



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

You may not know what is going to happen when you try.  
But if you do not try, nothing will happen! Keep trying!

#### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

In what has been a most extraordinary term, our school wishes to thank our whole community for their support, care and understanding during this most unique time. We hope all our students and their families enjoy the school holidays which commence tomorrow, **Friday, 3 July**. We all look forward to returning to school for Term 3 on **Monday, 20 July**.

#### **RETURN AND EARN**

Year 6 has decided to participate in the 'RETURN and EARN' program here at school. They are encouraging students to recycle drink containers whilst earning funds for our school. Most drink bottles, cans and poppers are accepted providing they are empty, have the label attached and are in good condition (not crushed or broken). Any large milk, juice or cordial bottles are not refundable. So if you have any at home that you would like to contribute please send them in. This is a great initiative by our Year 6 leaders and we thank them for promoting it at school.

#### **SCHOLASTIC ARCTIC ADVENTURE BOOK FAIR!**

A blizzard of books is arriving at Joey's in Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3. There will be *snow* much to see and read at the Book Fair. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend this year but students will visit the fair in classes and explore the books on offer. They will be able to make a 'Wish List' to take home for parent approval. Cash and card payments may be made. After purchase, books will be sent home with the children. If books are intended as gifts, please let us know on the wish list form or contact the school. Every purchase you make will earn more books for our school library. We thank you in advance for your support of this event and happy reading because a book is a dream that you hold in your hands.

#### **LIBRARY – OVERDUE BOOKS**

There are still many books overdue from the library from Remote Learning! A list of overdue books for each child was sent home last week. Could all families please look for these books and return them to school. If you think that the books have already been returned, please make a note on the overdue slip and return it to school.

#### **ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2021**

Enrolments for our Kinder class of 2021 close *tomorrow, Friday, 3 July*. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please telephone or email the school and we can post or email an enrolment package to you.

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#### **YEARS 5 & 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

The Years 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion has been postponed and will now proceed from Monday, 16 November to Wednesday, 18 November. The postponement was necessary as overnight excursions are currently not permitted, many attractions are not taking school groups and parents are not allowed to attend. We have all viewed the November itinerary and it looks amazing. We can't wait!

#### **CANCELLED / POSTPONED ACTIVITIES**

As we are all aware, many school activities have been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. At this stage all Regional, Diocesan, Polding and NSWPSA sporting carnivals have been cancelled. Hopefully the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials will still go ahead on 12 November. As for school events that have had to be postponed, we will endeavour to still conduct as many of them as possible. We will send a term planner home with the first About next term and see how we go!

#### **SCHOOL CANTEEN NEXT TERM**

For the first week back at school in Term 3 the canteen will continue as it was in Term 2 with only pre-packaged plain large pies, large sausage rolls, packets of chips and drinks being available to order for lunch. During Week 1 we will review the situation regarding COVID-19 restrictions and detail any changes to the canteen in the school About.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE – TERM 3**

Just a few reminders regarding COVID-19 restrictions in Term 3.

**Good Hygiene** – School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:-

- regularly washing hands;
- avoid sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

**School Attendance** – All students should be at school unless:-

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe; or
- they are currently unwell.

**School Activities / School Site Usage**

- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal.
- School assemblies are limited to 15 minutes and there are to be no external visitors.
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements.
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum.
- Day field trips to outdoor locations can proceed with no physical distancing requirements.
- School photos can take place.
- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations) can proceed.
- Inter-school student events and competitions can take place (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, etc).
- Parent/teacher meetings – **where these need to take place – strong preference for online** where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

**Physical Distancing** – Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment. **All adults** must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents. During school pick up and drop off parents are to physically distance from one another and from staff.

**For now these events are NOT PERMITTED**

- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events.
- Parent volunteers – eg. parent reading helpers.
- School based activities that involve large gathering of adults.

#### **SCHOOL ZONES REMINDER FOR END OF TERM 2**

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 2 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. School zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday, 3 July and resume on Monday, 20 July.

**GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS READING COMPETITION:**  
**"READING PASSPORT"**

Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Why not enter the Gilgandra Shire Library's Reading Passport competition? Pick up a passport from the school office tomorrow, **Friday, 3 July** or at the Gilgandra Shire Library and get reading! You will need to get a parent or carer to sign off on your passport for each ten minutes you have spent reading. There are twelve boxes in the passport, so once you've completed all of them, you will have read for a total of two hours. Bring your completed passport to the Library by Friday, 31 July and you will receive a special reward! This competition is open to everyone under the age of 19 years. For children under the age of 6 years, time spent being read to counts too. For more information, phone the Library on 68178877, or email [library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

**GILGANDRA YOUTH SERVICES**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM**

Gilgandra Youth Services is running some fantastic activities during the school holidays for children aged 10 years and over, including painting, jewellery making, video game competition, cupcake decorating, custom t-shirt designing and a movie day. We shared the full program on the School Stream App on Tuesday. Please note that the Youth Centre is enforcing the building capacity of 20 people at any one time and as such bookings are essential. Consent forms may be collected from the school office tomorrow, **Friday, 3 July** or by contacting the Youth Centre on 6817 8798 or email [gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Hugo Campbell** for always "Giving Of His Best", **Rose Howard** for illustrating her work with care and beautiful detail, **Dusty Jordan** for happily attempting to write stories using elaborations, **Lleyton Lummis** for working hard in MiniLit, **Nate Temple** for becoming more confident to 'have a go' spelling tricky words in Story Writing and **Georgia Riley** for a great reflection of the 'Our Father' and what the prayer means to us today.

**YEAR 1:** **Hannah Meers** for neat handwriting in Sentence A Day, **Darcy Adams** for reading with great expression, **Estelle Hazelton** for working hard in Comprehension and **Tex Mudford** for being a quiet and conscientious student.

**YEAR 2:** **Oli Chandler** for reading with beautiful expression, **Bayley Dent** for listening carefully and finishing work in a timely manner in Maths, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for great enthusiasm in morning reading, **Tom McIsaac** for using strategies to correctly solve problems in Maths, **Harrison Newton** for happily sharing strategies to solve Maths problems with the class, **Oliver Peart** for wonderful work in Comprehension Groups and **Lucy Profke** for being a cheerful and cooperative member of Year 2.

**YEAR 3:** **James Lesslie** for always presenting neat and tidy bookwork, **Isla Volkofsky** and **Ruby Ryan** for writing fantastic discussions on why 'Too much money is spent on toys and games', **Jagger Hazelton** for working hard to write interesting sentences using adverbs and **Brodie Nichols** for writing a great prediction of what he thinks will happen next in "The Fantastic Mr Fox".

**YEAR 4:** **Mia Ferguson** for improvement in Lexile results, **Alexia Riley** for her positive and caring attitude towards all class members, **Makynli Hazelton** for her fantastic contribution to classroom discussions and **Sophie Gilmour** for persistence with challenging tasks and a cheerful approach to learning.

**YEAR 5:** **Mac Lesslie** for a super effort with fractions, **Maddi Peart** for working well in Comprehension, **Adison Thomas** for a determined effort in all areas, **Mitchell Fuller** for an enthusiastic attitude towards all activities and **Lucas Fong** for accuracy and fluency when reading.

**YEAR 6:** **Tahleigh Davey**, **Abigail Davis** and **Kimbaalee Gilmour** for outstanding results in Read Theory activities, **Blake Fairey** for producing a humorous electronic text incorporating bitmoji, **Ethan Morris** for creativity in producing an electronic text incorporating bitmoji and **Ella Mudford** for creativity in producing an electronic text.

**WHAT'S ON**

**WEEK 10**

Friday, 3 July - Last day Term 2

**TERM 3 - WEEK 1**

Monday, 20 July - First day Term 3

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Our final week of Kinder for Term 2 has been filled with lots of fun NAIDOC activities. We read the dreamtime story of "How the Kangaroos Got their Tails" and also "The Echidna and the Shade Tree". We wrote about a kangaroo in Story Writing and made a real life looking echidna in Art. During Maths this week we modelled equal groups, ordered numbers from 0 to 16, collected, displayed and interpreted data. We also sorted animals into different groups based on where they live. We say goodbye to our pet fish this week as we wrap up our Science unit about living and non living things. We have enjoyed taking turns feeding the fish and watching him move around his tank.

