



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 2 Week 3

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### Thought for the Week

*A mother's arms are always open when a hug is needed. Her heart understands when it is time to be a friend. Her gentle eyes are stern when a lesson is required and her strength and love will guide and give her child wings to fly.*

*Happy Mother's Day to all our mums on Sunday!*

#### MOTHER'S DAY STALL Tomorrow, Friday, 8 May

Thank you to those who have donated items to our Mother's Day Stall this year. Just a reminder that the gifts range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and don't forget to send a plastic bag with your child to bring home their precious gifts.

#### HELPERS FOR THE STALL

If anyone can spare some time tomorrow to wrap last minute gifts and help man the stall, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Helpers are needed from 9:00 a.m.

#### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

All raffle tickets need to be returned to school tomorrow as the raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Mother's Day Stall. We would like to thank Shalyn Chandler of Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Kathryn Skinner Photography, Sally Beveridge and Mary Bennett who have kindly made donations towards the raffles.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RUGBY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Martin Fryers, Jye Day** and **Marshall Ryan** who represented the Bathurst Diocese in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Rugby League Championships held in Tamworth last Thursday. Special congratulations to **Martin** who was selected in the Under 11's Polding Rugby League team to play in the NSW PSSA Championships to be held in Tamworth next month and to Jye who was selected in the Possibles v Probables match. It is a fantastic achievement to reach such a high level of competition. Well done also to Mr Soares who coached the diocesan soccer team.

#### GILGANDRA SHOW DAY HOLIDAY

There will be no school next Wednesday, 13 May as this day is gazetted a holiday in Gilgandra for the show.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to the families from our school who contributed to this year's Project Compassion. We banked the sum of \$895.40 into the Project Compassion Account. A fantastic effort!

#### YEAR 6 MASS

Year 6 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 14 May at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome and morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

#### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is again being held this year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. The tests will be conducted in the areas of Language, including spelling, punctuation and grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. These tests will be conducted in Gilgandra on Monday, 18 May, Tuesday, 19 May and

Wednesday, 20 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

#### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Next Thursday, 14 May from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. all staff will be completing compulsory online training modules in the areas of Child Protection and Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment. This compliance training is important in ensuring that as employees of the Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office, the staff is aware of their legal and other obligations in the workplace. More importantly it guides the staff in interacting responsibly with colleagues, students and families.

#### FETE COORDINATOR DESPERATELY NEEDED

*Unfortunately we haven't as yet had anyone come forward to take on the job of fete coordinator.* This year's fete will be held on Friday, 30 October. The fete is a wonderful day for the children and a major fundraiser for the school so if you, or a group of people, are able to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

#### ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Monday, 15 June and Tuesday, 16 June for children for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter either one or both of these competitions please return the tear-off slip with today's About to school by next Friday, 15 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$17.00 for the writing competition and \$11.00 for the spelling competition).

#### CHAIR COVER WASHING

We are still looking for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. So come and get a dozen or so! It all helps.

#### ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE BATHURST

#### 2016 Enrolment Applications Are Now Being Accepted

Prospective, new and existing families, as well as old boys and their families, are invited to a dinner to be held at the Dubbo Golf Club on Saturday 16 May at 6:00 p.m. Join us and experience some Stannies hospitality. RSVP: Please phone the College on 63314177 by Tuesday, 12 May, for catering purposes.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 May at 7:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Hotel, Tooraweenah to assist in the organisation of fundraising for Stephanie Frewin who has been diagnosed and is undergoing chemotherapy for leukaemia. All ideas for fundraising are welcome. For further information contact Marion Schulz on 68481188 or email [marion.schulz@bigpond.com.au](mailto:marion.schulz@bigpond.com.au).

### MERIT AWARDS

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

**KINDER:** **Jaida Tarrant, Emma Mills, Lauren Thurlow and Hudson Duffy** for 'Giving Of Their Best' in creative writing.

**YEAR 1:** **Tahleigh Davey and Carter Chapman** for writing fabulous stories about "Grug", **Emilia Peart** for a fantastic effort in Spelling and Sentence A Day, **Blake Fairey** for being a speedy Maths wizard, **Alex Gaff** for a thoughtful story about ANZAC Day and **Grace Tancred** for great expression during poem practice.

**YEAR 2:** **Samantha Naden** for a super effort learning her sight words, **Ben Standing** for wonderful work in text types, **Ryley Smith** for trying hard when reading and **Sienna Marchant** for always 'Giving Of Her Best'.

**YEAR 3:** **Breanna Foster** for careful work in Problem A Day, **Dennis Gale** for working well with number patterns, **Jack Oehm** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 3, **Bailey Wykes** for completing all tasks to a high standard and **Dylen Murray** for trying hard to improve his exposition writing.

**YEAR 4:** **Tylah Anforth** for creating lovely artwork, **Rhys O'Neill** for working hard to gather information for an information report, **Will Fuller** for enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices and **Jack Purvis** for persistence when completing 3 digit subtractions with trading.

**YEAR 5:** **Aliza Purvis** for a cheerful approach to all tasks, **Mary Westwood** for always trying to improve her writing, **James Ferguson** for always contributing to discussions in Maths and **Heidi Purvis** for working hard on editing her writing.

**YEAR 6:** **Harry Spora and Will Sandford** for enthusiasm during poem practice, **Olivia Newstead** for asking questions to clarify understanding and **Stuart Larsen** for being a diligent and cooperative student.

### WHAT'S ON

**WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation**  
Friday, 8 May - REC Assembly  
- Mother's Day Stall

**WEEK 4**  
Wednesday, 13 May - Gilgandra Show  
Thursday, 14 May - Year 6 Mass -10:30 a.m.  
- Staff Professional Development – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 17 May - Ascension of the Lord

**WEEK 5 - Year 4 Reconciliation**  
Monday, 18 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5  
Tuesday, 19 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5  
Wednesday, 20 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5  
Thursday, 21 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition  
- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 20 May –  
Friday, 22 May - Principals' Conference  
Friday, 22 May - Author Visit – Gilgandra Shire Library  
Sunday, 24 May - Pentecost Sunday

**WEEK 6 - Year 3 Reconciliation**  
Monday, 25 May –  
Thursday, 28 May - AEW Conference  
Monday, 25 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.  
- Soccer Coaching Clinic – Paul Wade – 1:30  
Wednesday, 27 May - Qwestacon Touring Science Circus – Infants 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
– Primary 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Friday, 29 May - Polding Touch Football – Marshall Ryan  
- AP Meeting  
Sunday, 31 May - Trinity Sunday

### AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** In Kindergarten this week we have been reading "Lazy Mary". The students have been pointing out any sight words they see and have been taking turns to read the book. With our sounds this week we have been trying to think of words beginning with the sound of the week. Next week our sound is 'L'. A lot of the students have been sounding out their words and trying to hear the last sound in words they have been using. In Religion we have been discussing how Jesus wants us to live. There has been some great drawings to demonstrate this. As part of our HSIE cultural unit, 'Japan' we looked at the Japanese and Australian flags and the significance of the sun on the Japanese flag and the stars on

the Australian flag. In Creative Arts we made special cards for our mums and discussed how special our mums are. Along with the children, I would like to wish all the mothers a very happy Mother's Day. Take care - *Miss Bourke*

**YEAR 1** It was lovely to see so many people at our special Liturgy this morning. Thank you to family and friends who came along to help celebrate our marvellous mums. Well done Year 1 on your reverence and enthusiastic participation in church this morning. The portraits of your mums drawn in Art looked fantastic in the church. Year 1 has also been busy writing about why mums are so special. The text type focus has been procedures and the steps involved to make ANZAC biscuits were revisited. Last week the students had the opportunity to work with Mr Keady and Mrs Newstead on word processing on the computers. Have a wonderful Mothers' Day this weekend. Hopefully there will be some time for rest and relaxation! *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** This week we began investigating the spelling rule, "when two vowels go walking, the first vowel does the talking". We also enjoyed some water play in Science while exploring pushing and pulling. In Grammar we learnt more about verbs and used dictionaries to research tricky words from a monster book. During PDH we discussed reasons as to why we have rules and in Art we decorated a special surprise for our mums. We wish every mum a beautiful Mother's Day on Sunday. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 has been learning about contractions in Grammar. In Spelling we have been looking at the rule, 'i before e except after c'. We have been studying symmetry, chance and the jump subtraction strategy in Maths. In Science we have been learning about different materials and why they are used to protect different packages. We have also discovered the different materials from which our clothes are made. I hope all our Mums have a lovely day this Mothers' Day. *Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4** In Year 4 this week we have reviewed conjunctions by identifying them in sentences and selecting the correct conjunction to complete various sentences. In writing we have planned and written an information report about the Cooee March with particular focus on paragraph structure. During Maths we have counted by 10's and 100's, investigated equivalent fractions and explored and described patterns in tables. For HSIE we have looked at a map of Gilgandra, identified key places and landmarks and then listed our favourite places in Gilgandra. Have a lovely weekend and a wonderful Mother's Day. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 5** This week in Year 5 we have been completing the final touches to our CWA projects and they all look fantastic - well done to everyone who has brought them in so far. In Maths we have been looking at drawing some line graphs, multiples of numbers and cubic centimetres. We have also managed to write some very persuasive letters in our writing to convince someone to let us change our environment. In Grammar we have been investigating the different types of clauses in writing and identifying both subordinate and principle clauses - our new chant works well to help us remember this. Happy Mother's Day to all the mums on Sunday. Have great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** We began our HSIE topic on 'Gold' by investigating the features and value of this precious metal. During the unit we will learn about the history of gold in Australia. In English we have been writing poems focusing on features such as rhythm, repetition and rhyme. It has been quite challenging but the finished products are quite amusing. Our focus in Maths has been percentages, decimals and multiplying fractions. We have also been practising using the formula: 'half the base times the perpendicular height' to calculate the area of a triangle. During Religion we have been preparing for our class Mass – our theme is Love One Another and we are looking forward to the celebration next Thursday. We hope all the nans and mums get very spoilt on Sunday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 8 May – Roz Zell & Kristy Gale  
Monday, 11 May – Sally Oehm & Anna Mudford  
Wednesday, 13 May – Show Day Holiday  
Friday, 15 May – Suzanne Campion & Amy Spora

### ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 10 May – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis