



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 10

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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

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. School resumes for staff and students on Monday, 22 July.

CEDARS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all the students for their participation, enthusiasm, skill and the sportsmanship displayed at the athletics carnival last Friday at McGrane Oval. Many thanks to the staff, parents, family and friends who organised and ran the carnival. A team will now be selected to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next term. Congratulations to Cedars who are the 2019 champions.

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Joey's will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Wednesday, 31 July (Week 2 of Term 3). Participating schools will include St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Brigid's Coonamble, St John's Baradine, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St Mary's Dubbo, St Mary's Wellington and St Pius X Dubbo. Those students who will represent St Joey's will receive a note at the beginning of next term.

LOST PROPERTY FROM ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A grey knitted snood/scarf was found at McGrane Oval following last week's athletics carnival. If it belongs to you please collect it from the school office.

SISTER ROBYN'S 60th JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A beautiful Mass was celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Sunday to honour Sr Robyn's diamond jubilee as a Sister of St Joseph. Sr Robyn has dedicated her life to serving others. Her kindness, generosity, love, care, empathy, compassion and enthusiasm are admired and respected by so many. Congratulations Sr Robyn and thank you for your amazing contributions.

THANK YOU FROM SISTER ROBYN

I thank you all so much for making my day on Sunday so special. My heart was overflowing with love and gratitude to you all and our loving God for calling me to come to Gilgandra to live here among you all. A special thanks to Tony, Dominica, all St Joey's staff and children, parents and friends and the beautiful choir of angels who sang at Mass. I'll never stop praying for you each day.

With much love – Sr Robyn McNamara

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We have had a most enjoyable time this week celebrating NAIDOC Week. On Monday we began with the national anthem, flag raising and welcome to country before cutting the NAIDOC cake. What made this even more special is that we used our new flagpole for the first time. The pole was donated by the Pearce family and constructed by Rob Murray. We are most grateful to have this pole and are appreciative of the vast contributions made to St Joey's by the Pearce family. On Tuesday the whole school celebrated with a beautiful Mass in St Joseph's Church followed by a scrumptious BBQ lunch. NAIDOC week is an important time to celebrate indigenous Australians. A big thank you to Nunka, Marg, Tiger, Rainbow and all their helpers. It is greatly appreciated.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

It was great this morning when all the Year 4 students as well as Miss Giffin, arrived at school dressed superbly in their early settlers' clothes. We all enjoyed a beautiful morning tea before the children spoke about their fantastic huts. Congratulations Year 4 – your huts were spectacular. Many thanks to all those parents, family and friends who joined Year 4

for another wonderful 'hut day'. The huts may now be picked up from school as soon as convenient.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who have come to school this week to meet with the teachers. Working in partnership is a vital part of each child's education and we value your input.

PEACHEY SHIELD FINALS

We wish our Years 5/6 rugby league team the best of luck tomorrow, Friday, 5 July when they play in the finals of the David Peachey Shield in Dubbo. The team has trained really well and we congratulate them on reaching the finals. Our team consists of: **Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Nick Tancred, Hayden Ferguson, Nick Gale, Ben Standing, Elten Walker, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Will Younghusband**

FAREWELL MISS SMITH

Tomorrow will be Miss Smith's last day before she heads off on maternity leave. We wish Phillipa well and excitedly await the news of the new arrival! We are in the process of finalising the appointment of the new Year 1 teacher. We will provide full details of this appointment next term.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, 30 July (Week 2) in the school hall from 3.30 - 4.15 pm. There will be a wonderful selection of books for all ages including picture books, junior novels, non-fiction, budget buys and our very popular posters and novelty items. Catalogues will be sent home with your child during the first week of next term so that you can see some of the books that will be on offer. If your child is unable to attend the Book Fair after school, they may shop at lunch time and all books must be paid for on the day of the fair. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas

"ABC" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Thursday, 1 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Our Year 6 students have decided that 'ABC' will be our theme for this year's fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. Year 6 want you to use your sense of humour and imagination to come dressed as anything starting with the initials of your name. For example, if you child's initials are "T.B." they could come dressed as a Tigers supporter, a tennis player, a ballerina or Buzz Lightyear. The social will be held in our school hall on Thursday, 1 August (Week 2 of next term) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So get your thinking caps on for 'ABC'!

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Just a reminder that Applications for Enrolment for students in our Kinder class for next year need to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 5 July.