Kinder is very excited about our 'Return and Earn' recycling program. It's great to see our Year 6 buddies helping us to look after our environment. I hope everyone has a happy, safe and restful holiday.

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** We've been having plenty of fun in Year 1 this week. We used Google's augmented reality feature to take some photos of some unusual visitors to our school. The children had great fun posing for their photos and getting the exact position to make the image realistic. We will also write a story to go with our photos. We can't wait for you to see them! To culminate our History unit 'Past and Present Family Life' we played some old fashioned games. We played jacks, pick up sticks, marbles, memory and quoits. During Digital Technology with Mrs McIsaac we learnt about hardware and software before playing with the blue bots. We had great fun navigating them around the classroom. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the break.

*Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 2** Wow, this term has flown! We have had an enjoyable and busy time since we have all been back together at school. This week Year 2 has been writing expositions and improving their persuasive techniques. Students have finished off their Essential Assessments and we are so proud of the impressive results they have achieved! In Art we have created monsters out of the tissue boxes that everyone sent in. They look amazing! We have also looked at some 'Aboriginal Dreamtime' stories and made artworks based on these. We wish Ben and Joe all the best at their new home and school in Port Macquarie. You've been great classmates and we will miss you. Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!

*Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 3** Wow! Where has the term gone? During English this week we have been focusing on adverbs in Grammar and how they tell us when, where or how something is done, while in Text Types we have finished writing a discussion with a partner and presented our arguments in front of the class. We have continued to read our novel, "The Witches" and have been making predictions about what might happen next. Our spelling words are based around some of the Roald Dahl words from his novels. In Digital Technology with Mrs Thomas we looked at a new coding program called 'Blockly' where we use our coding skills to complete puzzles, mazes and musical tunes, while in Maths we completed the diagnostic review for the term as well as looking at trading in subtraction, division from multiplication, and angles. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all for Term 3.

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling*

**YEAR 4** Woohoo we made it! What an interesting Term 2 we all have had. In Year 4 we finally completed our class novel, "Nanberry". It was an emotional journey as Rachel sent Andrew to live with Surgeon White in England at the age of 6 followed by the exciting moment Andrew returns 23 years later. Our watercolour paintings have been completed and look beautiful. Mathematics this week has involved extensive work on time. We continue to work on our persuasive writing skills with some very interesting arguments for 'Treats to be included on Fridays'. During Religion we have been discussing compassion, empathy and God representing love. Have a restful and safe school holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

*Mrs Jacquie Clark*

**YEAR 5** This week in Spelling we are revising words from this term and in Grammar we are learning about adverbial subordinate clauses. In History we looked at the formation of the Upper House (Senate) and the Lower House (House of Representatives) and completed a research assignment on the main players in the Australian government. We are enjoying everyone's presentation of an information report about a planet and investigated averages in Maths. We completed work on a 'Bubble' optical illusion artwork and used water colour paints to complete a 'Starry Night' painting. I hope everyone has a wonderful restful holiday as we look forward to a busy Term 3.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 6** We have really enjoyed listening to Year 6 present their speeches this week. The standard of content and delivery was very high and we congratulate everyone on their hard work and enthusiasm. It was made extra exciting as we used the 'Wheel of Fortune' to randomly pick the order of students presenting their speeches! It is revision week in Spelling City and we have been enjoying reviewing our sounds and words in a variety of activities. During Maths we have learnt about vertically opposite angles, practised subtracting decimals and money and we also completed our Term 2 Diagnostic Test. Our Writing / Art task has continued with some impressive creations using Book Creator and Bitmoji and in Grammar we have been looking at similes and metaphors. A big thank you to Year 6 students for all your hard work and positivity this term. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and we look forward to a terrific Term 3!

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

