Term 3 Week 10
17 September, 2015

Thought for the Week

“Let them be little ‘cause they’re only that way for a while.
Give them hope, give them praise, give them love every day.”

..... Concert 2015

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

‘Tonight’s …. TV Night!!’

Tuesday night was indeed TV Night and what a night of television it was. Congratulations to the Joey’s superstars who gave us all a wonderful night of entertainment. Our families switched on to Channel K, ABC for Kids where the Kinder children had a great time at the ABC dance party. Sensational Kinder. Next the family flicked the remote to Channel 1, the Disney Channel. Thanks Year 1, it was ‘incredible’ to see all those good old Disney characters. We were thrilled to have a performance from this year’s Australia’s Got Talent winners, Heidi Purvis, Sophie Hassall and Jack Oehm. Beautiful! The family was ‘so excited’ to switch to Channel 2, the Lifestyle Channel where they viewed a spectacular episode of Getaway. Fantastic Year 2. It was time for a change of pace on Channel 3, the Discovery Channel. Those wild animals sure did ‘move it’! Top moves Year 3. Channel 4, the Movie Channel was next on the remote where Year 4 certainly had us ‘spinning around’. Wow! MTV was a great hit on Channel 5 with amazing performances from the past and present. You really rocked Year 5. It was a pleasure to sit back and reminisce while watching Channel 6 and the classics. ‘Notice’ work Year 6! To conclude the evening we sat back and relaxed as we took a look at some of our favourite Joey’s memories in our slide show. Everyone agreed we all had a much better night of TV at the Gilgandra High School Hall then if we had stayed at home. Congratulations everyone! A big thank you to those who helped the children with their lines, costumes and props. Many thanks to the talented Joey’s staff who wrote the scripts, coached, organised props, costumes, programs, sound and lights. Sensational! Thanks also to Gilgandra High School for the use of their hall, our Year 6 leaders for their superb backstage work and finally congratulations to the stars of the show, the kids from St Jo’s for providing us with an awesome night!

JOHNNY KING RETURNS

We had a surprise visit from one of our ex-students, Johnny King yesterday. John attended St Joseph’s in the 1940’s and ’50’s and went on to play rugby league for St George (197 games) and Australia (16 tests). John holds the amazing record of playing in eight grand finals for St George scoring a try in seven of those grand finals. An incredible achievement. John spoke to the Years 3 – 6 students telling them if they give of their best they can achieve anything, before presenting the school with a gift. We thank John for coming back to his old school. Once a Joey, always a Joey!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Tomorrow is the last day of another fantastic term. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and return refreshed and ready for Term 4 on Tuesday, 6 October.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

As part of the Year 6 transition into Year 7, Gilgandra High School has invited us to participate in a 4 week program. For one afternoon per week next term the Year 6 students will be involved in activities from the different faculties, meeting head teachers and learning about the expectations of that subject. We thank Gilgandra High School for organising this program.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

Everyone had a great afternoon today as our infants children enjoyed their mini carnival. There were lots of fun races culminating with some exciting tug-o’-wars. Many thanks to the staff for organising and running this carnival and to all the parents, family and friends for coming along to cheer on the children. Go Joey’s!

PRIMARY SPORT

Sport for primary students will revert to Thursday next term. Therefore, next term, all students should wear their sports uniforms on Thursdays and weather permitting, we will be swimming, so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of 80¢ if you don’t have a season ticket.

FAREWELL MISS HARVEY

Miss Harvey is taking two weeks long service leave at the beginning of next term. We wish Lisa happy holidays.

ST JOEY’S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 30 October  3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Preparations are well under way for this year’s fete to be held on Friday, 30 October. We are very open to new ideas so if there is something you would like to organise at the fete please let us know. A quick overview so you can start planning:

- Infants - Cake/Produce Stall.
- Year 3 and 4 - Tombuli (small items in snap lock bags).
- Year 5 or 6 - ‘Everyone’s a Winner’. Start looking out for prizes from small to big.

There will also be a Craft Stall at this year’s fete so you might like to start thinking of ideas to contribute to the craft stall. In future Abouts we will be asking for coordinators for various stalls, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please let us know.

COW PAT LOTTO

At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. How does cow pat lotto work? We erect a yard with an area of 400 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for $5.00 per square. A cow is led around the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win $1,000.00! With today’s newsletter are two tickets to sell. If you would like more tickets, just let us know and we will send them home. All sold tickets need to be returned to school by Friday, 23 October.

