



ABOUT

St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 2 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

If you want to feel rich just count all the things you have that money cannot buy.

TOGETHER IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE!

After approximately nine weeks of either COVID-19 isolation or school holidays we were finally able to reunite as a whole school on Monday and it was fabulous seeing so many happy, smiling faces! Now that we are back we need to ensure that we keep safe by using the good hygiene skills we have developed over this time and to make sure that we look after one another in the classroom, on the playground and at home because one of the greatest things we can ever do is to take care of each other.

A REMINDER OF OUR COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Drop Off – We ask that anyone who is dropping off their child in the morning either do so at the front gate or at the very least in the school square. **No parents are to go to the bag stands or classrooms.** All students will use hand sanitiser to clean hands on arrival at school using the mobile stands.

Pick Up – We ask that you please don't arrive before 3pm in the afternoon and that you may wait for your child at the front gate or when you come into the square we will get your child immediately. **If parents could start arriving shortly after 3:00 p.m.** so that all children who are being picked up have left the school before the end of school bell at 3:20 p.m.

Water Bottle - Children must bring a water bottle as using the bubblers is not permitted.

Illness - **No student is to be sent to school if they show cold or flu-like symptoms or are generally unwell. No parent should visit the school with an illness.**

Good Hygiene -

- Wash / sanitise our hands regularly for 20 seconds at a time.
- Catch coughs and sneezes and throw away the tissues.
- If you don't have a tissue use your elbow.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth.

SCHOOL CANTEN - **FURTHER CHANGES**

We have revised the days that the school canteen will operate to avoid any undue disruption to our support staff and classes. **The canteen will be open tomorrow, however commencing next week the canteen will only open for two days each week, being TUESDAY and THURSDAY and will be run by the office staff.** As previously mentioned, the canteen will only be preparing lunch orders. This means that the front canteen window will not be open and will therefore not be serving morning tea or other items during lunchtime. The **only items** available to purchase for lunch are:-

- Pre-packaged **PLAIN large pies** (NO cheese & bacon).
- Pre-packaged **large sausage rolls.**
- **Drinks as per Canteen Price List.** (Please note that we are no longer able to supply Focus Water.)

This means there will be no other food available to purchase, including party pies and party sausage rolls.

CLOTHING POOL – PLEASE PRE-ORDER

A reminder that no parents are to visit the clothing pool. Instead, please phone the office to place your order and arrange for payment over the phone. We will then send the clothing items home with your child. If this is not possible, please call into the office and advise Mrs

Hodge or Mrs Fuller what items of clothing you require and we will get them for you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A new date has now been set for our school photos, being **Tuesday, 18 August.**

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either via our school app, by phone or by note, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WHS REQUIREMENTS

As part of our WHS requirements, the office of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Bathurst and our school recommend that all volunteers complete the WHS Induction e-learning module online. If you wish to undertake this module please contact the school for the online instructions.

YEARS 5 & 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

All students in Years 5 and 6 received a note on Tuesday regarding this year's Canberra Excursion. The excursion is scheduled to take place from Tuesday, 21 July to Friday, 24 July, 2020, however due to COVID-19 there is a very strong possibility that the excursion may need to be postponed until November. A final decision will be made in Week 8. Please ensure you complete and return the tear-off slip to school by **Friday, 5 June.**

PHOTOS FROM HOME

Don't forget to keep sending in your photos from home schooling so that we can display them on our notice board. It is our intention to also place these in the Year Book. Even if you were at school during this time, still send us a picture of you doing something at home. It doesn't have to be school work. The more pictures we have the better!

PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent each year our families take home a Project Compassion box to raise money for Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia is the Catholic Agency that works to build a better world for the poorest of the poor in our 200 countries. Normally we would present our donations during Holy Thursday Mass. If you still have your Project Compassion box or would like to make a donation to this very worthwhile organisation, please send the box/donation to school no later than **Tuesday, 12 June.**

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

School banking has recommenced so don't forget to send your child's bank book to school each Tuesday. If anyone would like to start banking with the Catholic Development Fund, please let Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller know and we will send an application form home.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2021

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2021. 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. **Please note that this year applications close on Friday, 3 July.** Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au.

GILGANDRA YOUTH SERVICES BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is starting up again at the Gilgandra Youth Club from **Monday, 1 June** and will be held every school morning from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. A bus pick up service will continue to operate for those without transport. If pick up is required, please contact Gilgandra Youth Services on 0408 697 241. The breakfast club provides young people with the opportunity to eat a basic breakfast, have some physical activity and socialisation before attending school. For further information, please visit:

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au/Live/Community-Support-Services/Youth-Services.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back! It certainly is wonderful to have everyone in the classroom together again after such a long time. It was great to see all the hard work that was completed at home and a big thank you to everyone for their efforts. This week we have been completing a few assessments in Maths along with revising our sounds, sight words and story writing structure. We loved reading “Mrs Wishy Washy’s Farm” while hearing all about the animals’ adventure to the city! In Art we made colourful portraits of Mrs Wishy Washy and unreal umbrellas to brighten up our classroom. During History we drew pictures of the people who make up our family tree. This term in Religion we are completing the ‘Bounce Back’ unit and this week we discussed how important it is for everyone, young and old to always remember that “Before you speak, think and be smart because it’s hard to fix a wrinkled heart!”. Please continue reading each night and filling in the reading log as well. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 It was lovely to return to our school routine this week. We have been busy completing assessments. Our new Text Type focus is procedures. We have looked at the structure of a procedure and sequenced the steps involved in ‘How to Make a Jam Sandwich’. We also created a frog artwork and we will write the steps as a procedure. We’ve begun our ‘Bounce Back’ unit in Religion and looked at how important it is to be fair. We also read “Horton Hatches the Egg” and learnt about how important it is to be responsible. We all agreed that Horton was very responsible! Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 We have really enjoyed having all the Year 2 students back at school this week! It has been fantastic to get back in the swing of things in the classroom. This week we have focused on synonyms in Grammar and we have been writing free choice narratives. The students have been trying hard to write using the correct structure and to make their stories exciting! We have been learning about addition and subtraction strategies in Maths and completing Essential Assessments. We have also looked at the history of Gilgandra and created a timeline with important facts. We also began the Religion unit ‘Bounce Back’ and we compared similarities and differences between ourselves and our classmates. Don’t forget to please bring in any empty tissue boxes for our monster art at the end of the term. Have a great weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Wow! It has been so lovely having everyone back for the whole week! During Religion we have looked at a video from Clickview about the Easter story. Along the way the children were asked a number of questions about the Easter story. In Text Types we have written about what we are looking forward to now that we are returning to ‘normal’. There have been some interesting responses from visiting friends and family to waiting for the NRL football to return to the television. We have completed a Literacy Pro test to find our new Lexile levels and some children have made fantastic improvements. In Maths we have begun completing some online assessment tasks as well as looking at money, 4-digit numbers, pentagons and time. During Digital Technology with Mrs Thomas Year 3 began looking at coding. Firstly, we discussed all of the ways of keeping in touch with family and friends during isolation and then we began using the coding program ‘Lightbot’ on our Chromebooks. It was a lot of fun. Have a wonderful, restful weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 We have had a fantastic week in Year 4. Everyone is putting their final touches to their weekly project. I am looking forward to when each of the students will have the opportunity to share their research with the class. As a class we are settling back into the routine of class schedules well. In Maths we have been working on jump strategy for addition and subtraction. “Nanberry” has re-entered our lives and it is interesting discussing the confusion Nanberry is experiencing at the moment. Year 4 produced some in depth diary entries from Nanberry’s perspective. Have a restful weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week Year 5 revised synonyms and antonyms and looked at ‘hydra/hydro’ words in Spelling. We are continuing to write discussions with this week’s topic ‘Are Computer Games a Waste of Time?’. In History we explored the role of the Governor General, David Hurley, in the Australian Government and for Maths we investigated fractions on a number line. During Art we are putting the finishing touches on our sunflower drawings and have begun working on a Van Gogh class collage. Everyone is very keen to participate in sport tomorrow as we begin athletics training including long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 6 What an amazing week! Year 6 students are to be congratulated on the way they have adjusted to being back to school full time. In Maths we have continued our Essential Assessment and have been impressed with the way everyone has taken responsibility for their learning and positively sought assistance as to how they can improve their understanding of difficult concepts. We have also refreshed our understanding of 24-hour time, practised ordering fractions and addition and subtraction of 5-digit numbers. Our discussion writing topic this week has been “Should Animals Be Kept In Zoos?”. We have used Google Classroom to plan our text and we were able to give individual feedback directly into the document. There have been some strong arguments for and against the issue and we look forward to the finished piece of writing. We have revised our BOUNCE BACK acronym and it is great to see Year 6 finding ways to support each other and show empathy.

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