



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 10

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### Thought for the Week

*Break everything down into small steps.*

*Never give up.*

*Have faith in God, in yourself and always look at the glass as half full.*

#### **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, 10 October.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday, 9 October**

The first day of next term, Monday, 9 October, will be a pupil free day. During this day the staff will be reorganizing the computer room, old library and sports shed in readiness for our two Kinder classes next year. Therefore school will resume for all students on Tuesday, 10 October.

#### **FABULOUS FETE**

A fantastic school fete was held on Friday afternoon with the huge crowd enjoying all the activities and the variety of stalls. A big hit this year was definitely the dunking machine! Many thanks to Fete Coordinator, Rochelle Easman who did a great job bringing it all together. Thank you also to the stall coordinators who organised the various stalls, the families from our school who donated so many goods and their time to ensure such a successful fete and to the Gilgandra community for attending the fete, purchasing tickets and supporting our school. Congratulations to Justin Fuller who was the lucky winner of the Cow Pat Lotto.

#### **NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS AT ST JOEY'S**

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week at our school. We began the week with a flag raising ceremony and cake cutting on Monday morning and will celebrate a special NAIDOC Mass tomorrow, Friday, 22 September at 9:00 a.m. To complete the celebrations a yummy BBQ lunch will also be held tomorrow. There will be a free sausage sandwich for everyone! Thank you to Mrs Pearce for organizing the week's activities.

#### **PORTFOLIOS**

All children will take home their portfolios tomorrow with samples of their Term 3 work. We encourage all families to take the time to look at the children's work. All portfolios need to be returned to school early next term so the Term 4 work can be placed in them.

#### **PARISH LUNCHEON**

Planning for an informal Parish luncheon at the Sporties on 15 October is underway and everyone is invited and welcome. This will be a good opportunity to wish Fr Martin a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The lunch will be catered and a charge of \$25.00 per person, excluding drinks, has been set. To finalise catering arrangements we will need final numbers by 11 October. If you wish to attend please leave your name and money at the school office.

#### **PRIMARY SPORT**

Sport for primary students will revert back 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 \$2.00 if you don't have a season ticket.

#### **PRESCHOOL VISIT**

The Tuesday Preschool group will make another visit to our school in the first week of next term. We look forward to welcoming them all back to Joey's.

#### **GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Gilgandra High School will hold an Open Day on Wednesday, 11 October. They have invited all our Year 6 students to a BBQ lunch commencing at 12:00 p.m. They will then have a session with school facilitators from 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. there will be a community welcome afternoon followed by the Year 6 into Year 7 Parent Information Evening from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. A note went home to all Year 6 students yesterday.

#### **MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC 'PUFF & BLOW' MUSIC DEMONSTRATION**

On Wednesday, 18 October at 11:30 a.m. (Week 2 of Term 4) staff from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music will conduct a 'Puff & Blow' music demonstration. They will demonstrate a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2-5. Parents are also welcome to attend. Those students who may be interested in attending lessons next year are able to have a trial of the instruments that may interest them.

#### **FOUND – ONE BLACK SCHOOL BOOT**

One black school boot was found on the gravel between the school and the convent on the Monday afternoon after the concert rehearsal. No one has come looking for it yet, but if anyone is missing a boot, it is in the office.

#### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEGO CLUB**

Family LEGO at the Library will be held from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 26 September and 3 October for children aged 5-12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This activity is free but there can only be a maximum of twelve children. To book phone Gilgandra Shire Library on 68178877.

#### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEGO COMPETITION AT THE LIBRARY**

#### **Design Your Dream Library LEGO Competition**

What would your dream library look like? Build it in LEGO and you could win a Lenovo 7" Tablet! Photograph your LEGO library and email it to [library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au) with your name and age and contact details. This competition is open to everyone under 19 years. Phone the library on 68178877 for more information.

#### **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE**

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialized vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. The Mobile Service Centre will be situated near the shopping plaza, Miller Street, Gilgandra on Wednesday, 11 October from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information go to [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au) and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132316.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or perhaps know someone who is interested? Then you are invited to come along to an enquiry afternoon. For more information please contact Fr Martin or Sr Robyn on 68470608.

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule to invest in your most precious asset .... your marriage! It will be held from 24-26 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490774419.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Georgia Allan and Oliver Christian for creating fantastic zebra artworks, Max Fiddes for great work in MiniLit, Chloe Harris for being a positive and enthusiastic member of Kinder, Amity Henry for taking care with her handwriting, Ben Mudford for top work making equal rows and Ivy Murphy for taking great care with the presentation of all work.

**YEAR 1:** Sophie Gilmour for using great vocabulary in Story Writing, Mia Ferguson for showing care and kindness to other students, Georgia Tancred for making an enormous effort with handwriting and Scarlett Chandler and Vaughan Zell for fantastic work matching 2D shapes to their names.

**YEAR 2:** Will O'Connor for great symmetrical patterns in Maths, Amity Chapman for a fantastic effort in Spelling, Bonnie Henry for a super effort in reading groups, Jonas Naden for trying hard in Maths, Emily Standing and Eliza Mudford for great working out skills in Problem A Day activities and Tom Staggs for wonderful expression and fluency in reading.

**YEAR 3:** Lilla Oehm for wonderful presentation of all bookwork, Jessie Riley for a good effort in Comprehension, Brooke Woollams for fantastic work in Comprehension, Shane Estens for a great effort in Operations and Tia Allan for a super effort in Maths.

