



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 1 Week 9

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### Thought for the Week

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life." John 3:16*

#### **EASTER MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

- Holy Thursday, 24 March** - Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.  
**Good Friday, 25 March** - Stations of the Cross – 11:00 a.m.  
- Liturgy of the Passion – 3:00 p.m.  
**Holy Saturday, 26 March** - Mass Gulargambone – 6:00 p.m.  
- Easter Vigil Mass – 8:00 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday, 27 March** - Mass – 8:00 a.m. – Tooraweenah  
- Mass – 9:45 a.m. – Gilgandra

***We wish everyone a happy and holy Easter break***

#### **HOLY THURSDAY MASS**

All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass tonight at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

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

'Winter Wonderland' was the theme for the 2016 St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball. Ten stunning debutantes and their handsome partners came down the red carpet to be presented to Matron of Honour, Mrs Elaine Gilmour and Parish Priest, Fr Martin O'Mahony. The hall was once again brilliantly decorated thanks to the hard work of Ball Secretaries, Meryl King and Melissa Welsh and their band of workers. A special thanks to Helen Naef for her amazing contributions to the decorations. Mrs Melinda Morris did a wonderful job as compere. The contribution to the night by so many of our school community was superb, from the hard working committee, to those who attended working bees, went to practices, helped decorate the hall and erect the marquee, prepared the food and served, worked on the bars and door, donated food, prepared food, organized light and sound, attended the ball and helped dismantle everything! This was a huge effort by a fantastic lot of helpers and our school appreciates the amount of time and effort that goes into such a successful evening.

#### **CHAIR COVER WASHING**

We need some volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball on Saturday night. There are 300 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

#### **DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

Congratulations to those Years 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst last Friday. Special mention to **Rhys O'Neill, Patrick Spora, Mason Fryers, Isaiah Gleadhill** (Under 11's Rugby League), **Jacob Wilson** and **Hamish Beveridge** (Under 12's Rugby League) and **Lachlan Riley** (Soccer) who were selected in the Possibles vs Probables matches. Congratulations to **Patrick, Mason** and **Lachlan** who were then selected in their respective Diocesan teams. They will now represent the Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Championships to be held next term.

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

A Diocesan Mass was held at St Patrick's Church Wellington last Saturday, 19 March to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Sisters of St Joseph in Penola, South Australia. School Captains and Vice Captains, James Ferguson, Ashleigh Carlow, Jett Grimshaw and Olivia Ferguson represented our school and we thank them for giving up their time to be part of this wonderful celebration. We are blessed to be a school founded by the Sisters of St Joseph and we thank all the Sisters for their amazing work.

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

As St Joseph's Day fell on a Saturday this year, we held our celebrations on Monday. The festivities began with a lovely Mass in St Joseph's Church. Following Mass we went to the pool where we enjoyed class parties in honour of St Joseph. After the parties the Year 6 leaders were superb as they entertained us with their synchronised swimming routine. Finally we all got to have lots and lots of fun on the ski biscuits. Wow, what a great day! Many thanks to the Foran, Temple, Skinner, Foster, Raglus, Whitehouse, Schier and Alchin families for lending us their ski biscuits.

#### **JUNIOR JOEY'S**

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 on Monday. Our new Junior Joey's are: **Tylah Anforth, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Laura Farragher, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Finn Marchant, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Rhys O'Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Oli Schier, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes.**

#### **SUPER SPELLERS**

Our school Spelling Bee Finals will be held next Tuesday, 29 March for Years 3 and 4 and Wednesday, 30 March for Years 5 and 6 at 11:20 a.m. Congratulations and good luck to these super spellers who have qualified for the school's finals. The Years 3 and 4 finalists include **Kate Woollams, Dylon Murray, Chloe Mudford, Rhys Bonnington, Sarah Temple, Jerome Woodrow, Camilla Beveridge, Bailey Wykes, Layney Godber, Jack Oehm, Molly Wilson, Oscar Spora, Alana Elsom** and **Hayden Ferguson** while the Years 5 and 6 contestants will be **Ella McAnally-Elwin, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Heidi Purvis, Amelia Murray, Jett Grimshaw, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Zac Ferguson, Finn Marchant, Harrison King** and **Will Fuller**. Well done to you all.

