



ABOUT

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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 Monday, 10 October.

FABULOUS FETE

The weather didn't beat us and we had a fabulous fete last Thursday with the large crowd enjoying all the activities and the variety of stalls. 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 the following prize winners:

Cow Pat Lotto – Bella Ferguson

Lolly Guessing Competition – Karen Cooper

ORIGINAL ARTWORK FOR SALE

For those parents who missed out on purchasing their child's family or self-portrait at the fete, they are still available for the bargain price of \$3.00. You can buy them from Mrs Spora.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Unfortunately the Catholic Schools Sports Day which was to be held in Coonamble yesterday was cancelled due to wet weather. As stated in the rules, in the event of the sports day being washed out, it will be cancelled for that year. The same school will then host the sports day the following year. All the children's lunch orders will be returned from St Brigid's to our school and when we receive them, we will send them home. Congratulations to all the students for the way they prepared for this carnival. Their marching was magnificent and it is a shame that they couldn't march for us all down Coonamble's main street. So that all our hard work wasn't in vain we marched today, sang our war cry and enjoyed a surprise! Also our relays, ball games and tug-o'-war teams were looking really sharp and hopefully, weather permitting, we might be able to enjoy these activities during sport.

HAPPY EXTENDED HOLIDAYS MISS HARVEY

Miss Harvey is taking two weeks long service leave at the beginning of next term. We wish Lisa a happy holiday touring Ireland. Mr Langes will be teaching Year 2 while Lisa is away.

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.

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.

YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION EXPO

Everyone is invited to come along and relive the thrills and spills of our Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion at our expo to be held in the computer room at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, 14 October (first week back next term). You will be able to watch the DVD, peruse the photos and browse through the booklets.

ST JOHN'S BARADINE HORSE SPORTS DAY

We have now received the full information, including nomination forms, for the St John's Baradine Horse Sports Day to be held at Baradine Showground on Friday, 21 October. Please see Mrs Hodge if you would like a copy. *Entries close on Friday, 14 October, so for those people who have children interested in participating, the entry forms and \$25.00 entry fee will need to be returned to Mrs Hodge by Tuesday, 11 October (at the latest), so they can be posted that day.*

PUPIL FREE DAY

There will be a pupil free day in Week 3 next term, on Wednesday, 26 October. During the day Mrs Judy Brown from the Marzano Institute, will inservice the staff in developing proficiency scales in comprehension, establish guaranteed vocabulary for each class, also in comprehension, and suggest classroom practices to support student learning of the vocabulary. As the teaching of comprehension has been a focus this year, the staff look forward to a productive day.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Everyone is invited to a day of prayer and reflection on the life of Julian Tenison Woods – the man, priest, scientist and co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. The day will be led by Dr Marie Crowley at St Joseph's Convent on Saturday, 8 October commencing at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. start and concluding at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person (for morning tea and light lunch). Please RSVP to Sr Robyn by 1 October, 2016.

SCHOOL ZONE REMINDER

A reminder to all parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 3 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMPETITION - Extreme Reading

The school holidays are a great time to get reading! Ask someone to take your photo reading in an unusual way, an odd location or even in costume and enter our competition! All entries will go into a draw, with one person winning a Lenovo 7" Tablet. To enter, pick up an entry form at the Library or print it from Gilgandra Shire Library's facebook page. Photos can be submitted by email or as hard copy, but each photo must be accompanied by an entry form and signed by a parent or guardian. Please note: no photos of dangerous acts will be accepted. It is a condition of entry that entrants must not endanger themselves or anyone else in any way. For more information, please contact the Library on 6817 8877 or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

GILGANDRA VETERINARY CLINIC OPEN DAY

Gilgandra Veterinary Clinic is having an Open Day on Saturday, 24 September from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Dog painting, clinic tours, judging of colouring in competition and photo competition, free sausage sizzle and lots more. For further information call 68471129. Our new address is 2 Enterprise Drive off Hargraves Lane.

FREE DRUM WORKSHOP

'Australia's Got Talent' star, TJ Krause, will be at the Gilgandra Shire Hall at 3:00pm on Friday 30th September to demonstrate what fun drums can be. Participants in the workshop might even be able to work up an item with TJ for the concert which is planned for the evening. Please phone or text Janet on 0427 505 651 to register your interest. Adults, teenagers and children all welcome.

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club is open for registrations. Online registration can be done at <http://www.active.com/water-sports/swimming-registrations/gasc-summer-17-2016>. Information packs are available from the school office. Training commences on Monday 10th October at 3:45 p.m. and our first point score for the season is Tuesday 11th October at 6:00 p.m. For further information please contact our registrar Melissa Welsh on 0448 327 684 or email gilswimclub@gmail.com.

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Little Athletics promotes fun and healthy exercise and is open to girls and boys aged 5 to 17 years. All skill levels are catered for in running, jumping and throwing events. Children have the chance to make their way to Zone, Regional and State competitions! So grab mum, dad, aunty, uncle, grandma or pop and come down to our Little Athletics Registration and Trial afternoon to be held on Thursday 22 September from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at McGrane Oval. The cost of registration is \$80.00, please bring a birth certificate. See you there!

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Te Mana Diamond** for 'Giving Of His Best' in all areas, **Alyssa Ferguson** for being a role model for others to follow, **Mia Ferguson** for being a responsible member of Kindergarten, **Sophie Gilmour** for always being reverent during prayer, **Makynli Hazelton** for being kind to others, **Angus Johnson** for his contributions to class discussions during Geography, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for her enthusiasm during marching practice and **Violet Whitehouse** for always giving of her best in Story Writing.

YEAR 1: **Hudson Duffy**, **Lucas Fong** and **Jessica Ibe** for showing great school spirit and **Kaycee Bugmy** for writing a brilliant story about a mermaid and pirate.

