

# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

*Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.*



#### **JUNE P & F MEETING**

Thank you to those who attended our June P & F Meeting on Tuesday evening. The suggestion to hold a trivia night has been agreed to and this will be held on Saturday, 4 August. See below for more details. At the meeting our new constitution was approved and the meeting agreed to buy two new shade shelters for the school and a new air conditioner for the counsellor's office in the support room. The P & F are also providing funds for new caps and ties for our horse sports representatives, representative sporting levies, the children's entry fees to the Life Education Van and subsidising the cost of the buses to transport the children to and from the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod which is greatly appreciated. By the P & F subsidising this bus hire it means we only needed to charge the children \$5.00 per head instead of \$10.00. The P & F is also looking to install a new larger oven in the canteen. This all amounts to over \$13,00.00 funding for our school! This is an amazing effort and once again we thank our P & F Association for all their hard work to be able to provide such beneficial funding for our students.

#### **P & F TRIVIA NIGHT**

St Joseph's P & F Association is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, 4 August at Gilgandra Sporties. There will be tables of eight, so get a table together or come on your own and join a table. The cost will be \$10.00 per head. The evening will commence at 7:00 p.m. and feel free to bring your own nibbles. Stay tuned for further details regarding tickets etc.

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT MEETING**

There will be a meeting on Thursday, 5 July at 7:00 p.m. at the Sporties for anyone interested in helping to organise the Trivia night. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to come along and share some ideas.

#### **YEAR 2 RURAL MUSEUM & COOEE HERITAGE CENTRE VISIT**

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Gilgandra Rural Museum and Coee Heritage Centre today. This excursion was part of their History unit, 'The Past In The Present' and a most interesting way to learn how things were in days gone by and Gilgandra's local history. We thank Gilgandra Panthers for the use of their bus to transport the children to and from the Gilgandra Rural Museum.

#### **YEAR 5 MASS**

Year 5 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 28 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Morning tea will follow Mass and we would appreciate if you could bring a plate to share.

#### **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

##### **THANKS**

Thank you to Michelle O'Brien, Simone Fordham and Gai-Marie Younghusband and our wonderful Year 5 and Year 6 helpers for their help covering new books for the library. There are still lots of books to be covered if anyone can spare an hour or two.

##### **BOOK FAIR/COMPETITION**

Our annual Book Fair will be held in Week 2 of Term 3. Information about this will be handed out next week. There will also be a book fair competition to be held during the next two weeks. Prizes will be vouchers to be spent at the book fair. *Mrs Thomas & Mrs McIsaac*

#### **EAR BUS**

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project visited our school today and will return tomorrow, Friday, 22 June. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

#### **PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval next Friday, 29 June. The back-up date in case of wet weather is Friday, 6 July. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). Thank you to everyone who has offered to help on the day. We certainly can't run these events without your help. A complete roster will go home next Thursday. All lunch orders should be in now. **If your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the athletics carnival and they haven't returned their lunch order, please do so by Monday at the latest so we can order the food.**

#### **YEAR 4 HUT DAY**

Everyone is starting to get excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Hut Day to be held on **Thursday, 5 July**. The day begins with morning tea at 11:00 a.m. followed by the presentation of huts at 11:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. It's sure to be a great day.

#### **HALF YEARLY REPORTS - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family next Friday, 29 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 2 July, Tuesday, 3 July and Wednesday, 4 July, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. Those people who have indicated they require an interview will receive an appointment date and time with the reports. If you would like to find out the time and date of your interview prior to this, please contact the office. All staff members are looking forward to meeting parents and discussing your child's progress. If you do require an interview and haven't let us know yet, please do so as soon as possible.

#### **ICAS ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS**

All children from Year 3 – Year 6 will be entered into the ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions which will be held next term. We thank our P & F Association for paying the entry fees to enable all our students to enter these competitions.

#### **FATHER'S DAY STALL COORDINATOR**

We are looking for a coordinator for our Father's Day Stall. Mrs Jessica Whitehouse did a fabulous job last year but has now moved to Nelson Bay. Father's Day is on Sunday, 2 September which means our stall would be held on Friday, 31 August. This may seem a long way off at the moment but we all know how quickly time passes! Our Father's Day Stall is one of our four fundraising activities for the year, but more importantly, as with the Mother's Day Stall, it is something that gives much pleasure to the children, being able to purchase their own special gifts. Could you please give this role serious consideration and if you are interested contact the office.

## **CANBERRA/SNOWY BOUND**

The Years 5 and 6 students are excitedly preparing for their major excursion this year to Canberra and the snow on the second day back next term. While on this excursion they will participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to the value of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The excursion is full of interesting and exciting places to visit. Have a look at the itinerary: *Australian Parliament House, National Film and Sound Archive, National Capital Exhibition Centre, Telstra Tower, Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre, Perisher Valley, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, Ian Potter Foundation, Questacon, National Electoral Education Centre, National Museum of Australia and Cockington Green.*

## **ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2019**

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2019. 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, 6 July.*

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Thomas McIsaac, Jessie O'Connor, Heidi Colwell and Joe O'Brien.

