the ball on Saturday, 12 March at **9:00 a.m.** in the old library. There are still lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated. **The committee hasn't had as many helpers as they would like so please come along and lend a hand.** Jobs range from cutting, gluing, folding serviettes etc. Don't feel you have to be talented or artistic, there are jobs for everyone.

#### **BALL TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

Tickets for the Ball are on sale and may be purchased for \$35.00 from Kelly & Astill. This great social night out includes presentation of debts, entertainment and finger food. Bar facilities are available. There will be **NO spectator tickets sold at the door** on the night of the ball. Spectator tickets are only available to immediate family members of the debts and their partners. These tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per school aged child and also available from Kelly & Astill. All tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, 16 March.

#### **DIOCESAN SCHOOL LEARNING REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT**

This year our school will be undergoing a Diocesan School Learning Review and Development process (DSL RD) conducted by the Catholic Education Office on 5-6<sup>th</sup> May (Week 2 of Term 2). There was a letter with last week'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.

#### **ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS**

**Thursday, 17 March**

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated next 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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. Anyone else wishing to attend are warmly invited.

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

As St 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.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Monday, 4 April. Each child has today been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. They have also sent us the following information for online school photo ordering.

**Step 1:** Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 5JT KQZ.

**Step 2:** Enter your child's details

**Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs.

**Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

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.

#### **GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY**

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old on Wednesday, 6 April to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed. Following morning tea the students of St Joseph's will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect the classrooms. So, if you have a grandma, grandpa, nan, pop, an elderly next door

neighbour or in fact know any person, young or old, please invite them to our Grandparents Day. *We will be needing cakes and slices etc. for morning tea, so please bring a plate.*

### **WALKING TO NETBALL AND FOOTBALL TRAINING**

For safety reasons, we would like those children who walk to footy and netball training after school on a Thursday to use the Wamboin Street pedestrian crossing. We have spoken to the students about this at school and would ask you to reinforce this at home.

### **ATTENTION SHOW EXHIBITORS**

All entries in the Fine Arts and Photography categories for this year's Show close on Friday, 18 March for pre-show judging. Entries in the Fine Arts Section from preschool to 16 years and under need to be delivered to Ryan & Rankmore or MH Thomas Real Estate with all entries named and in a bag with correct entry fees. Other categories for Fine Arts are as usual.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Ava Lacey** for giving of her best when counting during Maths Warm Up, **Georgia Tancred** for writing an interesting story on dragons, **Violet Whitehouse** for beautiful writing in Sentence A Day, **Dimity Wykes** for delivering her news with confidence, **Layla Wykes** for a great explanation on how families change, **Lara Younghusband** for being a happy and cheerful member of Kindergarten and **Vaughan Zell** for giving of his best with his sight words. **YEAR 1:** **Emma Mills** for super skip counting by 2's, **Bonica Henry** for answering questions confidently, **Hudson Duffy** for working quietly and conscientiously and **Eliza Mudford** for writing an interesting recount using elaborations. **YEAR 2:** **Rani Diamond** for beautiful work in Handwriting, **Kimblee Gilmour** for working hard in Spelling, **Rhyan Hutchison** for working hard in Comprehension groups, **Dakotah Gilmour** for an excellent effort in Spelling and Sentence A Day, **Rachel Ryan** for fabulous enthusiasm in music and drama groups and **Indi Murphy** for a wonderful effort in sequencing a pirate story. **YEAR 3:** **Chelsea Brand, Hayden Ferguson** and **Ben Harland** for great results in Spelling and **Sienna Marchant** for a fabulous stained glass art work. **YEAR 4:** **Madison Riley** for making a huge effort to complete work on time, **Molly Wilson** for fantastic contributions to class discussions, **Aiden Walker** for writing an original and detailed description and **Daniel Kirsop** for reading with increasing fluency.

**YEAR 5:** **Will Fuller** for becoming very persuasive during exposition writing, **Finn Marchant** for working hard at producing neat bookwork and **Joshua Purvis** for creating a fantastic silhouette artwork. **YEAR 6:** **Laura Smith** for showing a mature approach to all set tasks, **Olivia Ferguson** for consistently contributing to class discussions and **Thomas Durrant** and **James Ferguson** for outstanding work with fractions, decimals and percentages.

