



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 1 Week 9

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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**

"The Roaring 20's" was the theme for the 2017 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, Kathy Reynolds and Parish Priest, Fr Martin O'Mahony. The hall was once again brilliantly decorated thanks to the hard work of Ball Secretaries, Marilyn King, Melissa Welsh and Mandy Musgrave and their band of workers. A special thanks to Helen Naef for her amazing contributions to the decorations. Mr Damien Soares 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 250 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

#### **SENSATIONAL SPELLERS**

Congratulations to our sensational spellers who competed in the St Joey's Spelling Bee Finals held this week. The audience was amazed at the students' super spelling. Well done! Special mention to **Michael Ibe** and **Alana Elsom** in the Years 3/4 section and **Jennifer Ibe** and **Bradley Kilday** in the Years 5/6 division. **Michael, Alana, Jennifer** and **Bradley** will now represent Joey's at the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held in Wellington on Thursday, 1 June.

#### **JUNIOR JOEY'S COOEE VISIT**

Yesterday at lunch time the Junior Joey's donned their badges and walked to Cooe Lodge. During their visit they read books and had a good chat with the residents. The visit was enjoyed by young and old and is a great opportunity for the children to demonstrate their compassion and care to others.

#### **APRIL P & F MEETING**

The April P & F Meeting will be held this Tuesday, 4 April at 7:30 p.m. in the staffroom at school. So pop the date in your diary and come along, everyone is always most welcome.

#### **KINDER COOEE VISIT**

Our Kinder class will visit Cooe Lodge next Wednesday, 5 April at 11:00 a.m. bearing gifts. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spread some Easter cheer.

#### **YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CACTUS WORLD**

This term during Science we have been learning about deserts. As part of this unit we will be visiting Cactus World next Wednesday, 5 April. During this term we have been learning about cacti and other plants and how they survive and thrive in extreme conditions.

#### **SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Training for the school cross country has commenced. Cross country is for any students in Years 3-6. Nine and ten year olds run 2 kilometres while eleven and twelve year olds run 3 kilometres. The Joey's trial will be held next Thursday, 6 April at 11:20 a.m. The Diocesan Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 2 May.

#### **PORTFOLIOS**

All children will take home their Term 1 Portfolios next Friday, 7 April. We encourage all families to take the time to look at the children's work. All portfolios need to be returned to school early next term so the Term 2 work can be placed in them.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday, 24 April**

We will be having a pupil free day on the first day of next term, that is, Monday, 24 April. During this day the staff will analyse the document 'Staying The Course With Formative Assessment in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Bathurst', reflecting on current practices at our school. An emphasis will be placed on exploring assessment for teaching and learning. Further to this, staff will develop assessment tasks for each stage in Comprehension. Therefore school will resume for all students on Wednesday, 26 April.

#### **ANZAC DAY**

Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and an invitation is extended to all students from Years 2-6 to represent our school on ANZAC Day. St Joseph's has traditionally had a fantastic representation at this march and hopefully as many students as possible will give up an hour or so of their time to represent their school on such an important occasion and show respect for those who served our country. **Children need to assemble in Bridge Street at 10:30 a.m. or they could come to Mass at 9:00 a.m. after which I will walk them down to Bridge Street.** The march will proceed down Bridge and Miller Streets to the War Memorial for the service at 11:00 a.m. Students are required to wear full summer uniform. If any parents have a special request for any Kinder or Year 1 children to march, please contact the office and I'm sure there will be no problems.

#### **MOORAMBILLA WORKSHOPS**

As advised last week, the Moorambilla Workshops that were to be held last Tuesday at the Gilgandra Public School had to be postponed due to Artistic Director, Michelle Leonard, contracting chicken pox. The organisers have now decided that they will now hold a workshop here at St Joey's on Wednesday, 26 April at 2:00 p.m. As the workshops will be held here, all students from Years 3 to 6 will attend.

#### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL COORDINATOR**

Thank you to Rachel Lacey to has offered to take on the role of coordinator for the Mother's Day Stall this year. Each year parents are asked to donate gifts which the children can then purchase at the Mother's Day Stall. The stall will be soon after the school holidays this year, so why not start buying and creating now! Your contributions can be sent in at any time and left at the school office. ***If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated.*** The Mother's Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it gives the children the opportunity to bring in their own money to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves. Prices at the stall range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

#### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

At the beginning of Lent a Project Compassion box was sent home to each family. Project Compassion is a Lenten program that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. We hope that whenever you've been emptying your pockets you have been able to drop a few coins into your Project Compassion box. Your donations could go towards improving health and education or aiding an emergency crisis somewhere in the world. ***Send your boxes back to school during next week so that we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass.*** Please encourage your child to give to this worthy cause as it is a wonderful opportunity for children to share what they have with those less fortunate.

#### **HOLY THURSDAY MASS**

All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy

Thursday Mass on Thursday, 13 April at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

### **ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION**

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Digital Technologies Competition on Tuesday, 23 May for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition, please complete the note that was attached to last week's About and return it to school together with the \$9.00 entry fee. Entries must be received at school by Monday, 3 April.

### **GILGANDRA JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Registrations for Junior Basketball will be held on Wednesday, 5 April at the Youth Club from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Junior Basketball is played on Friday afternoon and will commence in Term 2.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Elsie Mudford** for always bringing in great objects for our sound table, **Matilda Tancred** for writing a great story about St Joseph's Day, **Amity Henry** for making a fantastic paper plate fish, **Clayton Wheatley** for a super illustration of his favourite part of 'Itsy Bitsy Spider', **Elsie Adams** for lovely illustrations of things she does in the morning and afternoon, **Callan Tobin** for a great job blending sounds together to read words, **Ruby Ryan** for listening carefully to all instructions, **Caine Bugmy** for putting his hand up to answer questions and **Cooper Lummis** for lovely illustrations of how a shepherd protects his sheep.

**YEAR 1:** **Ava Lacey** for writing an excellent recount about St Joseph's Day, **Violet Whitehouse** for great work in Grammar, **Lara Younghusband** for being a super classroom helper and **Vaughan Zell** for great expression when reading.

**YEAR 2:** **Amity Chapman** and **Riley Fiddes** for being great listeners during News, **Hudson Duffy** for working well in Problem A Day and Operations, **Brody Heffer** and **Emma Mills** for writing interesting narratives about pirates and **Tom Staggs** for great work in writing and spelling activities.

**YEAR 3:** **Brooke Woollams** for a wonderful narrative about 'The Haunted Library', **Charlie Zell** for his positive approach to all tasks, **Grace Tancred** for a super effort in Spelling and **Kimblee Gilmour** for her positive attitude towards all areas of her learning.

**YEAR 4:** **Billie Allan** for having outstanding handwriting in all subjects, **Mattea Purvis** for improved confidence when reading aloud in class and **Jett Tarrant** for working well with others.

**YEAR 5:** **Isaac Grimshaw** for working hard on new concepts in Maths, **Darcy Neeves** for working on being an organised member of Year 5, **Layne Godber** for always looking out for her peers and **Ry Heffer** for enthusiastic participation during Athletics.

**YEAR 6:** **Laura Younghusband** for excellent work with fractions, **Jessica Scholte** and **Anton Davis** for carefully painting your 'Starry Night' artworks and **Finn Marchant** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 6.

### **WHAT'S ON**

<b><u>WEEK 10 -</u></b>	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>
Tuesday, 4 April	- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 5 April	- Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
	- Year 5 Excursion to Cactus World - 11:45 a.m.
Thursday, 6 April	- Cross Country Trials – 11:30 a.m.
Friday, 7 April	- Last Day Term 1
Sunday, 9 April	- Palm Sunday

### **HOLIDAYS**

Thursday, 13 April	- Holy Thursday
Friday, 14 April	- Good Friday
Saturday, 15 April	- Easter Saturday
Sunday, 16 April	- Easter Sunday
Monday, 17 April	- Easter Monday