ST JOHN’S SCHOOL BARADINE HORSE SPORTS

St John’s School Baradine will host their Horse Sports on Friday, 23 October. This event is open to all students from K – 12 and will be held at the Baradine Showground. For further information including nomination forms, please contact Mrs Hodge. Nominations close on Monday, 12 October.

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registration for Gilgandra Swimming Club is now open. Register online at: http://www.active.com/swimming-team/gilgandra-nsw/summer--16-2015 or in person at the pool before the first pointscore session on Tuesday 6th October, 5:30 p.m. for registration, 6:00 p.m. start. Information packs available at the office. Cost is $80 per swimmer. Contact Melissa Welsh on 0448327684 for further information or visit their Facebook page.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS “DESIGN A BOOKMARK” COMPETITION AT GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY

Looking for something to do these holidays? Gilgandra Shire Library is running a “Design a Bookmark” competition for the school holidays, open to everyone under 18. The bookmark should be designed to fit the theme “Love to read”. There will be four prizes of $30 Book Connection Book Vouchers, one for children up to 5 years of age, one for 6-8 years, one for 9-12 years and one for 13-18 years. To enter, pick up an entry form at Gilgandra Shire Library or download it from the Library’s Facebook page, or create your own template 160 mm x
42 mm, and write your name, age, address and contact details on the back of the bookmark. Completed entries need to be returned to the Library by 5:00 p.m. on Friday 30th October. We hope you have a very happy holiday!

**COOEE FESTIVAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

A Cooe Festival Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, 26 September at the Gilgandra Services Club at 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. Tables of eight with a cost of $10.00 per person. For further information contact Stephen Horan on 68471963.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER**
- Jordan Wighton for his enthusiasm during concert practice,
- Hope Jones-Copelin for always trying to contribute to the sound better,
- Lauren Thurley for learning her lines very quickly,
- Darren Mulligan for his enthusiasm during concert practice,
- Isabelle Mudford for her fantastic handwriting posture,
- Abbie Skinner for constantly trying to ‘sound out’ words during Story Writing and Stuart Wheatley for being helpful with our preschool visitors.

**YEAR 1**
- Millie Spora for being a helpful and kind member of Year 1,
- Taylor Hayes for excellent reading and comprehension,
- Charlie Zell for his ‘Legends’ roar,
- Tableigh Davey for terrific improvement in Reading,
- Jessie Riley for super spelling results in Term 3 and Blake Fairley for writing excellent imaginative stories.

**YEAR 2**
- Tarinya Hannedge for wonderful results in Grammar review,
- Grace Winter for a super effort in Spelling, Chelsea Brand for fantastic participation in our concert item and Nick Tancred for great improvement in reading attack and fluency.

**YEAR 3**
- Thomas Dunn for an improved effort in Handwriting, Jade Elsom for using her word attack skills in reading,
- Emily Zell for ‘Giving Of Her Best’ in all areas,
- Eli Fullbrook for showing more confidence during News,

**YEAR 4**
- Oli Schier for enthusiastic participation in all concert practices and
- Isaiah Gledhill for working hard to improve his Maths skills.

**YEAR 5**
- Emily Skinner, Amber Tarrant and Mary Westwood for ‘Giving Of Their Best’ during our preparations for the concert.

**YEAR 6**
- Kate Gilmour for outstanding results in the Term 3 Maths test,
- Aiden Ryan for fabulous solo singing in concert practices and James Kildev for groovy concert dancing.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 10**

Wednesday, 16 – Saturday, 19 September
- Mooramilla – Heidi Purvis,
- Mackaylah Ross, Jack Oehm,
- Last day Term 3

**WEEK 1**

Tuesday, 6 October
- First Day Term 4
- Miss Harvey commences Long Service Leave
- Whole School Communion Service – 9.00 a.m.
- AP Meeting
- Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 7 October
- AP Meeting
- Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

**WEEK 5**

Monday, 19 October
- Miss Harvey returns from LSL
- Father Martin returns
- Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.
- P & F Meeting

Thursday, 22 October
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10.30 a.m.
- Cow Pat Lotto Selling