#### **GOOD LUCK WILL**

We wish **Will Spora** the best of luck as he competes in the 9 years 50 metres Freestyle at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush next Thursday, 31 March. Will will not only be representing St Joey's but also the Diocese of Bathurst. Congratulations Will!

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will be taken on Monday, 4 April. Each child has 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.

#### **KINDER COOEE VISIT**

Our Kinder class had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Cooe Lodge on Tuesday. The children sang songs, gave gifts and wished all a very happy Easter. Well done to all the children. Many thanks to Miss Bourke for organising the visit and to the helpers, Amanda Chandler, Alisa Eason, Jessica Whitehouse and Rachel Lacy.

### **STIG WEMYSS VISIT – YEARS 3 - 6**

Stig Wemyss is Australia's most loved narrator of audiobooks for children and young adults. He is particularly well known as the narrator of the wonderful Andy Griffiths and Paul Jennings books. His shows are wildly entertaining, cleverly irreverent and chocked full of fun. In keeping with the theme of the Andy Griffiths books, Stig explores the themes presented in many of the books through humour, acting and improvisation skills. He engages his audience and creates an excitement around literature, reading and listening. Underpinning everything Stig does in his shows is a desire to instill a love of reading and books. Stig will be entertaining our Years 3 – 6 students at Gilgandra Public School Hall at 12.45pm next Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **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.**

### **ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION** **(formerly Computer Skills Competition)**

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Digital Technologies Competition on Tuesday, 17 May for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition please complete the tear-off slip attached to today's About and return it to school together with the \$8.00 entry fee. Entries must be received at school by Monday, 4 April.

### **ROAD CLOSURE – ENTRANCE TO ST JOSEPH'S**

Gilgandra Shire Council has advised us that Wrigley Street, between Wamboin and Dudley Streets (which is right at our school entrance) will be closed in the last week of term (4 April – 8 April) for the purpose of laying new pipes. During this week we would ask everyone to use either the Dudley Street gate, the Noreen Street gate or the driveway on the Wrigley Street entrance to enter the school.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Scarlett Chandler** for beautiful writing in Sentence A Day, **Mason Evans** and **Riley Hutchison** for giving of their best when learning their sight words, **Makynli Hazelton** for contributing to discussion during shared reading, **Sophia Peart** and **Toby Davis** for giving of their best with their handwriting and **Vaughan Zell** for his confidence during News. **YEAR 1:** **Tom Staggs** for answering tricky questions in Library, **Stuart Wheatley** for trying hard to complete his work, **Ryan Cox** for trying hard in Spelling and **Darron Mulligan** for writing a great response about 'Hunwick's egg'. **YEAR 2:** **Jessie Riley** for a super effort in Grammar, **Ryder Ryan** for great work in Spelling, **Grace Tancred** and **Ryda Whitehouse** for a fantastic effort in Spelling and Sentence A Day and **Alex Gaff** for being a settled and independent worker. **YEAR 3:** **Nick Gale** for asking intelligent questions in Maths, **Billie Allan** for speedy times tables, **Harry Mudford** for excellent contributions to class discussions and **Mattea Purvis** for a positive and focused approach to learning. **YEAR 4:** **Emma Durrant** for writing an entertaining narrative about the Bunyip, **Bailey Wykes** for expertly using the jump strategy to add and subtract, **Isaiah McKenzie** for painting a fantastic Bunyip and **Dylen Murray** for top work identifying and describing parallelograms and trapeziums. **YEAR 5:** **Laura Farragher** for an improved effort in her handwriting, **Will Gaff** for reading his Literacy Pro novels with great enthusiasm and **Jessica Scholte** for always being willing to help out in the classroom. **YEAR 6:** **Jett Grimshaw** for excellent work with millimetres and centimetres, **Lachlan Riley** and **Abby Tate** for writing wonderful information reports and **Laura Smith** for fabulous work during Art.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 9**

Friday, 25 March - Good Friday

#### **WEEK 10 - Year 3 Reconciliation**

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 – Will Spora

- Stig Wemyss – Gil Public School (Years 3-6)

#### **WEEK 11**

Monday, 4 April - School Photos

- The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6 April - Grandparents Day

Thursday, 7 April - School Cross Country Trials

Friday, 8 April - Last Day Term 1

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week Kindergarten visited the residents of Cooee Lodge, delivering Easter cards and entertaining them with songs the children have learnt this year including 'Little Peter Rabbit', 'This Is Our School' and 'Down in the Jungle'. We also had a great day on St Joseph's Day and a big thank you to Mrs Gale for our delicious cakes. Our sound next week is 'Rr'. During Maths Warm Up we have been learning the months of the year and the names of the seasons. We also revised the concept of halves. In History we learnt what Dreamtime stories are and what we can learn from these stories. In Science we brainstormed what we wear on our feet and our bodies when it is raining. We also drew pictures of what we could use if it is raining. Just a reminder to students to please bring in a paint smock for our paint activities during Art. I'd like to wish everyone a happy Easter and long weekend. Take care. **Miss Belinda Bourke**

**YEAR 1** What a wonderful start to our week celebrating St Joseph's Day. A big thank you to Amanda Duffy for making and decorating our delicious cup cakes. In Religion we have been recalling the events of Holy Week and completed our portfolio task. We brainstormed lots of Easter words and used them to write a story. Our focus in Maths this week is odd and even numbers, 3D shapes and halving a collection of objects. Mrs Clarke took us for a walk around the playground to investigate objects that were natural to our environment and those that were man made. We have enjoyed discussing what families in the past used in their daily lives and how the roles and responsibilities of family members has changed over time. Some of us are very grateful we don't have to milk the cow, chop the wood and walk miles to school each day! Happy Easter everyone! **Mrs Alison Newstead**

**YEAR 2** It was a wonderful celebration on Monday for St Joseph's Day. We all enjoyed a lovely Mass and then we had a great afternoon at the pool. Thank you to Kristy Gale, Leesa Gilmour, Amy Spora and Paula Purvis for our cakes! The Year 6 students were sensationally synchronised in their dancing performance! Thank you Year 6 and Mr Mus for helping us 'ride the wild seas' on the ski biscuit! It's been a lovely week learning about Holy Week and Easter. We've also made great Easter craft bits and pieces. Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed next week. **Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey**

**YEAR 3** What a wonderful day we had for our St Joseph's Day celebrations. A very big thank you to Mrs Gale for cooking all our delicious and colourful cupcakes! Year 3 has been busy learning about the purpose and structure of expositions and we wrote a class exposition titled: "Homework Should Not Be Banned!" During Maths we have been practising our 3x and 4x tables and looking at interpreting data on picture graphs. During Religion we have begun preparations for our class Mass and reflected on the events of Holy Week. We wish everyone a happy and holy Easter. **Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris**

**YEAR 4** has been busy learning about adverbs in Grammar this week. We have written a recount of St Joseph's Day and a procedure titled "How to Tie Dye". During Maths we revised our seven times tables along with fifths and tenths. We have also spent time drawing various 3D shapes. Our focus in Religion this week has been the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Week. Thank you to everyone who returned their Project Compassion box. Have a Happy Easter! **Miss Phillipa Smith**

**YEAR 5** What a great lead up to Easter we have had this week. To start the week we celebrated a fantastic St Joseph's Day Mass where we received our Junior Joey's badges. Thanks to the Schier and Anforth families for providing us with our yummy cakes for our celebrations at the pool. In Maths we have been looking at picture graphs and even created our own, while in Writing we have been polishing off our discussion writing and trying to produce a completed piece within a time frame. In Religion we have also spent time reflecting on the Stations of the Cross with the other primary classes. Have a safe and enjoyable Easter. See you next week.

**Mr Tim Keady**

**YEAR 6** What a wonderful day we had celebrating St Joseph's Day! Well done Year 6 for such a great synchronised swimming performance! A big thank you to Jane Westwood for cooking the cupcakes for our celebration. In the classroom we have been learning about 3 dimensional shapes and addition and subtraction strategies. Our Grammar focus has been on contractions. Year 6 is very excited as we are preparing for our Grandparents Day performance, it's all looking magnificent so far. I hope everyone has a safe and restful Easter weekend. **Mr Damien Soares**

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 25 March – Good Friday

Monday, 28 March – Easter Monday

Wednesday, 30 March – Julie Marchant

Friday, 1 April – Nicole Chapman & Katherine Gaff

#### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 27 March – Pat Spora, Zac Ferguson, Olivia Newstead, Amber Tarrant