### **TERM 2**

#### **WEEK 1**

Monday, 24 April	- Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 25 April	- ANZAC Day
Wednesday, 26 April	- Students resume for Term 2
	- Whole school Mass – 9:00 a.m.
	- Moorambilla Workshops – 2:00 p.m. – Years 3-6 at St Joey's
Friday, 28 April	- Polding Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst - Pat Spora, Mason Fryers, Rhys O'Neill, Isiah Gleadhill

#### **WEEK 2**

Tuesday, 2 May	- Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
Wednesday, 3 May	- First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 4 May	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 5 May	- Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** has enjoyed reading "Hey Diddle Diddle" this week. The children have labelled images from the rhyme and completed a close passage by selecting the correct word to complete the sentence. During Writing we've started to use handwriting lines in order to improve the formation of our upper and lower case letters. During Mathematics we have filled in the missing numbers from 1-10, used images to assist us in taking away numbers and collected data of our favourite coloured teddy bear. We have also completed a number of portfolio tasks and the children are very excited to show you all they have been learning this term. Our 'd' artwork this week is a patty cake dinosaur. Our sound next week is 'r'. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** This week Year 1 has enjoyed reading our new Mem Fox book called "Hunwick's Egg". We tried to guess what we thought was inside the egg - you'll never believe what it was!!! We researched some information about the cute little bilby, "Hunwick" and found out it is an endangered Australian marsupial who loves to sleep in burrows and eat termites! In Maths we have been practising adding, working out half of a collection and completing our portfolio task. We are nearing the end of Lent and trying hard to keep our Lenten promises. We know that Jesus loves us very much and He is always there when we need a helping hand. There will be no homework next week. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** has been busy exploring pronouns, nouns and verbs in Grammar and investigating words with 'ck' in them. We finished our Literature unit on "The Pirate Cruncher" and drew some magnificent pictures of the sea monster. In Art we began some work on Easter, whilst during Maths we examined chance, data, fractions and division. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Thank you to all our families and friends for joining us today for our class Liturgy. Congratulations to all the students for your reverent participation especially when receiving your candle which marks the beginning of our journey to First Holy Communion next term. As part of our ICT lessons the class learnt how to insert a table into a word document as well as text for our English portfolio task. In Grammar we are still investigating verbs – saying and thinking and using the 'rule of 2' in our spelling when doubling the last letter before adding a suffix. In Art we completed our hot air balloon activity and are looking forward to some Easter craft next week. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** This week in Year 4 we have been looking at the split strategy and multiplication strategies during our Maths lessons. In English we published our description on the Pixar movie, "Partly Cloudy" before getting started on a new description about the class Project Compassion box. We were entertained on Monday and Wednesday listening to the Joey's super spellers – well done to everyone on getting into the finals, you were fantastic. Mrs Colwell has been busy with us doing experiments on heat to finish off our unit while in Religion we have focused on how people feel during different situations. Looking forward to a very busy final week for the term. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** has finished reading our class novel, "The Donkey Who Carried The Wounded". We thoroughly enjoyed reading this book by Jackie French especially her creative use of imagery to make her writing more descriptive. During Grammar we have been focusing on simple and compound sentences and in Maths we've looked at equivalent fractions and finding the circumference and area of a circle. During Religion we've completed our portfolio task based on Holy Week and ANZAC Day. The Junior Joeys enjoyed their first trip to Cooee Lodge and did a fabulous job reading books and chatting to the residents. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** This week in Maths we have revised five digit addition, number patterns and three dimensional shapes. Our Grammar activities have focused on using the apostrophe for contractions. We have discussed writing book reviews about our class novel, "Stormbreaker". We have looked at some examples and discussed their structure. In Art we finished our 'Starry Night' artworks for our portfolios and they look great! Keep up the excellent work Year 6! *Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 31 March – Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs  
Monday, 3 April – Shalyn Chandler & Sally Temple  
Wednesday, 5 April – Greg King & Meryl King  
Friday, 7 April – Nikki Church & Kristy Cosier

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 2 April – Marshall Fairey, Molly Fairey, Isaac Grimshaw, Jett Grimshaw