



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

“St Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.”

St John Paul II

#### **HAPPY ST JOSEPH'S DAY**

Today was St Joseph's Day and we had a great celebration. Years 5 and 6 attended Mass where the Years 5 students received their Junior Joey's badge. Following Mass the children enjoyed lunch and then at 2:00 p.m. everyone loved their cakes in honour of St Joseph. We were all enthralled with the Year 6 'dryland' synchronised swimming routine. It was amazing and we can't wait to see it again in Term 4 in the water. Then it was time for everyone to bust their moves to the song 'Firework'. During different times throughout the day everyone also participated in some fun and games on the playground. What a very unique St Joseph's Day!!

#### **JUNIOR JOEYS**

With the guidance of the Sisters of St Joseph our school is part of a national program where students from Years 5 and 6 can choose to become junior members of the Josephite Association – Junior Joeys! The purpose of this program is to:

- LEARN about Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.
- PRAY for those in need.
- PRACTISE some form of outreach in the community.

Congratulations to the new members of the Junior Joeys who were presented with their badges at the St Joseph's Day Mass today. Our new Junior Joeys are: **Kaycee Bugmy, Hudson Duffy, Riley Fiddes, Lucas Fong, Alicia Fordham, Mitchell Fuller, Brody Heffer, Bonica Henry, Hope Jones-Copelin, Eliza Larkin, Mac Lesslie, Abigail McArd, Emma Mills, Darcy Morris, Eliza Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Darron Mulligan, Jonas Naden, Will O'Connor, Maddi Peart, Orlando Ryan, Abbie Skinner, Tom Staggs, Emily Standing, Molly Temple, Adison Thomas, Lauren Thurlow, Stella Valler, Stuart Wheatley and Jordan Wighton.**

#### **DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held at Dubbo on Wednesday, 11 March. Our team competed with pride and great sportsmanship, with the following students finishing in the top ten in the diocese: **Jagger Hazelton** – 8<sup>th</sup> 8 years 50 m Freestyle, **Ben Mudford** – 9<sup>th</sup> 9years 50 m Freestyle, 10<sup>th</sup> Junior 50 m Butterfly, **Grace Tancred** – 8<sup>th</sup> Senior 50 m Backstroke, 9<sup>th</sup> Senior 50 m Butterfly, **David McIsaac** – 4<sup>th</sup> Junior 50 m Breaststroke, **Jacob Fordham** – 8<sup>th</sup> Junior 50 m Breaststroke, **Alex Gaff** – 6<sup>th</sup> 11 years 50 m Breaststroke. Well done to all our swimmers.

#### **DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS – \*Cancelled\***

The Bathurst Diocesan Winter Sports Trials, which were due to be held in Bathurst, tomorrow, Friday, 20 March, have been cancelled due to concerns regarding the Coronavirus. If or when it is decided to reschedule this event, we will let you know. In any event, we congratulate the following Years 5 and 6 students for being selected to attend the trials: **Brody Heffer, Will O'Connor, Jonas Naden** (Ruby League), **Will Youngusband, Mitchell Fuller, Eva Bonnington, Lilla Oehm** (Rugby Union), **Beatie Davis, Jordan Neeves, Bonnie Henry, Alex Gaff, Charlie Zell, Henry Purvis, Nick Kirsop, Lochie Henry, Rhyan Hutchison** (Soccer) and **Millie Spora, Emilia Peart, Trinity Zell, Molly Nichols, Grace Tancred, Rani Diamond** (Netball).

#### **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MASS**

The Annunciation of the Lord Mass will be celebrated next **Wednesday, 25 March** at 10:30 a.m. Year 3 is preparing the Mass and all are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

#### **CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19 - UPDATE**

Everyone should have received a letter with information regarding COVID-19. We are trying to keep everything at school as normal as possible but we need to be extra vigilant regarding certain things. Just a few reminders:-

- Washing hands with soap is the most effective way of reducing the spread of germs.
- If you have cold or flu symptoms please stay away from school.
- If you have cold or flu symptoms please don't come into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your child. If this proves a problem, let me know and I will meet you at the gate.
- Elderly people should consider the risks if intending to attend school functions.
- Water bottles are better than the bubblers.

Also, due to the current situation we have been forced to postpone or cancel the following activities:-

- Bathurst Diocesan Winter Sports Trials.
- School photos.
- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball.
- Moorambilla Voices.
- Polding swimming.
- Peachey/Richardson Rugby League.
- City of Dubbo Eisteddfod.