**YEAR 1:** David McIsaac, Chloe Harris and Mia Mudford.

**YEAR 2:** Sophia Peart, Lara Younghusband, Jemima Harrison, Poppy-Grace Newton and Jacqueline Hutchison.

**YEAR 3:** Tom Staggs and Hope Jones-Copelin.

**YEAR 4:** Eva Bonnington, Ella Mudford, Emilia Peart, Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred and Dakotah Gilmour.

**YEAR 5:** Harry Mudford and Lucy McIsaac.

**YEAR 6:** Kate Woollams and Camilla Beveridge.

All the above awards were for fantastic individual performances at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 8**

Friday, 22 June - Ear Bus – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday 24 June - Nativity of John the Baptist Sunday

### **WEEK 9**

Thursday, 28 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 29 June - Athletics Carnival  
- Reports home

### **WEEK 10**

Monday, 2 July - NAIDOC Week celebrations  
- Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Tuesday, 3 July - NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m.  
- Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Wednesday, 4 July - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo  
- Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Thursday, 5 July - Year 4 Hut Day  
- Trivia Night Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, 6 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date  
- Last Day – Term 2

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Congratulations Kinder, you all read beautifully at our Liturgy today and we were so proud of you. Thank you to all our family and friends who came to celebrate with us. This week our reading activities were based around the story, "Hattie and the Fox" by Mem Fox. We wrote some very imaginative stories about the adventures of a fox and a hen. In Maths we made the numbers eleven to twenty using the ten frame, compared groups and introduced ordinal numbers. For Art and Craft we cut and pasted a snowman onto black card and finger painted snow falling. Have an enjoyable weekend.

*Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** This week we have been working on portfolio tasks. In History we drew pictures of ourselves in the past, the present and the future (with farmers and vets being the most popular job of choice). In Maths we looked at equal groups and missing numbers. During Religion we discussed the seasons of the church and the colours associate with each season. In Text Types we completed an information report on ourselves to display on our window and in Art we created a brown bear using a fork. Tomorrow we sadly say goodbye to Oliver Christian. We wish him and his family much happiness in their new home and at their new school.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 2** It was a great adventure for Year 2 as we headed on our mini excursion to the Heritage Centre and Rural Museum today. We had a terrific time seeing all the old machinery and vehicles at the museum and learnt a lot about some important historical events of the past at the Heritage Centre. Thanks to Libby and Geoff for allowing us to look through these wonderful centres. We did some windmill sketches for art and enjoyed the excursion quiz. It's been a busy week in the classroom as we have been writing descriptions of 'wild things' and writing imaginative narratives. In Science we are predicting and hypothesising about why objects might float or sink. Have a great weekend.

*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** We've had another busy week in Year 3. In History/Geography we looked at the celebration of World Peace Day and learnt about the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima. We also read part of the book "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" and learnt of the importance of her story. We've continued with our 'Bounce Back' unit and read the story of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day!" This story reminded us that we all have bad days and that we can all see situations differently. We also learnt the importance of blaming fairly and that things that go wrong can be due to our own actions, the actions of others and/or bad luck and circumstances. Discussions are our text type focus and we are brainstorming reasons for and against 'Should Animals Be Kept In Zoos?' Have an enjoyable weekend.

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

**YEAR 4** The countdown is on! We have just two weeks until Hut Day and we cannot wait! This week in class we have finished our procedures about our huts and published them using Google Docs. During Maths we have been looking at using legends in mapping as well as investigating ways to work out the perimeter of different shapes. We are learning how to make good choices with our friends at school during PD, looking at an acronym to help us solve any problems that we may face. Religion has seen us look closely at Mary and important events in her life, including the Annunciation. With everyone putting the finishing touches on their huts we are happy for you to start bringing them in early next week to go on display. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** has begun preparations for our class Mass next Thursday. Our readings and hymns are focused on placing our trust in God's plan. We are enjoying our Reading Groups where we work on a variety of activities to improve our fluency, comprehension, expression and vocabulary. During Maths we have been practising long multiplication, measuring angles and writing remainders as fractions or decimals. During PDH we have been focusing on showing empathy, understanding another's perspective and managing frustration by breathing, counting and using positive self talk.

*Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** What a lovely Mass we celebrated on Tuesday with Fr Greg. Year 6 sang beautifully and it was great to see lots of family and friends at Mass. In Maths this week we have learnt about the addition and subtraction of decimals. We have finished our discussion writing this week – Year 6 certainly came up with some very persuasive arguments whether or not we should have a dog as a pet. In Grammar we have learnt about past and present participles. Keep up the great work Year 6!

*Mr Damien Soares*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 22 June – Jodie Johnson & Tracey Glennister  
Monday, 25 June – Justin Fuller & Toni Fuller  
Wednesday, 27 June – Amanda Chandler & Gai-Marie Younghusband  
Friday, 29 June – Sarah Adams

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 24 June – Luke O'Neill & Aiden Walker