



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!

SCHOOL REPORTS

The modified Semester 1 School Reports went home with the eldest child in each family last Friday. The teachers now look forward to discussing the children's learning with those parents who wish to have a phone interview with their child's teacher. More than ever this year, working in partnership with the parents has been a vital part of each child's education.

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 next Friday, 3 July.** Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au.

LIBRARY – OVERDUE BOOKS

There are still 200 books overdue from the library from Remote Learning times! A list of overdue books for each child will be sent home today. Could all families please look for these books and return them to school. If you think that the books have already been returned, please make a note on the overdue slip and return it to school.

SCHOLASTIC ARCTIC ADVENTURE BOOK FAIR!

A blizzard of books is arriving at Joey's in Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3. There will be *snow* much to see and read at the Book Fair. Unfortunately parents are unable to attend this year but students will visit the fair in classes and explore the books on offer. They will be able to make a 'Wish List' to take home for parent approval. Cash and card payments may be made. After purchase, books will be sent home with the children. If books are intended as gifts, please let us know on the wish list form or contact the school. Every purchase you make will earn more books for our school library. We thank you in advance for your support of this event and happy reading because a book is a dream that you hold in your hands.

SCHOOL CANTEN – CHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Packets of chips will now be available to order from the school canteen as part of a lunch order on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** of each week. If your child would like to purchase a packet of chips, please indicate the flavor on the lunch order bag and include the payment. The flavours available are: **salt & vinegar, sea salt, JJ's, honey soy chicken, chicken rice sticks, BBQ snaps (gluten free)**. Chips will **NOT** be available to purchase at morning tea time or separate from a lunch order.

SAVER PLUS

Saver Plus is a 10-month financial education and matched savings program that assists lower income families to gain financial skills, establish a savings goal and develop long term saving habits. As an incentive to save, participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings when they complete the program which can be used for educational costs such as computers and tablets, text books and uniforms. Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with The Smith Family, Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants. To join Saver Plus you must meet the following criteria:-

- Be 18 years of age or over.
- Have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself.
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner).
- Have a current Health Care of Pensioner Concession Card.
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment.

To find out more visit www.saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Please find below the latest COVID-19 update.

Good Hygiene - School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:-

- regularly washing hands;
- avoid sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

School Attendance – All students should be at school unless:-

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe; or
- they are currently unwell.

School Activities / School Site Usage – Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents/carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

Physical Distancing – Physical distancing of children in schools is not required under the Australian HPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment. **All adults** must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers and support staff, and parents. Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School Activities Return and Timeline – Activities that can now take place include:-

- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors).
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements.
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum.
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements.
- School photos.

Activities / Site Usage that can take place from beginning of Term 3

- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations).
- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, etc).
- Parent/teacher meetings – **where these need to take place – strong preference for online** where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

For now these events are NOT PERMITTED

- School camps/overnight excursions.
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events.
- Parent volunteers – eg. parent reading helpers.
- Interstate excursions.
- School based activities that involve large gathering of adults.

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!

MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

From **Sunday, 5 July**, Mass at St Joseph's Church Gilgandra will be at 9:30 a.m. with social distancing rules applied. There will no longer be an 11:00 a.m. Mass.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Beatrix Volkofsky** for writing super stories and drawing beautiful pictures to match, **Jack Howard** for trying hard to sound out words, **Oliver Buckley** for sharing very interesting news about something from the past and **Taylor Alexander** for improved handwriting.

YEAR 1: **Mitchell Beaton** for great work in Maths, **Mack Hutchison** for improved fluency when reading, **Jakirah McKenzie** for being a kind and helpful class member and **Clancy Larkin** for a terrific effort when sounding out new words.

YEAR 2: **Arabella Chandler** for always "Giving Of Her Best" in everything she does, **Mitchell Cosier** for being an attentive listener who contributes positively to class discussions, **Lottie Duffy** for fantastic work with challenging tasks in Maths, **Bella Ferguson** for wonderful work in Spelling, **Milla Morris** for great enthusiasm when reading and **Ella Murphy** for great problem solving in Maths.

YEAR 3: **Caine Bugmy** for gaining confidence to participate in class discussions, **Elsie Mudford** for always striving to improve in all key learning areas, **Jock Mills** for working well to finish all tasks in a timely manner and **Cooper Lummis** for always striving to improve.

YEAR 4: **Sophia Peart** for her fantastic attitude to challenging mathematical concepts, **Vaughan Zell** for his positive attitude and great sense of humour, **Jemima Harrison** for a creative and convincing persuasive writing task and **Hayden Nichols** for always "Giving Of His Best" and fantastic improvement in staying on task.

