



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 1

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### Thought for the Week

*Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.*

#### **WELCOME BACK**

We welcome everyone back to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we now look forward to another exciting term at St Joey's.

#### **DIOCESAN SHOWCASE – OUR JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION**

##### **Encounter, Achieve, Flourish**

Staff members from across the diocese met in Wellington on Tuesday, 18 July for the Diocesan Showcase. The theme of the conference was 'Encounter, Achieve, Flourish'. The day consisted of some inspirational talks from guest speakers as well as each school in the diocese showcasing great practices. St Joey's premiered our DVD 'A Day In The Life At Joey's'. Many thanks to Hugh Beveridge for his amazing work on this DVD.

#### **ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION**

Certificates were presented yesterday to students who achieved wonderful results in the recent ICAS Digital Technologies Competition. Congratulations to the following students on their achievement.

*Distinction:* Emily Zell

*Credit:* Ella Mudford, Charlie Zell, Sienna Zell, Bradley Kildey

*Merit:* Chloe Mudford

#### **CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING**

A Confirmation parent meeting will be held at school in the computer room this evening, Thursday, 20 July, at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting we will be outlining the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the program being covered at school and organising the celebration. A note regarding Confirmation has been given to all those children who will be receiving the Sacrament.

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held next 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*

#### **PRESCHOOL VISIT**

We are looking forward to welcoming the children from Gilgandra Preschool next Tuesday, 25 July. We hope they enjoy their first visit to 'big school'.

#### **WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Joey's will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Thursday, 27 July. Participating schools include St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Brigid's Coonamble, St John's Baradine, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St Mary's Dubbo, St Mary's Wellington and St Pius X Dubbo. Best of luck to all our athletes: Alex Gaff, Molly Nichols, Alicia Fordham, Will O'Connor, Ryder Ryan, Brody Heffer, Lilla Oehm, Eva Bonnington, Grace Tancred, Sam Dunn, Dylan Tobin, Henry Purvis, Michael Ibe, Billie Allan, Mattea Purvis, Chloe Mudford, Bailey Wykes, Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Jennifer Ibe, Breanna Foster, Tylah Anforth, Will Fuller, Aiden Walker, Jerome Woodrow, Kelsey Hutchison, Rani Diggs, Olivia McClelland, Bradley

Kildey, Rhys O'Neill, Isaiah Gleadhill, Nick Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Jack Oehm, Jade Elsom, Emma Durrant, Harrison King, Brooke Woollams, Dylon Murray, Luke O'Neill, Tayarna McKenzie, Ella Wykes, Heidi Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Kate Woollams, Jinda Green, Laura Farragher, Lucy McIsaac, Ry Heffer, Trinity Zell, Camilla Beveridge.

#### **PRIMARY SPORT**

As many of our primary students will be participating in the Western Region Athletics Carnival being held in Dubbo next Thursday 27 July, those students at school will also have sport. Therefore all students should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week.

#### **"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 next Friday, 28 July from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So start thinking 'No Way!'

#### **KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS**

#### **RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION**

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes are preparing the Mass for Sunday 30 July in St Joseph's Church at 9.45 a.m. All students from Kinder and Year 5 and their families are warmly invited to this Mass. Also during this Mass the Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish are asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

#### **INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL**

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school on Thursday, 3 August at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. We hope to see parents and friends of the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students come along and show their support.

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

Thank you to Jessica Whitehouse who has offered to coordinate this year's Father's Day Stall. The Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 1 September.

#### **PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE SCHOOL**

Painting of the exterior of the school was carried out during the holidays. Thank you to Tiger Pearce and his team who did a wonderful job. It certainly has made the school look much fresher.

#### **2016 ANNUAL SCHOOL EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

Our 2016 Annual School Education and Financial Report has been uploaded to the BOSTES website and the Bathurst Diocesan CEO website. This report is a requirement of the Australian Government.

If any parents wish to view the report, please see Mrs Hodge and she will provide you with a copy.

### **GILGANDRA DANCE ACADEMY**

The Gilgandra Dance Academy will resume classes for Term 3 on Saturday, 22 July at the Gilgandra Shire Hall. Classes are offered in ballet, jazz and tap to students from 2 years of age. Interested parents may call 68451998 or 0499686996 or see the teachers at the Shire Hall on Saturdays from 9:15 a.m. Teachers are highly trained with one being a qualified examiner trained at the Royal Ballet, England. *Doreen Thompson*