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

We have now received full details, including entry forms, for the St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran Horse Sports two day event to be held at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 August. **Entries close on Thursday, 15 August, so we would need the completed forms back at school by Monday, 12 August.** For those interested, please call in and pick up a copy of the entry forms or let Mrs Hodge know and she can email them to you.

GILGANDRA'S WINTER WONDERLAND

The launch event of 'Winter Wonderland' in Gilgandra will be held tomorrow Friday, 5 July from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m with the lights being turned on at 6:00 p.m. There will be a winter themed kids dress-up competition with Cooee Cash Vouchers being awarded to the winners in each category – 0 to 4 years and 5 + years. Judging will take place in the Gilgandra Community Plaza at 6:15 p.m. There will be food stalls, a kid's craft corner and face painting plus late night shopping.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY

Looking for something to do? Come to the Library for something good to read, or book in for one of these free workshops. (Book early, as places are limited to 12 in each session). For more information, please phone the Library on 6817 8877 or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au. Check out below what is on:-

Designs from Your Mind School Holiday Lego - lots of fun with LEGO for children aged 5-12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. From 2pm to 3.30pm on Tuesday 9 July, Thursday 11 July and Thursday 18 July.

3D Printing Workshop - learn how to design a 3D model and print with artist Andrew Christie. See live 3D scanning. Saturday 13 July. 12 noon-2pm for students aged 10-14 yrs, 2.30pm-4.30pm for students aged 15-18yrs. (Parental permission form must be completed).

Young Filmmakers Boot Camp

Learn how to make your own short film from start to finish with Dubbo Filmmakers. Saturday 20 July, 2019 10am-4pm. Open to ages 12-18yrs. Participants need to bring their own iPhone, iPad, android phone or tablet or other filming device, earbuds or headphones, cords to recharge the device and water bottle, snacks and lunch. Optional - a USB, to take copies of work produced home - 64GB recommended. (Parental permission form must be completed).

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Darcy Adams** for using interesting vocab in Story Writing, **Clancy Larkin** for super sounding out in Phonics, **Layla Walker** for sensational work paper chipping a penguin in Art and **Roxy Zell** for great work sharing equal groups in Maths.

YEAR 1: **Lucy Profke** for trying hard to write imaginatively in Story Writing, **Harry Thurlow** and **Connor Jones-Copelin** for making a great 'Bad Tempered Ladybug' and **Andrew Standing** for excellent work making and describing equal groups.

YEAR 2: **Elsie Adams** for a fantastic effort in home reading, **Amity Henry** and **Tilly Tancred** for reading with great expression and enthusiasm, **Jeremiah Woodrow** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations and **Ryder Larkin** and **Ben Mudford** for great listening in lessons about Gilgandra's history.

YEAR 3: **Riley Hutchison, Angus Johnson, Dimity Wykes** and **Kenedi Hazelton** for writing detailed and meaningful recounts of our First Holy Communion.

YEAR 4: **Eliza Larkin** for fantastic effort and results in Maths, **Stuart Wheatley** for making positive contributions to class discussions and **Jordan Wighton** for creating some fantastic artworks.

YEAR 5: **Abigail Davis** for having a mature approach to Year 5, **Beatie Davis** for great work in Problem A Day and Operations, **Sam Dunn** for improved confidence when working independently in Maths, **Dakotah Gilmour** for having a positive attitude towards her learning and **Grace Jones-Copelin** for trying hard in Maths Plus activities.

YEAR 6: **Lucy McIsaac** for completing detailed book reviews, **Jett Chandler** for reaching his reading goal this term - a whopping 5 novels, **Nick Gale** for proudly completing his first novel and quiz for the year and **Lucy Kilpatrick, Paige Gilmour** and **Grace Winter** for representing Joey's at Moorambilla.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

- Friday, 5 July - Peachey Shield Finals - Dubbo
- Last Day - Term 2

TERM 3

WEEK 1

- Monday, 22 July - First day Term 3
- Tuesday, 23 July - Whole school Tuesday morning Mass

WEEK 2

- Tuesday, 30 July - Book Fair
- Wednesday, 31 July - Western Region Athletics Carnival
- Friday, 2 August - Jeans for Genes Day