### **WHAT'S ON**

<b><u>WEEK 7</u></b> -	<b>Year 5 Reconciliation</b>
-	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>
Saturday, 12 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 8</u></b>	
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
<b><u>WEEK 9</u></b> -	<b>Ear Bus</b>
Monday, 21 March	- St Joseph's Day – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Tuesday, 22 March	- Kinder Cooee 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
<b><u>WEEK 10</u></b> -	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>
Monday, 28 March	- Easter Monday
Tuesday, 29 March	- Spelling Bee (Years 3/4) 11:20
Wednesday, 30 March	- Spelling Bee (Years 5/6) 11:20
	- Junior Joeys to Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 31 March	- Polding Swimming
	- Stig Wemyss – Actor & Storyteller – Gil Public School 1:45 – 3:15

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week Kindergarten has been reading "Hickory Dickory Dock" and focusing on rhyming words. In our sound work, we have been reading and listening to words with the 'i' sound in them. Next week our sound is 'Ff' so start looking for things for our sound table. In Science and Technology we learnt how you could tell if it was going to rain and who needs to know when it is going to rain. In PDHPE we read "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and discussed some of the basic needs in the story. In Religion we watched a clip about the lost sheep and spoke how sometimes we need God's help. During Art we made walking dinosaurs and finished our terrifying tigers. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

**YEAR 1** has had another busy week. We have sequenced the story of 'Koala Lou' and labelled a diagram of a koala. In Grammar we brainstormed adjectives to describe a witch and a sheep and are trying hard to identify adjectives in our Sentence A Day. Our Maths focus has been sharing and counting forwards and backwards using the 100's chart. It's great to see the children who have coloured in the number patterns in the back of their mental homework book. We used the ipads this week to help us with our sight words and counting patterns. In History our focus for the next couple of weeks will be timelines and other ways of recording information from the past. Thank you to Year 2 for preparing a beautiful Liturgy to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Enjoy your weekend.

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** It was a lovely celebration in the church this morning. Thank you Year 2 for a beautiful Liturgy – 'St Joseph's – Our Special Place'. It was wonderful to see all the students of our school helping us to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It's been a busy week. We looked at data tables, times tables and quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise, in Maths. In Art we finished our terrific treasure chests and we continued reading about "The Pirate Cruncher's Adventures". Narratives are our new writing focus for the week and we began to look at the structure of this text type. Have a lovely weekend everyone. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** We've been thoroughly enjoying reading the rhyming, witty words of Dr Seuss. We've just finished "Oh The Places You'll Go" and we discussed the places we might go throughout our life. We then decorated some hot air balloons with what we'd like to be when we grow up and have hung them in our classroom. "The Lorax" is our new book which the children are enjoying. In Science, we've continued with our 'Melting Moments' unit. We're learning about the three states of matter and how substances can move through the different states. We conducted some simple experiments to prove this and have created a storyboard in our books. We also created a cool melting crayon artwork to show the transition from solid to liquid when heat is added.

*Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** is revising compound sentences this week by using various conjunctions to join two simple sentences. In Writing we have examined the purpose and structure of narratives and have begun to plan our own Dreamtime narrative. In Maths we have been introduced to intermediate compass points, ordered numbers and revised our six times tables. For History we researched some of the early explorers of Australia and their discoveries. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 5** What a great way to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Year 5 did an awesome job presenting their first speeches to the class on Wednesday and today Year 2 helped us celebrate with a fabulous Liturgy. In class we have been looking at people who shaped Federation in Australia as well as beginning to learn all about the CWA projects and how to present them. In writing we have been very persuasive as we wrote our final expositions ready for publishing. We look forward to having you come along and join in our St Patrick's Day Mass next Thursday. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 6** Thank you Year 2 for preparing such a lovely Liturgy this morning. This week in Grammar Year 6 has been revising pronouns and identifying them in sentences. The students were given the opportunity to choose any topic on which to write an information report. The first drafts look magnificent. I can't wait to see the finished products! In Maths we have been learning about am and pm, column graphs and division. We have been practising for our synchronized swimming to be performed on St Joseph's Day. Everyone needs to remember their swimming gear and money/season ticket for entry to the pool. It's great to see Year 6 so excited about our performance. *Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 11 March – Sarah Gordon & Kristy Gale  
Monday, 14 March – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford  
Wednesday, 16 March – Julie Marchant & Brenda Purvis  
Friday, 18 March – Heather Larkin and Rochelle Harmer

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 13 March – Zac Ferguson Jett Grimshaw, Rani Diggs, Ella McAnally-Elwin