**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT**

“*A Broadway Musicals Revue*”

You don’t have to travel all the way to Broadway to experience magnificent musicals when you can go to the Gilgandra High School Hall and be amazed by the stupendous stars from St Joe’s. What a fabulous opportunity to be able to experience so many musicals in one evening. The show began with Kindy leading us along the yellow brick road to meet the Wizard of Oz. We hope all your wishes and dreams came true Kindy. Next, Year 1 shared with us the journey of the Von Trapp family and their quest to find the perfect governess. You sure had the hall filled with the Sound of Music Year 1! Year 2 asked us to go fly a kite with them as they entertained us with ‘Mary Poppins’. That was *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* Year 2! We retraced Alice’s footsteps as she wandered through Wonderland with Year 3. A wonderful story in an amazing land Year 3! Then it was time to welcome Year 4 as they took us to Pride Rock – home of the Lion King! Hakuna Matata Year 4! It was a ROARING success! Year 5 then cut loose as we all joined Ren and his adventures in ‘Footloose’. You really did kick off your Sunday shoes Year 5! Finally, it was time to go to Rydell High as Year 6 presented ‘Grease’. Year 6 that performance was – systematic …… charismatic …….. and even dramatic – why you were *greased lightning*! To conclude the evening we sat back and relaxed as we took a look at some of our favourite Joey’s memories in our slideshow. Of course performances like this don’t just happen and there are many people who deserve to be thanked. Thanks 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 thanks to the talented Joey’s staff who wrote the scripts, coached, organised those who helped the children with their lines, costumes and props. Many we sat back and relaxed as we took a look at some of our favourite Joey’s memories in our slideshow. Of course performances like this don’t just happen and there are many people who deserve to be thanked. Thanks 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 thanks to the talented Joey’s staff who wrote the scripts, coached, organised those who helped the children with their lines, costumes and props. Many we sat back and relaxed as we took a look at some of our favourite Joey’s memories in our slideshow. Of course performances like this don’t just happen and there are many people who deserve to be thanked. Thanks 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 thanks to the talented Joey’s staff who wrote the scripts, coached, organised those who helped the children with their lines, costumes and props. Many we sat back and relaxed as we took a look at some of our favourite Joey’s memories in our slideshow. Of course performances like this don’t just happen and there are many people who deserve to be thanked. Thanks 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 thanks to the talented Joey’s staff who wrote the scripts, coached, organised those who helped the children with their lines, costumes and props. Many

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

The first day back next term, Tuesday, 7 October, will be a pupil free day. The purpose of this day is for the staff to update the school’s English Scope & Sequence and Implementation Document so it complies with the National English Curriculum. Therefore the children will return to school for Term 4 on Wednesday, 8 October.

**YEARS 3/4 AND 5/6 FOOTY**

Students from Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 will be playing footy on our school oval tomorrow at 1:45 p.m. against the public school. Go Joey’s!

**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 Wednesday, 8 October.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS**

Our Active After Schools Program will recommence the first day back at school next term on Wednesday, 8 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 5 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.

**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 swimming, towel and pool entry fee of 80¢ if you don’t have a season ticket.

**CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, 19 October – 9:45 a.m.**

The excitement is certainly building in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 19 October at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church on Sunday, 19 October to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Jack Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creennaune, Maddie Eason, Matthew Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Mitchell Gaff, Shari Grimshaw, Georgia HORAN, Daimon Horne, Sebastian Jackson, Brock Johnston, Deklyn Lunnis, Grace Lumnis, Montana McGrath, Spencer McIntosh, James O’ Neill, John Raglus, Noah Ryan, Caitlin Spora, John Spora, Kyle Welsh.

**ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE**

**Friday, 31 October 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Preparations are well under way for this year’s fete to be held on Friday, 31 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 and 6 - ‘Everyone’s a Winner’. Start looking out for prizes from small to big.

We need parents to co-ordinate the following so let us know if one of these jobs is for you:

- ‘Everyone’s a Winner’ Stall
- Show Bags/Lucky Dips Stall
- Raffle
- Free fun activities
- Trike rides
- Zorb ball
- Vertical bungee/Sumo suits/giant boxing

If anyone can help out with the above stalls, please contact Melanie Ferguson on 0428 470303.

**COW PAT LOTTO**

At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. This year we have decided to raise the price of the tickets to $5.00 each but also reduce the number of tickets sold from 600 to 400 which increases the chance of winning. In addition the prize money will go from $500.00 to $1,000.00! 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, 24 October.

