



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 2 Week 6

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### Thought for the Week

*The desire to succeed means nothing without the will to prepare.*

#### GOOD LUCK INDIVIDUAL EISTEDDFOD PERFORMERS AND VERSE SPEAKING CHOIRS

We wish all the following children the best of luck in the coming week as they perform an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod. To get up and perform on your own already makes you a champion.

Year 1 Poetry: Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Rydah Whitehouse, Trinity Zell

Year 2 Poetry: Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora

Year 3 Poetry: Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Emily Zell

Year 4 Poetry: Sophie Hassall, Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kilday, Olivia McClelland, Mackaylah Ross, Patrick Spora

Year 5 Poetry: Aliza Purvis, Laura Smith

Year 6 Poetry: Emilie Hassall, James Kilday, Harry Spora

Also best of luck to our fabulous verse speaking choirs. All the choirs are sounding absolutely beautiful. The timetable for next week is as follows:

**Wednesday, 3 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Section 5573 – Years 5/6** – Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 6 of 6 competitors), immediately followed by,

**Section 5572 – Years 3/4** – Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 2 of 5 competitors)

**Thursday, 4 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Section 5575 – Small Schools** (3 competitors)

**Section 5570 – Years 1/2** – Infants (we are competitor no. 8 of 8 competitors).

**Just a reminder that children are to wear full winter uniform which is as follows:**

**Girls:** Maroon box-pleat tunic, fawn shirt, school jumper, brown socks, black shoes.

**Boys:** Grey pants, blue shirt, school jumper, grey socks, black shoes.

**The cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student. If you haven't already paid, could you please send the \$5.00 in asap.**

#### OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

The children may come to school out-of-uniform next week on the following days so that their uniforms can be sparkling clean for the eisteddfod. Even though the Kinders aren't performing they can have an out-of-uniform day as well.

Tuesday, 2 June - Years 3 - 6

Wednesday, 3 June - Kinder - Year 2

#### SUPER SPELLERS

We wish our super spellers, Skye Bui, Finn Marchant, Kate Gilmour and Emilie Hassall the best of luck next Thursday as they take on the best in the diocese at the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held in Wellington. Go Joey's!

#### GOOD LUCK MARTIN

We wish Martin Fryers the best of luck as he takes on the best footballers in NSW at the NSW PSSA Under 11 Rugby League Championships to be held at Tamworth next week. Martin has been selected in the Polding team, a great achievement in itself. Well done Martin!

#### EAR BUS PROJECT – HEAR OUR HEART

The Ear Bus project, Hear Our Heart, will be visiting Gilgandra next week. If you would like your child to have their hearing tested could you please contact the office and fill in the permission note.

#### ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held next Friday, 5 June for those students who entered this competition.

#### ST STANISLAUS' COLLEGE BATHURST

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church - Sunday, 7 June – 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching. Our school community and parish are warmly invited to celebrate First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 7 June at 9:45 a.m. **It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.**

#### WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a working bee for Year 3 parents to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion next Friday, 5 June at 3:20 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

#### ROLL MARKING – UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school it is important that you let us know either by phone, or in writing, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. The children have been reminded to bring in notes for absences and we would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

#### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A note went home last week with the eldest child in each family regarding parent/teacher interviews which will be held during the last week of term, on Monday, 22 June, Tuesday, 23 June and Wednesday, 24 June. If you require an interview with your child's teacher, and I strongly urge that you do, please fill in the preferred day and time on the tear-off slip and return it to school by Friday, 6 June. Interviews will be held from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and are set at 15 minute intervals. If you do not require an interview, please tick the appropriate spot on the tear-off slip and return it to school. Interview times have been organised for those who have sent their notes back. An interview slip will be included with your child's reports when they go home on Friday, 19 June. If you would like to find out prior to this date the time and date of your interview, please contact the office.

#### ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2016

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2016. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please call in and pick up an enrolment form. **Please note that this year applications close on Friday, 26 June.**

#### SEVERE ALLERGIES

We are always trying to keep the children safe. Those with severe food allergies need special help by the whole school community. Please be aware that some children at St Joseph's School have severe allergies to peanuts.

#### SPORTING SCHOOLS

Sporting Schools, formerly known as Active After Schools, will again be running for the last four weeks of this term, each Tuesday, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Therefore all students are invited to attend Sporting Schools commencing this Tuesday, 2 June. A light afternoon tea will be provided. Basketball is this term's sport and our teacher's aide, Mrs Margie Stewart, will coordinate the activities. Children may remain in their school uniform or change into other clothes.

#### CHAIR COVER WASHING – 50 TO GO!

We are still looking for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. There's only 50 left, so come and get a dozen or so! It all helps.

#### EAR BUS PROJECT WOOL DRIVE

Just a reminder that wool drop offs for the Ear Bus Project's Wool Drive can be made at Ag-n-Vet Gilgandra, with Bruce and Rachel Kirsop the people to contact on 68483559.

We have received a number of Enrolment Information Packages for 2016 from St Stanislaus' College Bathurst. If anyone would like a package, please see Mrs Hodge.

### MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Abbie Skinner** for always 'Giving Of Her Best', **Darron Mulligan** for trying hard in counting, **Jonas Naden** for sharing on the playground and **Jessica Ibe** for being a considerate member of Kindergarten. **YEAR 1:** **Sienna Zell** and **Brooke Woollams** for beautiful neat work in Religion, **Jessie Riley** for trying hard in Maths, **Eva Bonnington** for great research on news topics, **Sienna Horne** for a big improvement to 'sound out' hard words and **Sam Dunn** for writing a great recount about yabbing. **YEAR 2:** **Jett Tarrant** for trying hard in all areas, **Nick Tancred** for always 'Giving Of His Best', **Ava Meyers** for a fabulous monster poem and **Elten Walker** for a super effort in Maths. **YEAR 3:** **Richard Glover** for a terrific effort during eisteddfod practices, **Isaiah McKenzie** for a consistent effort to improve his writing, **Chloe Mudford** for always having a high standard of bookwork, **Jacob Harland** for asking questions to clarify understanding and **Oscar Spora** for showing great sportsmanship during sport. **YEAR 4:** **Heidi Holland** and **Tylah Anforth** for using great computer skills to create advertisements for their chosen sports, **Finn Marchant** for writing a top opening statement for his exposition and **Patrick Spora** for fantastic work on equivalent fractions. **YEAR 5:** **Ashleigh Carlow** for working hard during Maths Operations, **Tom Durrant** for working hard to include challenging words in his writing, **Abby Tate** for great enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices and **Jacob Wilson** for always being willing to help others. **YEAR 6:** **Milla Banks**, **Alex Beveridge**, **Martin Fryers** and **James Kildey** for writing fabulous summaries of 'Cats On The Roof'.

### WHAT'S ON

<b>WEEK 6 -</b>	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>
Friday, 29 May	- Polding Touch Football – Marshall Ryan
	- AP Meeting
Sunday, 31 May	- Trinity Sunday
<b>WEEK 7 -</b>	<b>Eisteddfod Week</b>
Tuesday, 2 – Thursday, 4 June	- PSSA Under 11 Rugby League – Martin Fryers
Tuesday, 2 June	- Individual Eisteddfod Items
	- Years 3-6 Out-of-Uniform Day
	- Sporting Schools
Wednesday, 3 June	- Senior & Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choirs
	- Kinder – Year 2 Out-of-Uniform Day
Thursday, 4 June	- Diocesan Spelling Bee - Skye Bui, Finn Marchant, Kate Gilmour, Emilie Hassall
	- Infants Verse Speaking Choir
	- AEDC – Kinder
Friday, 5 June	- Polding Touch Football back-up date
	- ICAS Science Competition
	- Priest/Principal Day
	- AEDC – Kinder
Sunday, 7 June	- First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ – 9:45 a.m.
<b>WEEK 8 -</b>	<b>Year 5 Reconciliation</b>
Monday, 8 June	- Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday, 9 June	- Sporting Schools
Thursday, 11 June	- Peachey/Richardson Football / Far West Netball Coonamble
Friday, 12 June	- CPS Cross Country
<b>WEEK 9</b>	
Monday, 15 June	- Mrs Hodge commences Long Service Leave
	- Life Education Van
	- ICAS Writing Competition
Tuesday, 16 June	- Life Education Van
	- ICAS Spelling Competition
	- Sporting Schools
	- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 17 June	- Life Education Van
	- GHS Promotion Day – Year 6 (9:30 – 12:45)
Thursday, 18 June	- Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 19 June	- Primary Athletics Carnival
	- Reports home

### AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** This week in Kindergarten the students wrote a great story based on a haunted house. The main focus was to describe to readers what the haunted house looked like. For reading this week we read "The Jigaree". Students were asked to write some words to describe what the Jigaree did in the story. Our sound for next week is 'Uu'. In Mathematics Kindergarten

has focused on the concept of pushing and pulling. The students experimented with items in the classroom to see what was easy to push. During our Science and Technology unit we discussed the lifecycles of a chicken, a caterpillar and a frog. Students demonstrated a lifecycle with pictures and answered questions about the different stages. In Religion we discussed what we do in church and who is part of the church. Welcome to Bonica Henry who joined our class this week. Take care - *Miss Bourke*  
**YEAR 1** We are all still talking about the wonderful time we had on Friday when we celebrated GREAT Day. A big thank you to everyone involved in the organising! This week Year 1 is busily revising nouns, adjectives, verbs and prepositions along with our spelling rules. We have also started to revise many of our Maths concepts especially 3D shapes, adding and skip counting. Reading Groups have also begun and we enjoyed reading an information report about crocodiles and completing some activities on the interactive whiteboard. We are researching some information about sloths after reading the picture book "Zizzy". In Religion we have started our unit on bullying and have talked about the importance of being a good friend to everyone. We would like to welcome Lochie Henry to Year 1 and hope he enjoys being part of the Joey's family. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** thoroughly enjoyed the Questacon Touring Science Circus yesterday. It certainly made Science fun and the students are all keen to visit the Questacon Science Centre during their Years 5/6 Excursion! In Maths we've practised subtraction, creating column graphs and the jump strategy proved to be a little tricky. We are publishing our 'Ravenous Beat' descriptions for inclusion in our portfolios and in Spelling we've revised past rules and spelling lists. We are polishing and perfecting our eisteddfod poems and are looking forward to performing them. Just a reminder that students are to wear full winter uniform, girls are to wear a tunic and socks, not stockings. A note has been sent home asking for helpers to prepare the First Communion breakfast. Please return the note asap. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3** Thank you Year 4 for such a lovely Mass on Monday. It was a great time to remember Mary, our patron saint of Australia. In Maths this week we have been learning about 2-dimensional shapes, angles and number patterns. We have been focusing on correct placement of commas in Grammar. In Comprehension we read an interesting review titled 'Enoch the Emu'. We have been busily preparing for our First Holy Communion Mass. It's great to see Year 3 so excited as we're counting down the days until this very special celebration. *Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4** Thank you to all those who came to celebrate our Mary Help of Christians Mass on Monday. I think you will agree with me that the students did a wonderful job. We have been busy revising Grammar concepts this week while in writing we have been working on paragraph construction. In Maths we have completed a variety of assessments and have counted by fractions and practised various division strategies. We enjoyed two presentations this week, one by the former Australian soccer team captain, Paul Wade and the other a touring science circus by Questacon. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 5** Week 6 is slowly slipping away and so much has been happening in Year 5. To start off our week we were fortunate enough to celebrate a beautiful Mass organised by Year 4 celebrating Mary our Mother. During our class Religion lessons we have continued to work on our 'Bullying' unit and also started to create some artworks for our class Mass later in the term. In writing we have begun investigating information reports, their structure and purpose in our world. Maths has seen us look at multiplication as well as number lines. We are on the downhill run for our eisteddfod poetry and I must say the choir is sounding great. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** What a wonderful week we've had in Year 6! We have been editing and publishing our twisted fairytales which are quite entertaining! In Maths we have revised ordering fractions and decimals, area of a triangle and calculating percentages of whole numbers. During Religion we have discussed bullying scenarios and strategies to help us recognise and deal with various situations. In our HSIE unit on Gold we have investigated the early mining methods of panning and cradling and how gold fever took hold in Australia. Our string art creations are nearing completion and are looking very effective even with a few sore fingers! With less than one week to go till the eisteddfod, our poems are sounding pretty good and we are nervously excited about performing next Wednesday! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 29 May – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips  
 Monday, 1 June – Danielle Diggs & Claudina Ryan  
 Wednesday, 3 June – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas  
 Friday, 5 June – Cate Corcoran

### ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 31 May – Olivia Newstead, Lachlan Fairey, Kyle Welsh, Zoe