### **WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3**

<b><u>WEEK 1</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 5 Reconciliation</u></b>
Thursday, 20 July	- Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
<b><u>WEEK 2</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 4 Reconciliation</u></b>
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 – ‘No Way!’ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 30 July	- Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.
	- Confirmation Rite of Commitment
<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 6 Reconciliation</u></b>
Tuesday, 1 August	- ICAS English Competition
Wednesday, 2 August	- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 3 August	- Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 4 August	- Life Education Van
	- St Laurence’s Dubbo Soccer Gala Day
	- Jeans for Genes Day
Sunday, 6 August	- The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b><u>WEEK 4</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 3 Reconciliation</u></b>
Monday, 7 August	- Western Region Athletics back-up date
	- Life Education Van
Tuesday, 8 August	- Life Education Van
	- NSW Netball Cup Final (Years 5 & 6) – Orange
	- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 9 August – 12 August	- Moorambilla Boys Camp
Friday, 11 August	- St Laurence’s Dubbo Soccer Gala Day back-up date
	- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 13 August	- Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 5</u></b>	
Monday, 14 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 15 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
	- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
	- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 16 August	- ICAS Mathematics Competition
Friday, 18 August	- Principals Meeting
	- Diocesan Athletics
<b><u>WEEK 6</u></b>	
Thursday, 24 August	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 7</u></b>	
Monday, 28 August	- Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday, 29 August	- ‘Get To Know Asia’ School Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 31 August	- Annual Concert
Friday, 1 September	- Father’s Day Stall
<b><u>WEEK 8</u></b>	
Thursday, 7 September	- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 8 September	- Polding Athletics
	- Selling Cow Pat Lotto Tickets
<b><u>WEEK 9</u></b>	
Wednesday, 13 September	- Catholic Schools Sports Day Coonamble
Friday, 15 September	- Fete – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
<b><u>WEEK 10</u></b>	
Thursday 21 & Friday 22 September	- Moorambilla Residency Camps
Friday, 22 September	- Last day Term 3
	- Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome back to a new term. I hope everyone had a very happy and restful holiday. Kinder has been busy learning about the ‘v’ sound in phonics. They will learn about the ‘e’ (as in egg) sound next week. We have a spooky theme this term so we will be reading a variety of spooky books during Reading. We began by reading “Meg and Mog” and completing a variety of activities including writing out the ingredients for a spell and writing a procedure to show how Meg gets dressed. Our p

Geography unit this term is ‘People Live in Places.’ We began this unit by using Google Earth to find Gilgandra and locating significant places on a map including our school and the Castlereagh River. A note went home at the beginning of the week about the Sunday Mass we have coming up. Thanks for returning the note promptly. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** Welcome back everyone. It has been a very busy start to Term 3. Our Literature unit will be based around the Australian author, Nick Bland and his very entertaining picture books. In Maths we have been making and describing equal groups, describing and continuing number patterns and matching 3D shapes to their descriptions. We also revised the bridging to 10 strategy which tricked some of us in our homework this week. Our Religion unit is called ‘Stories of God’s People’ and we have discussed that the Bible is a precious book containing wonderful stories about God’s amazing love for us. As part of our Geography unit, ‘People and Places’ we will be discovering our own backyards, so if you have a photo of your backyard please send it in. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** Welcome back everyone – put your skates on, it’s going to be a busy term! We’ve written some interesting recounts about the holidays and have enjoyed listening about everyone’s break during News. In Maths we worked on chance, data, understanding metres and half metres as well as exploring money values – it was tricky! During Religion we looked at God’s goodness that is reflected in the kind way we treat others. We also talked about doing good deeds at home and at school. We revised punctuation marks and the ‘ee/ea/y’ sound in Sentence A Day and Spelling. Have a lovely weekend everyone! *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Welcome back everyone! This term we have a new classmate, Shane Estens, who has joined the St Joey’s family. We hope he will be very happy here. In Grammar we are having fun with synonyms and antonyms and wrote a holiday recount during text types. In Maths we investigated 3 digit addition and looked at cross sections of 3D shapes. In Science we have begun our new unit for the term, ‘Feathers, Fur and Leaves’ and completed various artworks from last term. In preparation for the primary social next week we have practiced our groovy dance moves and we hope everyone has been thinking of their ‘No Way!’ outfit. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** Welcome back to another Term in Year 4. It has been fantastic to hear about all the fun and exciting things we all got up to over the holidays. This week we have been starting our new Literature unit based on “Paper Planes” which has been really fun. During Maths we have started working in our groups and have been trying really hard to improve our results in Operations and Problem A Day. During Religion we have started our new unit, ‘Mary: First Among the Saints’. It’s looking to be a very busy and fun term and we cannot wait to get into it. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** A big welcome back to Term 3. It is great to see everyone smiling and ready for another fantastic term! We have written our holiday recounts and have tried to include complex sentences and more sophisticated vocabulary. In Maths we have revised adding and subtracting fractions, probability and writing remainders as decimals. “A Banner Bold” is the title of our class novel this term. It is about a girl who, in 1854, arrives with her family at the Ballarat goldfields just in time to witness the events leading up to the Eureka Stockade. This book also compliments our new History unit ‘The Australian Colonies’. Year 5 and Kinder have begun preparations for our class Mass that is on Sunday, 30 July at 9:45 a.m. We look forward to celebrating this special Mass with our parish. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** In Maths we have been learning about Roman numerals and how to measure angles with a 360 degree protractor. Our Writing activities have focused on creating our Saint PowerPoints and they are looking magnificent! In Grammar we have revised adverbial and adjectival phrases and we have identified them in sentences. We watched a YouTube clip to learn about Moses and the crossing of the Red Sea in Religion. In Art we created posters to advertise the Primary Social which is next Friday. Year 6 can’t wait to get dressed up! *Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 21 July – Penny Zell & Janine Ferguson  
Monday, 24 July – Justin & Toni Fuller  
Wednesday, 26 July – Katherine Gaff  
Friday, 28 July – Rees & Sussane Gilmour

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 23 July – Jacob Harland, Jess Scholte, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers

