



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 2 Week 9

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### Thought for the Week

*One small positive thought can change your whole day!*

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

Thank you to all those who attended our June P & F Meeting. At the meeting funds were made available to pay sports levies, the children's entry to the Life Education Van and the ICAS English and Maths Competitions. The school is very grateful for the wonderful generosity and continued support of our P & F Association.

#### **BLUES/FOOTY COLOURS DAY**

Congratulations to everyone, students and staff, for getting into the spirit of our 'Blues/Footy Colours Day' yesterday. It was certainly a very colourful day. Congratulations to Brodie Nichols who won the footy that we raffled. Most importantly we raised \$276.00 for the Mark Hughes Foundation Beanie for Brain Cancer fundraiser.

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

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Gilgandra Rural Museum and Cooe 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.

#### **PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The St Joe's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval tomorrow, Friday, 23 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). Thank you to those who have offered to help. A roster has gone home to everyone today and as you can see we are still a little short of helpers in some events. If you are able to help out, please come down tomorrow. Please note that the times listed are only approximate, events may start earlier or later. Children should come to school first dressed in their sports uniform and will walk down to the oval with the teachers. Hopefully we will see lots there to cheer on the children.

#### **PEACHEY SHIELD/RICHARDSON CUP FINALS**

We wish our Years 5/6 and Years 3/4 rugby league teams the best of luck next Wednesday, 28 June when they play in the finals of the David Peachey Shield and Russell Richardson Cup in Dubbo. The boys have trained really well and we congratulate them on reaching the finals. Thank you to coaches Nathan Ferguson and Dean Ferguson for their time and expertise in helping these two sides. The Years 3/4 team consists of: **Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Tancred, Nick Gale, Ben Harland, Elten Walker, Sam Dunn, Ryder Ryan, Will Younghusband** Members of the Years 5/6 team are: **Rhys O'Neill, Luke O'Neill, Isaiah Gleadhill, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Will Gaff, Will Fuller, Bailey Wykes, Bradley Kildey, Darcy Neeves.**

**GO JOEY'S!**

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

The huts are starting to come in and they look fantastic! Once again so much hard work has gone into creating them. Everyone is starting to get excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Hut Day to be held next Thursday, 29 June with morning tea at 11:00 a.m. and the presentation of huts at 11:20 a.m. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

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

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family tomorrow, Friday, 23 June. Next week, on Monday, 26 June, Tuesday, 27 June and Wednesday, 28 June, 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. 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.

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, 25 July 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. A catalogue was sent home with your child this week 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. I look forward to seeing you there. *Mrs Kilby*

#### **"No Way!" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL** **Friday, 28 July 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Our Year 6 students have decided that 'No Way!' 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 as you prepare for the Primary Social. Some suggestions for our fancy dress social might include: favourite TV or movie characters, country and western, someone from the future or from the past, superheroes, fairies or footballers, pyjamas, sporting stars, crazy colours or a change of character - a boy Cinderella or a girl Bob the Builder. The social will be held in our school hall on Friday, 28 July (Week 2 of next term) from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So start thinking 'No Way!'

#### **KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2018**

Just a reminder that the closing date for enrolments for our Kinder class of 2018 is next Friday, 30 June. If you have picked up an enrolment form and haven't yet returned it, could you please do so as soon as possible.

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

We are looking for a coordinator for our Father's Day Stall. Mrs Danielle Diggs has held this position for a number of years but due to work commitments, cannot continue this year. Father's Day is on Sunday, 3 September which means our stall would be held on Friday, 1 September. 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.

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM IN GILGANDRA**

The St Vincent de Paul Society Vinnies shop in Gilgandra is looking for volunteers. The volunteering opportunity is to help out in the Vinnies shop for a morning, an afternoon or a full day as you are able. Proceeds from shop sales go to support vulnerable community members in the Gilgandra area. You will require a genuine desire to support those in need, a non-judgmental attitude, the ability to maintain confidences and most of all a good and kind heart. Full training will be provided. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you. To find out more please enquire at the Gilgandra Vinnies shop or contact us on 68472089 or email [bth.ctr.gil@vinnies.org.au](mailto:bth.ctr.gil@vinnies.org.au).