**YEAR 3 IS GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO!**

“We’re all going to the zoo, zoo, zoo – how about you, you, you.” Well Year 3 is going to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo on Friday, 10 October. This excursion is part of their unit of work titled ‘Our Australia’. All the students are completing projects about an animal found at the zoo and when they go to the zoo they get to see their animal live. The children will also attend a lesson at the zoo’s education centre. It should be a great day.
The Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers have thrown out a challenge to Mr Keady, Mr Soares and Mr Musgrave to grow beards for the Sportsman Dinner and Auction to be held at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturday, 25 October. The beards have started growing and now we would like to raise as much money as we can for this worthwhile cause. A sponsor sheet has gone home. Each family is asked to get as many donations as possible and all money needs to be returned to school by Friday, 24 October. On this day, we invite everyone to come to school wearing a crazy beard. There will be some special ceremonies organised.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**YEAR 5**: Samantha Naden for working hard to subtract in Maths, Mattea Purvis for attentive listening on our excursion to the police station, Jett Tarrant for wonderful work on his sounds with Mrs Alchin, Nick Tancred for writing a very imaginative narrative about a monster that came to his house and Nick Gale for an excellent effort counting coins.

**YEAR 6**: Isaac McKenzie for being a super speller, Caitlin Spora for an outstanding excursion recount, Aliza Purvis for fabulous enthusiasm during concert practices, Ashleigh Carlow and Hamish Beveridge for excellent work in Operations and Maths challenges and James Ferguson and Emily Skinner for well set out work in Religion and Gospel Challenges.

**YEAR 7**: Lauren Jones for great initiative in Parents evenings, Emmie Peart for her help in the office, Jett Tarrant for wonderful work on his sounds with Mrs Alchin, Annika Morgan for neatness in her handwriting and Samfor for being a considerate member of Kindergarten, Jessie Riley and Emmie Peart for enthusiastic participation during concert practice, Sam Dunn for great understanding in reading and Lilla Oehm and Rydah Whitehouse for great work learning their lines for the concert.

**YEAR 1**: Mary Westwood, Jett Grimswh, Abby Tate and Aliza Purvis for fabulous enthusiasm during concert practices, Ashleigh Carlow and Hamish Beveridge for excellent work in Operations and Maths challenges and James Ferguson and Emily Skinner for well set out work in Religion and Gospel Challenges.

**YEAR 2**: Lewis Purvis for being a super speller, Layney Godber for beautiful presentation of her work, Molly Fairley for always ‘Giving Of Her Best’, Aiden Walker for a fabulous drawing of his favourite season and Emma Westwood for super work in Maths Operations.

**YEAR 3**: Mason Fryers and Hugh Doherty for great work in Problem A Day, Mackaylah Ross for neat writing in her handwriting book, Mary Westwood, Jett Grimswh, Abby Tate and Aliza Purvis for fabulous enthusiasm during concert practices, Ashleigh Carlow and Hamish Beveridge for excellent work in Operations and Maths challenges and James Ferguson and Emily Skinner for well set out work in Religion and Gospel Challenges.

**YEAR 4**: Darren Doherty for a fabulous HSIE portfolio task, Lauchlan Bash for excellent contributions to class discussions, Lily Naden for working hard to complete Maths activities, Jye Day for an outstanding improvement with his book work and Jalynn Reilly and Lucas Davis for amazing involvement and Tayarna McKenzie for their amazing information reports about an Australian mammal. William Fuller for reading fluently with excellent expression, Bradley Kildey for working well in his spelling group, Jack Purvis for working hard to complete all set tasks, Joshua Purvis for great work in Problem A Day and Mackaylah Ross for neat writing in her handwriting book.

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**YEAR 6**: Mitchell Gaff for an outstanding excursion recount, Caitlin Spora for being a dedicated and enthusiastic learner, Kelly Anforth for asking intelligent questions in Maths and John Ragnus for excellent results in Maths.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 10**

- Thursday, 18 – Saturday, 20: Year 3 Zoo Excursion
- Friday, 19 September: Moorabilla – Heidi Purvis
- Saturday, 20 September: Whole School Mass – 9:00 am

**TERM 4 WEEK 1**

- Monday, 6 October: Mr Keady
- Tuesday, 7 October: Pupils
- Wednesday, 8 October: First day for students Term 4
- Thursday, 9 October: Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, 10 October: Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 p.m.
- Saturday, 11 October: Active After Schools commuters

**WEEK 2**

- Sunday, 19 October: Year 3 Zoo Excursion
- Monday, 20 October: Confirmation
- Tuesday, 21 October: Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 p.m.
- Wednesday, 22 October: P & F Meeting
- Thursday, 23 October: Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 24 October: Crazy Beard Day – Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers

**WANTED TO BUY**

An infant baby capsule to suit newborn. If anyone has one they no longer need, please contact Myra Campbell on 0429470152.