**YEAR 4:** Hayden Ferguson for creating a fantastic self-portrait artwork, Lucy Kilpatrick for trying hard to read our class novel with expression, Harry Mudford for writing a thoughtful response in Religion about God's creation and the environment and Nick Tancred for working out place value of decimals with accuracy.

**YEAR 5:** Layney Godber, Camilla Beveridge and Jack Oehm for showing fantastic school spirit.

**YEAR 6:** Tylah Anforth and Mason Fryers for accurately identifying indirect speech in text, Heidi Ferguson for reading our class novel with fluency and expression and Bradley Gibson for trying hard in Sentence A Day.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 10**

Thursday 21 & Friday 22 September	-	Moorambilla Residency Camps
Friday, 22 September	-	Last day Term 3 – Portfolios home
	-	Whole school NAIDOC Mass – 9:00 a.m.
	-	NAIDOC BBQ Lunch

### **TERM 4**

#### **WEEK 1**

Monday, 9 October	-	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 10 October	-	School resumes for students
	-	Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
	-	Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 11 October	-	GHS Open Day – Year 6 – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, 15 October	-	Parish Luncheon – Sporties
Monday, 16 October	-	Marist College North Shore High School Concert Band – 2:00 p.m.

#### **WEEK 2**

Tuesday, 17 October	-	P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 18 October	-	Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
	-	Puff & Blow Music Demonstration – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 18 and Thursday, 19 October	-	PSSA Athletics

#### **WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 24 – Friday, 27 October	-	Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Friday, 27 October	-	Preschool Visit

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 24 September – Madison Hourigan, Jess Scholte, Marshall Fairey, Molly Fairey

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** has enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC week this week. We began with the flag raising ceremony and cake cutting on Monday and will continue the celebrations with a Mass and BBQ lunch tomorrow. In the classroom we learnt about the 'q' as in queen sound. We read the story "Meg's Castle" for reading and wrote a brief summary of the story as well as completing a number or one word comprehension questions. During Mathematics we revised our knowledge of 3D shapes and Mr Musgrave taught us how to draw a cube. In Geography we completed a quiz on all we have learnt in our 'People Live In Places' unit this term. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. See you next term. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** Our final week of Term 3 and what a fantastic term we have had in Year 1! A big thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm and hard work. This week we read our final Nick Bland book, the entertaining "When Henry Caught Imaginitis". We certainly didn't expect Henry to have such an amazing imagination! Who would believe he could wrestle a fiery red dragon under the dinner table or fly to the moon using a watermelon spacesuit! We also discussed the qualities of friendship and completed a beautiful rainbow fish in our Religion books. Finally we have enjoyed building sentences using adjectives, verbs and adverbs. We are now super sentence stretchers! Have a wonderful holiday and great rest ready for our final term of Year 1! *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** It was a fantastic fete last Friday – thanks to everyone who helped out or donated things to sell at the different stalls! During the week we finalised portfolio tasks and continued to revise different concepts covered in Grammar throughout the term. In Maths we looked at subtraction of large numbers, problem solving strategies and money operations. We discussed the Parable of the Good Shepherd in Religion and reminded ourselves of Jesus' love and protection of us, should we wander away from making the right choices. Have a wonderful and well deserved holiday everyone. Have a great rest because Term 4 will be here before you know it! *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** What a great time we all had at the fete last Friday! Thank you to everyone who donated to all the stalls which helped make it such a success. This week we completed an information report about Gilgandra and are having fun with alliteration and tongue twisters in Grammar. In Maths we challenged ourselves with mixed numeral fractions and four digit addition and also investigated who was a square person and who was a rectangular person. To complete our literature unit on Roald Dahl we celebrated with a fancy feast with food inspired by some of the characters we have read about – Mrs Twit's special spaghetti, George's marvellous potion and Willy Wonka ice cream! We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** Another term is nearly over – who can believe it? We have certainly done a lot this term when we think about it, from our fabulous concert to our magnificent marching, Year 4 has certainly given of their best. This week in Year 4 we have been finishing off our wonderful novel "Paper Planes" and have been enjoying watching the book come to life in the movie creation. During Maths we have been investigating square numbers as well as completing activities based around temperature. During Religion we have reflected upon our environment and completed a research task on the story of Creation. Well done Year 4 on a great term. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and well rested for what is to be a very exciting Term 4. Have a great holiday. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** has had a busy last week putting the finishing touches to portfolio tasks and revising units of work. We have organised our interview groups for the excursion and have been researching information about our chosen location. Yesterday we participated in a NSW Parliament video conference with two other schools. This was a fun and interactive program that helped us learn about the development of democracy in the early colony of NSW, the levels of government and how the bicameral system works to make laws. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and we can't wait to see all the smiling faces back for an action packed Term 4! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** It sounds like everyone had a magnificent time at our school fete on Friday! In Maths this week we have been learning about sample data, fractions and three dimensional shapes. Our Grammar activities have focused on direct speech and we have revised the topics we have covered this term. In Writing we have written an explanation about why deciduous trees lose their leaves in Autumn. We have got into groups for our Sydney Excursion interviews and we have started researching our chosen destination. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday! *Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 22 September – Nikki Church & Jessica Whitehouse  
Monday, 9 October – Pupil Free Day  
Wednesday, 11 October – Greg & Marilyn King  
Friday, 13 October – Penny Zell & Janine Ferguson