## **MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM'S YOUTH CHORUS**

Macquarie Youth Chorus is a Dubbo choir for students aged 10-16 years. It began with a very successful performance by a group of young singers for an Opera Australia production in Dubbo last year. They are looking for new members and would like to open up the next two sessions for any new students to come along and sing with them, and see if they would like to join the Chorus in Term 3. The sessions will be held on Monday, 19 June and Monday, 26 June from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. For further information contact Mrs Hodge.

## **GILGANDRA JUNIOR BASKETBALL – CANCELLED TOMORROW**

We have received advice that Gilgandra Junior Basketball has been cancelled tomorrow Friday, 23 June.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Matilda Tancred, Oliver Christian** and **Finn Chapman** for writing a great response about their favourite parts of “Rosie’s Walk”, **Elsie Adams** for writing a great recount of her long weekend, **Jeremiah Woodrow** for super work identifying long items, **Cooper Lummis** and **Jagger Hazelton** for carefully sharing objects one at a time in Mathematics, **Georgia Allan** for sharing great ideas about why people visit a church and **Jock Mills** for reading beautifully at our Liturgy.

**YEAR 1:** **Riley Hutchison** for an excellent recount of his long weekend, **Sailor Ryan** for getting all his spelling words correct, **Jemima Harrison** for reading fluently and trying to use expression and **Mia Ferguson** for following directions so well on our ‘Fairy Tale Map’.

**YEAR 2:** **Jaida Tarrant** for being a clever mathematician, **Kaycee Bugmy** for thoughtful contributions to class discussions, **Bonica Henry** and **Jonas Naden** for trying hard in reading groups, **Eliza Mudford** for marvellous work in Mathletics and **Adison Thomas** for trying hard in Spelling.

**YEAR 3:** **Taylor Hayes** for great work in all areas, **Lochie Henry** for a super effort in Spelling, **Will Younghusband** for fantastic work in Maths and **Trinity Zell** for beautiful work in Religion.

**YEAR 4:** **Nick Gale** for fantastic enthusiasm towards our Hut Day preparations, **Jett Tarrant** for trying hard to improve in Maths Plus activities and **Grace Winter** for correctly defining our ‘Word of the Week’ to the class.

**YEAR 5:** **Jade Elsom** for lovely presentation of book work, **Daniel Kirsop** for working to improve his knowledge of times tables, **Jack Oehm** for showing enthusiasm towards his speech and **Emma Westwood** for being a helpful member of Year 5.

**YEAR 6:** **Jessica Scholte** for asking questions to clarify understanding, **Harrison King** for comparing and ordering fractions with accuracy, **Rani Diggs** for carefully drawing three dimensional objects and **Finn Marchant** for excellent use of persuasive language in his discussion.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 9**

Friday, 23 June - Athletics Carnival  
- Reports home

### **WEEK 10**

Monday, 26 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Tuesday, 27 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Wednesday, 28 June - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo  
- Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Thursday, 29 June - Year 4 Hut Day  
Friday, 30 June - Athletics Carnival back-up date  
- Last Day – Term 2

### **WEEK 1 -**

#### **Year 5 Reconciliation**

Monday, 17 July - First day Term 3  
Tuesday, 18 July - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.  
- Diocesan Conference  
Wednesday, 19 July - Mr Neal Reed – Years 4-6 – 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 20 July - Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

### **WEEK 2 -**

#### **Year 4 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 25 July - Book Fair  
- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, 27 July - Western Region Athletics  
Friday, 28 July - Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social  
Sunday, 30 July - Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.  
- Confirmation Rite of Commitment

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** has enjoyed reading “Mud Walk” this week. The children have sequenced a sentence from the story and added the correct punctuation to an excerpt of the story. They also wrote their own stories to match an illustration from the book. In Handwriting Kinder learnt how to form the upper and lower case letter ‘k’. During Mathematics this week Kinder

sequenced and counted the numbers from 1-20. They also made and described equal groups and interpreted data in a graph. Our History focus this week was refugees. We learnt about what refugees are and read about one refugee's story. In PD the children listed ways in which they have changed since they were babies. Have a top weekend.