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**
Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students for their fantastic efforts in our concert on Tuesday night. I am very proud of you all and I’m sure your families were so proud of you. Among all the activities this morning we had Year 1 discounting our Infants Sports Carnival this afternoon. I hope all the supporters enjoyed the afternoon. This week Kindergarten read “Monster’s Party” and there was much discussion about what happens at parties and what type of parties you can have. As part of our revision this week we have been going over our past sounds and writing down words that we can sound out. In Handwriting we have been concentrating on how to format the upper and lower case ‘q’. In Mathematics we revised time and discussed what the long and short hands are used for on an analog clock. Then we discussed what happens at particular times of the day and matched these up with the right clock times. We revised all the things we have learnt in our HSIE unit, ‘Places We Know’ and wrote down our favourite places to visit when on holidays. In Religion we read the story about ‘Jonah’ and learnt how God wants us to live. Just a reminder if anyone borrowed clothes for the concert to please return them to school and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to working with you all next term. Term care.

**YEAR 1**
What a spectacular week Year 1 has had from summing up the stage to record breaking athletes champions! Congratulations Year 1 on your fabulous performance on Tuesday night. We are so proud of you. A big thanks to all the parents who helped organise costumes. It was greatly appreciated. We have completed our portfolio tasks and we look forward to sharing all our hard work with our parents and friends over the holidays. In Religion we read the story of ‘Joseph’s Dreams’ from the Testament this week and discussed how he forgave others and believe in God. In Text Types we have been concentrating on writing narratives and we looked at the structure of two of our favourite narratives – ‘The Very Crankly Bear’ and ‘King Pig’. We then created our own narrative based on a magical castle. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you after the long weekend.

**YEAR 2**
Congratulations to everyone on a fabulous performance at the concert. We are so proud of you all! Expositions have been our focus in Text Types. We looked at the structure of expositions and wrote a class exposition titled, ‘Cars Are The Best Form Of Transport’. We read “If Dinosaurs Came Back” and wrote expositions about dinosaurs making good or terrible pets. We’ve completed a comprehension task about dinosaur fossils and have concluded our dinosaur unit by watching the movie, “Walking With Dinosaurs”. Everyone had lots of fun at the Infants Sports Carnival this afternoon. It was great to see so many parents, grandparents and friends there to cheer us on. Wishing everyone an enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday. See you in Term 4!

**YEAR 3**
What a fantastic night we had on Tuesday and I hope everyone enjoyed our performances. Year 3 worked really hard to show you our version of ‘The Discovery Channel’ and we should be very proud of ourselves. A big thank you to everyone who has helped in preparation for our performance. In Maths we have been learning about division and chance. In Grammar we have completed a revision activity on contractions, homophones and compound words. During Writing we finished publishing our alliteration poems. Year 3 has again worked hard all term and now deserve a nice break. I’m looking forward to seeing the completed animal projects next term. Have a wonderful holiday.

**YEAR 4**
A big thank you to all those who helped out with costumes for the concert. I think you’ll agree that the children looked fantastic and they acted and danced brilliantly. In the classroom this week we have been busy revising grammar concepts for our grammar assessment. We have also finished our novel for this term “Paper Plates”. During Maths we have practised 5 digit addition and converting fractions to percentages and decimals. For Religion we read Psalm 148 and wrote our own Hymn of Praise. During Creating we have created art work designed our own masks, sculpted them out of clay and painted and decorated them. They look fabulous! Have a happy holiday everyone.

**YEAR 5**
What a night we had on Tuesday! Well done to all the children on a fantastic performance and I’m sure you would agree that they all looked awesome. This week in class we have been revising our grammar topics for the term as well as finishing off our Literature unit by watching the entire movie of “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” with Year 6 as a summary of our study. In HSIE we have been busily writing our Sydney interviews and practice has begun on their presentation, ready for our exciting excursion next term. Thanks for a great term and I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break. See you in two weeks.

**YEAR 6**
Oh what a fabulous night we had on Tuesday! Congratulations Year 6 on your outstanding performance and your terrific work backstage. Our net of 1 M for Term 3 has been a bonus! In Maths we have revised negative numbers and multi step problems. We have really enjoyed listening to the discussion speeches and everyone is to be commended on their preparation and presentation. During Religion we have learnt about the Beatitudes and how they are relevant to how we can live the Gospel message. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday and we look forward to another wonderful term.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 18 September – Jessica Whitehouse & Sarah Hickey
Monday, 5 October – Public Holiday
Wednesday, 7 October – Brenda Purvis & Julie Marchant
Friday, 9 October – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Altus

**ALTER SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday 20 September – Charlie Banks, Jett Grimshaw, Olivia Newstead, Laura Smith