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER It has been another busy end to Term 2! It's hard to believe we are half way through the year! It has been lovely this week catching up with so many Kinder mums and dads at parent/teacher interviews. Thank you to Mr Pearce and all his family for the fantastic NAIDOC celebrations. We all really enjoyed the sausage sizzle and listening to Mr Pearce play the didgeridoo in our classroom. We read the Dreamtime story "How the Kangaroo Got Its Tail" and completed some stunning artwork. In Maths we have been sharing equal groups and organising objects into simple data displays and interpreting the data. We have revised our sounds this week and written some great weekend recounts. I hope everyone has a restful, safe and happy holiday. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 What a wonderful NAIDOC Week we have had. Year One enjoyed the flag raising and cake cutting ceremony along with the NAIDOC Mass and sausage sizzle to celebrate NAIDOC Week. We also listened intently as Mr Pearce came in and shared some stories about his culture and played the didgeridoo for us. During English we've continued exploring articles in Grammar and for phonics our focus has been on the 'er', 'ir' and 'ur' sounds. Our writing task involved writing about three things we enjoyed about school this term. During Maths we've been working on learning different strategies for addition and representing division by grouping into equal sets. Thanks to all those who came along to the parent/teacher interviews. It was great to touch base with you and please remember to get in contact if there is anything you'd like to chat about in the future. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

How quickly the year has gone. I've thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of your children again this year and I will miss not being here to see the growth and achievements they make by the end of the year. A big thank you to you all for the well wishes and gifts I've received. Have a safe and relaxing holiday. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 2 What a wonderful week of NAIDOC celebrations. We've read lots of Dreamtime stories as part of the literature focus and enjoyed dot painting and storytelling. In the classroom it's been a busy end to the term and Maths revision focused on division, flip, slide, turn and digital time. Thank you to all the parents who came to parent/teacher interviews, it was great to discuss your child's progress. Happy holidays everyone - see you in Term 3. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Wow! Week 10 already! Where has the term gone? During English this week we have been focusing on prepositions in Grammar and how they tell us positions. During our Literature unit we have continued to read our novel, "The Twits" and been discussing some of the nasty tricks that Mr and Mrs Twit have been playing on each other. We have begun revising the term called 'Bounce Back' and we have looked at ways to help us deal with the ups and downs of life and how we can bounce back. We enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC this week and thank Mr Pearce for organising such a great celebration. In class we created some NAIDOC artworks and we enjoyed listening to Mr Pearce share more about his culture. We also went to see the Year 4 huts and were very impressed. The children are already discussing how they will build their huts for next year! Thank you so much to all those who came in for parent/teacher interviews. What a fabulous term we've had! We hope you all enjoy a wonderful, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all for Term 3. *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 Wow! What a fantastic day we had today for Hut Day! Everyone looked wonderful in their early settler outfits. You all did such a great job presenting your speeches and your huts were amazing! Congratulations Year 4, you should all be extremely proud of yourselves! Thank you very much parents for bringing some morning tea and coming along to our special day. What an exciting way to end Term 2! We have also had some special activities for NAIDOC week which the students have been very engaged in. Thank you to all those parents who came for parent/teacher interviews. It was lovely to catch up and discuss your child's progress. We welcomed Maddie Peart to our class this week. We are so pleased to have Maddie as part of the Joey's family. It has been a busy term, but a great one! Have a safe and happy holiday everyone and I'm looking forward to seeing you all next term! *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 has continued to work hard this week. In PDH we have looked at perspectives and how people can have different points of view. During Maths we worked together in groups using a variety of hands-on maths resources. We have really enjoyed our NAIDOC celebrations this week and we thank Mr Pearce for all his hard work. We especially enjoyed listening to him share information about Aboriginal culture when he visited our class on Tuesday afternoon. It has been wonderful meeting with parents this week to discuss the progress of their children. We hope everyone has a fabulous holiday and we look forward to a fun filled Term 3! *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 The final week of term has been a blast! Year 6 has loved celebrating NAIDOC Week, especially the visit from Mr Pearce where we learnt more about Aboriginal Culture and the traditional values and beliefs of our local tribe. We are proud to raise the Aboriginal flag each day on our newly erected flag pole and have enjoyed the extra celebrations around the school. These included a NAIDOC Mass, a sausage sizzle and cake shared amongst friends and Aboriginal art activities in the classroom. We would also like to congratulate our singing superstars who represented Jokeys at Moorambilla and wish the students playing Peachey all the best for tomorrow! Thank you so much to all those who came in for parent/teacher interviews. Have a safe and wonderful holiday and don't forget your footy tips (or Miss Seaman might make it off the bottom of the ladder after all). *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 5 July - Sheree Staggs & Simone Fordham
- Monday, 22 July - Sarah Hickey & Lorraine Thurlow
- Wednesday, 24 July - Gai-Maree Younghusband & Amanda Chandler
- Friday, 26 July - Alica Heffer & Jo Lumms

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 7 July - Nick & Grace Tancred