### **Miss Smith**

**YEAR 1** has worked very hard on their portfolios this week and we can't wait to share our great work with everyone. Our ‘Fairy Tale’ unit is coming to an end and we enjoyed writing about our favourite fairy tale and why we enjoyed it. In Maths we practised our ‘friends of ten’ and counting on to help us bridge numbers to ten. Our focus has also been finding quarters of a collection and exploring quadrilaterals. Everyone enjoyed our footy colours day yesterday and thank you to everyone who donated money to help researchers find a cure for brain cancer. For homework next week we will complete Unit 16 in our Maths Mentals book. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** students enjoyed their visit to the Cooe Heritage Centre and the Rural Museum today. They enjoyed Windmill Walk and learning about Gilgandra's local history. It was great fun to be able to explore the old machinery and gadgets in the museum. Everyone agreed that technology has made their life so much easier! During Art the class sketched some windmills and finished drawing and designing their own creative monsters. Yesterday was a fun day as everyone wore their footy colours and brought in a gold coin donation to help raise money for brain cancer research. I'm looking forward to meeting with parents next week to discuss your child's progress. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** This week we put the finishing touches to our portfolio tasks and completed our paired discussion text type on “All animals should be kept in cages”. In Grammar we investigated commas and wrote an interesting description about Mr Twit. During Maths we explored area and number patterns and tried reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes (very tricky!). In Science we discussed how we use packaging to protect items and what the best materials are to use for this purpose. Year 3 continue to enjoy Mathletics and can't wait to run, jump and throw at the Athletics Carnival tomorrow. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parent/Teacher Interviews next week. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** What a week! It was a fantastic effort by everyone yesterday to raise money for Brain Cancer Research - everyone looked great in their footy colours. With only one week to go we have been practising our Hut Day speeches in class and they are sounding amazing. A reminder that you can bring the huts to school whenever they are finished for us to put them on display. We would love to have them all set up by Monday. In Grammar we have been revising punctuation as well as looking at how to set out a persuasive letter in writing. Let's hope the sun is shining for our sports carnival tomorrow – go the mighty Cedars! Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** is to be congratulated on their reverence at our class Mass today. Fr Michael spoke to us about the importance of trusting in God. What a fabulous job everyone has done presenting their speeches this week! It was great learning about all the people we admire. During Maths we have focused on division, finding fractions of whole numbers and area. We enjoyed sharing our PowerPoint presentations of a country of Asia, which we will publish for our portfolios. We are really looking forward to running, jumping and throwing at our athletics carnival tomorrow! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** In Writing we have started to write a narrative titled ‘A Sign’. We have focused on making our orientations engaging and exciting for the reader. Our Maths activities have focused on extended multiplication, expanding numbers, mass and capacity. In Grammar we have been learning about similes and how they can be used to enhance our writing. We have been busily finishing off our string art and most of them are now complete! It looked like we all enjoyed wearing our footy colours yesterday to support the Mark Hughes Foundation Beanie for Brain Cancer. What a tough game between the Blues and the Maroons! Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 23 June – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison  
Monday, 26 June – Shalyn Chandler & Sally Temple  
Wednesday, 28 June – Rachel Kirsop & Helen McIsaac  
Friday, 30 June – Lorraine Hutchison & Jessica Whitehouse

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 25 June – Madison Hourigan, Jessica Scholte, Charlie Banks, Jacob Harland