YEAR 5: **Jordan Wighton** for a fantastic fact sheet about comets, **Lauren Thurlow** for great results in our 'Main Clause' quiz, **Emma Mills** for always being willing to participate in all class activities, **Stuart Wheatley** for a super effort in comprehension on Literacy Pro, **Clodagh Luckie** for settling so well into the St Joey's family and **Tom Staggs** for marvellous spelling scores.

YEAR 6: **Tia Allan** for reading each day with beautiful fluency and expression, **Eva Bonnington** for striving for accuracy in Mathematics, **Beatie Davis** and **Molly Nichols** for creating detailed and meaningful Reconciliation artworks, **Alison Mudford** for being a positive and bubbly member of Year 6 and **Charlie Zell** for bringing a positive attitude and joy to our classroom each day.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

Friday, 3 July

- Last day Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Another busy week has flown by in Kindergarten. We have enjoyed reading "The Windy Farm" and writing a story about the things we like to do on a windy day. We've been revising our sounds and concentrating on forming our letters correctly in Handwriting. It is great to see everybody still reading each night and practising their sight words. There will be no homework next week. We have been enjoying learning about the 'Our Father' in Religion. This special prayer was given to us by Jesus as he used it to teach his friends how to talk to God. How wonderful that we still use it today! In Maths we have been exploring the numbers between 0 to 20, sharing objects into equal groups and following instructions. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 'It's Important to Cooperate' has been our focus in Religion this week. We read the book, "The Very Angry Ladybird" and realised the importance of being cooperative with everyone. We also made a ladybird artwork during Art. In English we've been singing the 'change the y to i and add es' rap, learning that the 'e' sound can be written as 'e', 'ee' or 'ea' and also learning about when to use 'a' or 'an'. In History we are looking at toys and games from the past. The children have been asked to bring in any old toys that might be at home from their parents or grandparents. We know that skipping was played a lot in the past and during Sport we've been trying to skip. We all need a lot more practice with our jumping and our endurance! I'm sure there will be a few wanting to skip at home over the weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 should be very proud of their hard work this week. In English we have started learning about expositions and the students are writing one to convince people that dogs/cats are the better pet. We have been practising speech marks in order to use them correctly in our written work. In Maths, Year 2 has been looking at multiplication facts, counting backwards using more challenging numbers and 3D shapes. The students enjoyed creating their own 3D shapes using hands-on materials and playing the blindfold mystery 3D shape game! Students have also been having fun creating a snail artwork using a range of resources. Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Week 9 already! How quickly the term has flown. During Religion this week we have continued to work on our 'Saint' project. We have been finding out important information about saints, why they become a saint and when their special feast day may be. In Text Types we finished writing our discussions on 'Why Too Much Money is Spent on Toys and Games' and there were some very convincing arguments for both sides of the topic. We have now begun writing a discussion with a partner about a topic of our choice. In Maths we have focused on counting by tens and hundreds, multiplication facts and rotate, reflect and translating shapes. Science has seen us looking at heat energy and the ways in which we use it in our everyday lives. We also looked closely at heat transfer through conduction, convection and radiation. Have a nice weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 What an awesome week we have had in Year 4. Art this week has involved creating sunsets using water colour paint. These are looking great and students are enjoying learning how to blend and build intensity of colour. The class novel, "Nanberry" has us all wondering if Rachel will send Andrew to England to live with Surgeon White. In Maths we are working on decimals and fractions. A class game of 'Magic Number' involves us consolidating our knowledge of place value and improving our number sense. Adverbs and apostrophes have been the focus during Grammar this week. Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 In Maths this week we revised division, investigated decimals and completed mathematical assessments for this term. Our Comprehension focus was about amphibians and putting the finishing touches on our 'Planet' information report PowerPoint so we can present them to the class next week. During Science we explored the distance between planets if the sun was the size of a basketball. In Reading Groups we have been using different games to enhance our use of strategic thinking and for Art we completed 'The Wheat Field', another picture inspired by Vincent Van Gogh.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 We have been working hard this week trying to achieve our Literacy Pro reading goals. In Religion we revised some of our knowledge of doctrine by competing in some Kahoot challenges which was lots of fun. During Maths we have revised adding and subtracting fractions, describing the likelihood of outcomes by using a 0 – 1 scale and constructed and drew 3D shapes. Our History focus this week has been on learning some fast facts about the two houses in Federal Parliament and in Art we are creating a picture book using the Book Creator program. It seems nearly all of our speeches are on palm cards and ready to present to the class next week. We can't wait!

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