Let's work together to keep Joey's a positive, safe, happy and healthy place.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS - \*Postponed\***

The school photos that were scheduled to take place on Monday, 23 March have been postponed to a later date. Once the new date has been set, we will let everyone know. Any online payments that have been made will transfer over to the new date. Payments made to the school office will be held until a new date has been set.

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

#### **\*Postponed\***

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our Ball to a later date in the year. We would like to thank all the people who have already contributed to the Ball including our Ball committee, compere, dance instructors, those who volunteered, caterers, bar staff, those who have created decorations and so on. Also, a big thank you to the debs, their partners and their families for their hard work leading up to the Ball. We look forward to working with you all later in the year!

#### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Dusty Jordan** for a super illustration of his favourite part of "Itsy Bitsy Spider", **Bella Hammond** for trying extra hard to form her letters correctly in Phonics, **Nate Temple** for always "Giving Of His Best" and **Rose Howard** for always trying hard to read sight words.

**YEAR 1:** **Hannah Meers** for writing a great story about a pirate, **Luka van der Walt** for drawing fabulous illustrations of her work, **Charlie Howard** for working diligently with Mrs Alchin and **Parker Leven** for improved fluency in Reading.

**YEAR 2:** **Mitchell Cosier, Oliver Peart** and **Mackenzie Skinner** for writing a fantastic narrative about “Little Red Riding Hood”, **Bayley Dent** for trying hard to “Give Of His Best”, **Bella Ferguson** for great work in Problem A Day and Operations and **Thomas McIsaac** for wonderful work with verbs in Grammar and Sentence A Day.

**YEAR 3:** **Jeremiah Woodrow** for fabulous work in Maths Plus and Operations, **Nikola Riley** for trying hard to become more proficient in her bookwork, **Ashley Gilmour** for reading with expression and fluency, **Jimmy Lesley** for making a creative start to his ‘In The Box’ narrative and **Jagger Hazelton** for a great effort in Maths.

**YEAR 4:** **Brooke Beaton** for her cheerful approach to all tasks, **Makynli Hazelton** for her persistence during Maths lessons, **Jack Gibson** for his excellent participation in class discussions and **Olivia Westwood** for always “Giving Of Her Best” and her positive attitude.

**YEAR 5:** **Hudson Duffy** for being a conscientious mathematician, **Will O’Connor** for having an enthusiastic approach to all class activities, **Orlando Ryan** for great achievement in Spelling and **Lauren Thurlow** for having a determined attitude to complete challenging tasks.

**YEAR 6:** **Kimbalee Gilmour** for excellent attention in Comprehension Groups, **Jordan Neeves** for working hard to master long division, **Emilia Peart** for attention to detail in writing tasks, **Trinity Zell** for showing resilience and initiative working with an injured hand and **Rydhah Whitehouse** for a terrific effort in Art activities.

### **WHAT’S ON**

#### **WEEK 8**

Friday, 20 March - Principals’ Meeting - **CANCELLED**  
 - Diocesan Winter Sports Trials - **CANCELLED**

#### **WEEK 9** *Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Reconciliation*

Monday, 23 March - School Photos - **POSTPONED**  
 - NAPLAN Online Practice Test – Years 3 and 5  
 Wednesday, 25 March - Annunciation Mass – Year 3 - 10:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, 28 March - St Joseph’s P & F Debutante Ball - **POSTPONED**

#### **WEEK 10**

Tuesday, 31 March - School Spelling Bee Finals – Years 3/4  
 Wednesday, 1 April - School Spelling Bee Finals – Years 5/6  
 Thursday, 2 April - Cross Country Trials  
 - Moorambilla Trials 1:00 – 3:15 p.m. – **CANCELLED**  
 Sunday, 5 April - Palm Sunday

#### **WEEK 11**

Tuesday, 7 April - P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, 9 April - Last Day Term 1  
 - Stations of the Cross (Years 3-6) – 12:30 p.m.  
 - Infants Easter Egg hunt  
 Friday, 10 April - Good Friday

#### **HOLIDAYS**

Saturday, 25 April - ANZAC Day March - **CANCELLED**

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** really enjoyed celebrating St Joseph’s Day. We had lots of fun outside playing games and singing happy birthday to St Joseph. A big thank you to Bec Volkofsky for making our delicious cakes. We finished our day with some Art activities where we painted and decorated our leprechaun and fish! This week in Maths we compared objects that were light and heavy, used positional language to describe the position of objects. We wrote some great stories about a mouse and used our sight words to help us. Keep reading everyone and have a great weekend.