**BEARDS FOR CANCER**

Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club registration will be held on Tuesday, 7 October at the pool. Registration forms will be available at the school prior. For more details see our Facebook page or contact Melanie Ferguson on 0428470303.

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Kindergarten – you are all stars! Your smiles, acting and dancing skills were amazing in our concert performance last night. We are so proud of you! Our last week of school has been another busy one. In Religion we read some more stories from the Old Testament and discussed the messages God wants us to hear. Our Maths focus has been subtraction, 2D shapes and counting backwards from 20. In Art we constructed a quilt for a quiet queen and we wrote some interesting sentences about quails. We are finishing our PDHPE unit about community helpers and their special roles. Some of us would like to be a vet, a nurse or a policeman when we grow up! We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

**Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead**

**YEAR 1** We’ve reached the end of a very exciting term. I must congratulate Year 1 on their wonderful performance in the school concert last night. They approached each practice with enthusiasm which led to a fantastic show last night. This week we’ve been working on the ‘pp’ sound in Spelling and have revised all our grammar concepts. For text types this week we have taken an excerpt from Pamela Alen’s ‘The P’ in the ‘P’ tree” and have written our own narrative about a piece of fruit stuck in a tree. Year 1 has come up with many creative ideas on how to get it down. In PD we have discussed how our bodies have changed since we were born and how we can look after our bodies. I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** Wow! What a fabulous concert we had last night! Congratulations to everyone for your efforts, you were all superb! In Science we made a string phone as part of our ‘Let’s Communicate’ unit. As we have started learning about procedures in English, we wrote a procedure about ‘how to make a string phone’. We’ve finished our kite artworks and they are hanging in our room. They look great! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to an exciting Term 4 and welcoming back Mrs Schier.

**Mrs Morris**

**YEAR 3** I hope that a fabulous concert we had last night was fabulous for me while I’m away at the beginning of Term 4. We have a special treat to end the year with both the 3/4 boys and 5/6 boys presenting ‘Footloose’ to the audience. As the term comes to a close we have been enjoying our performances. Year 3 worked really hard to give you our version of ‘Alice in Wonderland’ and we are very proud of ourselves. A big thank you to everyone who has helped in preparation for our performance and Lorraine Hutchison for her help with costumes. In Maths we have been learning about giving directions, division and chance. In Grammar we have completed a revision activity on contractions. Our Science activity led us to learn about Aboriginals and their culture. In Writing we wrote an informal report about the ‘Hanging Rock’ and then presented it. In Maths we have continued our information reports to the class. Year 3 has again worked hard all term and deserve a nice break. I’m looking forward to seeing the completed animal projects next term. Have a wonderful holiday.

**Mr Soares**

**YEAR 4** WOW!! What a night! Congratulations everyone on your fantastic performances on stage last night. It really was a trip down ‘musical memory lane’. A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in the lead up to the big night whether it was costumes, masks, banners or face painting – a HUGE thank you to you all. It really has been a team effort. Enjoy a fantastic and well deserved break. Mr Langes will be holding the fort for me while I’m away at the beginning of Term 4. See you all next term. Happy holidays.

**Miss Harvey**

**YEAR 5** Wow, what a night! Congratulations to all of our classes on a magnificent concert last night. Year 5 did a sensational job and had a ball presenting ‘Footloose’ to the audience. As the term comes to a close we have been working on revising our units from this term as well as completing our term tests in Mathematics and Grammar. Tomorrow we will have a special treat to end the year with both the 3/4 boys and 5/6 boys taking on the Public School in a game of football. After a fun filled, action packed term I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you next term. Happy holidays!

**Mr Keady**

**YEAR 6** Oh what a fabulous night we had last night! Congratulations Year 6 on your outstanding performance and your terrific work back stage. Our last week for Term 3 has been a busy one! In Maths we have revised negative numbers and multi step problems. During Text Types we have been finishing our explanations of simple everyday objects and our excursion recounts. During Religion we have learnt about the Rite of Confirmation and what will actually take place during the Mass. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday and we look forward to another wonderful term.

**Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 19 September – Melissa Ryan & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 6 October – Public Holiday
Wednesday, 8 October – Nikki Church & Rachel Kirskop
Friday, 10 October – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Altus

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 21 September – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creanuena, Deklyn Lunninis