YEAR 2: **Beatie Davis** for super problem solving in Problem A Day, **Rachel Ryan** for great work on our 'Dinosaur' unit, **Grace Tancred** for working hard in Maths, **Kimbaelee Gilmour** for marvelous work in Operations, **Grace Jones-Copelin** for a great effort in Comprehension, **Henry Purvis** for super spelling results and **Dakotah Gilmour** for working hard on her Saint report.

YEAR 3: **Jett Chandler** for excellent work with his Religion Portfolio task, **Dylan Tobin** for settling into St Joseph's so well, **Hayden Ferguson** for being a thoughtful and friendly class member and **Ben Harland** for well presented News.

YEAR 4: **Dylen Murray** for top work using a scale when reading a map, **Darcy Neeves** for great work completing contracted multiplication questions and **Daniel Kirsop** for a positive attitude towards all tasks.

YEAR 5: **Zac Ferguson** for being enthusiastic towards all aspects of Year 5, **Mason Fryers** for improved confidence when doing Order of Operations, **Will Fuller** for a conscientious approach towards achieving his Literacy Pro reading goal, **Will Gaff** for consistently trying hard to maintain a high standard of bookwork and **Jennifer Ibe** for providing

YEAR 6: **Caity Neeves** for taking care with her bookwork, **Amelia Murray** for showing kindness and consideration towards others and **Billie Buckland** for having a positive attitude towards all class activities.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

Thursday, 22 –
Saturday, 24 September - Moorambilla
Friday, 23 September - Last day Term 3
- Whole school Mass – 9:00 a.m.

TERM 4

WEEK 1

Monday, 10 October - First Day Term 4
- Miss Harvey commences Long Service Leave
Tuesday, 11 October - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, 13 October - PLC Cluster Meeting – Gilgandra
Friday, 14 October - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy – Excursion Expo – 2:00 p.m.

WEEK 2

Tuesday, 18 October - P & F Meeting
Thursday, 20 October - AECG Meeting
Friday, 21 October - Baradine Horse Sports

WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation

- Miss Harvey returns
Wednesday, 26 October - Pupil Free Day
Thursday, 27 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 28 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been revising past sight words and sounds they have learnt so far. We continue to hear the last and middle sounds

in words. In reading, we read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and had a discussion about how important it is to eat healthy food. In Mathematics we learnt about friends of '9' and have been discussing patterns. During Geography we finalised our topic 'People Live In Places' by discussing what we learnt and what other things they would like to learn in the future. We also finalised our Science topic 'What's It Made Of?' by discussing what different things are made from and by having a discussion how durable they are in wet weather. As we draw to an end of a busy term, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to another successful term together. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Our final week of Term 3 and what a busy term we have had!

This week we have put the finishing touches to our portfolio tasks and we are looking forward to showing off all our hard work. We really enjoyed reading "Jack and the Beanstalk" as part of our fairy tale unit. Would you like to climb the beanstalk? Many of us thought it would not be such a good idea and came up with some very clever reasons to support our decision. In Maths we really enjoyed classifying regular and irregular shapes along with measuring the length of various objects. There are so many budding artists in Year 1 evident by the fantastic castles that we drew and painted. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all for our final term of Year 1! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Where has the term gone? We've been busy finalising our work samples for portfolios. In Maths we revised rounding to 100 and the split strategy. During Religion we looked at St Joseph and discussed the important qualities he had as we continued to focus on Saints. In Art we completed our origami for our Japanese garden and they look beautiful. We finished our Literature unit on dinosaurs and have really enjoyed looking at palaeontologists and how fossils are formed – we even created our own 3D fossil imprints. Have a great holiday everyone. Mr Langes will be helping Mrs Schier for the first two weeks of Term 4 while Miss Harvey is away (perhaps chasing some green leprechauns!) *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 has worked very hard this week putting the finishing touches to portfolio tasks and revising units of work. In Maths we learnt about the square metre and in groups we made one out of newspaper to help us with estimating. We also practised adding and subtracting large numbers. During Geography we used the iPads to discover the countries that are our closest neighbours and identified the seas and oceans that surround Australia. Everyone seems to be working hard on their Zoo Projects and we look forward to seeing them all by Thursday 13 October. 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 Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 We've revised homophones in Spelling this week while in Grammar we've reviewed concepts that we have learnt during the term. We've also read an example of a book review and written our own review on the book we have been reading this term, "Paper Planes". During Maths we've practised 4-digit addition and explored commutative property. In our Creative Art lesson we drew a cow and painted it with watercolour paint for our portfolio. For our Geography lesson this week we made a poster about an endangered species using Microsoft Word. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Wow – the end of Term 3 is nearly here. We have had a huge term in Year 5 starting with our excursion to Canberra, attending the primary social and who can forget our fantastic 'trip' to New York at the concert. We have certainly been busy! This week we finished reading "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" as well as completed our end of term assessments for Grammar and Comprehension. In Art we have begun painting our hot air balloons and they are looking mighty fine. Well done on everything you have done this term Year 5 – you have been outstanding. Have a restful holiday. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 In Maths we have been learning about various types of graphs and converting between hectares and square metres. Our Grammar activities have continued to focus on direct and indirect speech. In Geography our focus has been on rainforests and what makes them so unique. We discussed different ways in which we can help preserve them. Year 6 have worked really hard this term, well done! I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 23 September – Lesley Riley & Kirstie McKenzie
Monday, 10 October – Emma Meyers & Sally Temple
Wednesday, 12 October – Simone Beaton & Belinda Murray
Friday, 14 October – Michelle Woollams & Amy Spora

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 25 September – Marshall Fairey, Lachlan Fairey, Jacob Wilson, Jett Grimshaw

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