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** A note went home on Tuesday explaining the use of Reading Eggs at home. We work on Reading Eggs in class and it is not compulsory to do at home. However, if your child is accessing the program at home it is important to remember that whilst they may need some assistance at times it is an individual program and something they should work through on their own. If you haven’t seen the note or have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. To celebrate St Patrick’s Day we read the book, “Clever Tom and the Leprechaun”. We completed a writing activity based on ‘I am lucky because...’ and created some pot of gold artworks. In Art we used our colouring, cutting and pasting skills to create some super cute giraffes. We had a fun time celebrating St Joseph’s Day today and enjoyed

watching Year 6 perform their dance. Thank you to Caitlin’s mum for our yummy cakes! Have a wonderful weekend

*Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 2** Happy St Joseph’s Day! Thank you very much to the Chandler and Ryan families who made our delicious cupcakes for today. We really enjoyed them and we got to play some fun games and do some ‘dryland’ dancing! Well done Year 6 on your funny performance! On Tuesday we learnt about St Patrick in Religion. In Maths we have been learning about bridging to 10, place value and 3D shapes. We have also been writing some fun narratives and looking at collective nouns in Grammar. It has been great to see our students striving to get their homework finished each week and being keen to read to us each morning. Have a lovely weekend.

*Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 3** has had another busy week. Today we enjoyed St Joseph’s Day by celebrating in a different way. We played some fun games out on the oval to celebrate this important day. Thank you to Mrs Haling for providing our delicious cakes. During Religion we have begun practising for our Mass next Wednesday for the Annunciation. We have talked about the important qualities of Mary and how she always did the will of God and said ‘yes’ to God’s call. It would be lovely if you could come along and join in our celebration. In Maths we have looked at subtraction patterns, halves, quarters, eighths and pyramids. During Text Types we started looking at the structure of an exposition and how we try to persuade our audience. We have come up with a little rhyme to remember our structure ‘Our Apples Are Already Rotten’. Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling*

**YEAR 4** Happy St Joseph’s Day from Year 4. Thank you to the Gilmour, Davis and Johnson families for the awesome cupcakes. Even though we were initially disappointed with not being able to go to the pool for our St Joseph’s celebrations, we had a fantastic day at school participating in various dances and sporting activities. Well done to Year 6 for a great performance. For Art this week we discussed warm and cool colours and how to effectively use them to create impact. In Science we were impressed with the growth of our seeds and documented the progress. Students are completing their narratives about a futuristic school camp. Each story is quite intense and very interesting to read. We look forward to sharing them with you. Have a great weekend everyone.

*Mrs Jacquie Clark*

**YEAR 5** Thank you to our family and friends who joined us to celebrate St Patrick’s Day on Tuesday. Congratulations to our Junior Joey’s who received their badges today – what a great way to start our St Joseph’s Day celebrations! We then enjoyed some delicious cupcakes and we thank the Fiddes, Fong and Fuller families for baking them for us – they were very yummy! In History we have started a timeline of the development of democracy in Australia and in Science we are investigating animal adaptations. In Maths we drew 3D shapes and answered questions based on the information provided in a picture graph. In Art we are creating pop art pictures, inspired by Roy Lichtenstein, of our favourite comic book characters. Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 6** What a fabulous week we’ve had in Year 6! In Maths we completed a Maths diagnostic test, revised measuring angles using a protractor and finding fractions of whole numbers. During Writing we have written some very interesting free choice procedures and our Grammar focus has been on using apostrophes of possession. In History we have continued to learn about democracy, federation and the constitution and we have had some stimulating discussions involving these concepts. Today we celebrated St Joseph’s Day with a beautiful Mass and then we entertained the school with our amazing ‘dryland’ synchronised swimming routine! Well done Year 6 on your enthusiasm, school spirit and great style!

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

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 20 March - Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd  
 Monday, 23 March - **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**  
 Wednesday, 25 March - Jade & David Zell  
 Friday, 27 March - Amii Marchant & Lorraine Hutchison

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 22 March - Dakotah Gilmour & Hope Jones-Copelin

