



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 10

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Thought for the Week

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them"

- St Teresa of Calcutta -

CONFIRMATION

A beautiful celebration was held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday as fourteen candidates were presented to Bishop Michael McKenna and Fr Greg Kennedy for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The whole Year 6 class completed the Confirmation program and it was wonderful to see classmates, other members of the school community, parishioners, family and friends in church on Sunday to witness this important step in the faith journey of these young people. A celebration breakfast was held in the school hall following Mass. Our 2019 Confirmation class consisted of: **Billie Allan, Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Casey Gaff, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Lucy Kilpatrick, Lucy McIsaac, Ava Meyers, Harry Mudford, Samantha Naden, William Spora, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell.** Many thanks to Miss Seaman and Mrs Banks for preparing the children for this Sacrament, to the staff and students of our school for their reverent participation at Mass and fantastic help in decorating the hall, the Year 5 parents for serving the morning tea and the parents of the Confirmation class for working with the school during this important time.

MOORAMBILLA RESIDENCY CAMPS

Best of luck to **Cameron Davis, Will Spora, Nick Tancred, Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Jemima Harrison, Lucy Kilpatrick, Georgia Tancred and Grace Winter** who are attending the Moorambilla Residency Camps this week. During this time Cameron, Will, Nick, Alana, Paige, Kimbalee, Jemima, Lucy, Georgia and Grace will perform with other talented students from across the north west region of NSW. I'm sure it will be a marvellous experience for our talented performers.

PORTFOLIOS

All children will take home their Term 3 Portfolios tomorrow, Friday, 27 September. 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 uniform on Thursdays and weather permitting, we will be swimming, so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of \$1.00 if you don't have a season ticket.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children may wear either winter or summer school uniform when they return to school next term. It is a personal choice, depending on the weather.

HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 3. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and return refreshed and ready for Term 4 on Monday, 14 October.

OCTOBER P & F MEETING

The October P & F Meeting will be held during the first week back at school on Tuesday, 15 October at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the staffroom at school.

POLDING ATHLETICS

We wish the following students the very best of luck as they compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Homebush on Friday, 18 October (Week 1 Term 4): **Ryan Ferguson, Evie Peart, Grace Tancred, Lilla Oehm, Sam Dunn, Trinity Zell, Blake Fairey and Nick Tancred.**

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT – 2021

Applications are open for Year 7 selective high school placements in the year 2021 and must be made online between 8 October and 11 November 2019 by visiting <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. Late applications will not be accepted. All applicants are required to sit a Selective High School Placement Test on 12 March 2020.

CRICKET NSW 8-A-SIDE GALA DAY

Students from Year 3-6 attended an 8-A-Side Cricket Gala Day organised by Cricket NSW at McGrane Oval on Tuesday. This is a fabulous way for the students to learn and enjoy the fundamentals of cricket and we thank Cricket NSW for the day and giving our students the opportunity to play.

LITTLE ATHLETICS TRIAL AFTERNOON – TODAY!

Gilgandra Little Athletics is holding a further 'come and try' afternoon **today**, Thursday, 26 September from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m at McGrane Oval. Mick Gardiner will be attending to give parents some guidance and basic instruction of events, so come along and have a go! An information sheet has today been sent home providing details about how to register online for the 2019/20 season.

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registrations are now open for the Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club's 2019/20 season. For new registrations or to renew your registration, please visit <https://nsw.swimming.org.au>. Information booklets are available from the school office providing details about training, point score, carnivals and registration instructions. The first point score will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 October and new member information and assessment will be available from 5:00 p.m. Training starts on Monday, 21 October. For more information see our Facebook page or contact Melanie Ferguson on 0428470303.

GILGANDRA LEARN TO SWIM

Gilgandra Learn to Swim is under new management and is now taking enrolments for the 2019/20 swimming season. For further information please contact Alicia on 0427 078 601.

GILGANDRA YOUTH CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A note has today been sent home with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 detailing the School Holiday Program at the Gilgandra Youth Club. As you will see there are many wonderful excursions and activities taking place during the holidays for children 10 years old and above. For any further information or to make a booking, please phone the Youth Club on 6817 8798 or 0408 697 241.

GO4FUN ONLINE

The Western NSW Local Health District is promoting a program for kids and their families called "Go4Fun Online". Is your child aged 7-13 years old, above a healthy weight and in need of support to improve eating and activity habits? Go4Fun Online is a FREE 10-week program that helps children and their families improve their eating and physical activity habits. There are ten online sessions and a weekly phone call from a trained and qualified coach to help keep you on track. Get involved and start collecting your weekly tokens and prizes. To register or find out more phone 1800 780 900 or visit <https://go4funonline.com.au/>.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Clancy Larkin for being a well organised member of Kinder, **Tex Mudford** for thoughtful responses in Reading, **Elijah Newton** for becoming an independent and confident writer and **Luka van der Walt** for her amazing dance moves in our concert.

YEAR 1: Harrison Newton for great work in Maths, **Harry Thurlow** for trying to improve his neatness in Sentence A Day, **Andrew Standing** for great improvement in penmanship skills and **Oli Chandler** for working hard on improving letter formation.

YEAR 2: Caine Bugmy for beautiful presentation of work in Text Types, **Nikola Riley** for being a quiet and co-operative member of Year 2, **Baxter Whitehouse** for great work with Homophones, **Jeremiah Woodrow** for super illustration of Australian landmarks and **Joe Staggs** for interesting contributions to class discussions.

YEAR 3: Brooke Beaton for working hard in Maths, **Hayden Nichols** for trying hard to complete work with accuracy and **Tilla Chandler** and **Dimity Wykes** for writing fabulous book reviews of our class novel 'The Twits'.

YEAR 4: Mitchell Fuller for accurately completing Problem A Day and Operations in a timely manner, **Bonica Henry** for putting outstanding effort and enthusiasm into our concert, **Isabelle Mudford** for always ensuring she structures her writing correctly and **Jonas Naden** for a consistent effort with morning reading.

YEAR 5: Abigail Davis for being a thoughtful member of our Joey's community over the weekend, **Kimblee Gilmour** for fabulous enthusiasm toward all of our concert preparations, **Jessie Riley** for displaying patience when working on tricky Maths questions, **Ryder Ryan** for completing fantastic research on how lightning is made, **Millie Spora** for always presenting her bookwork in a neat and well laid out manner, **Grace Tancred** for approaching all aspects of Year 5 with a smile and **Sienna Zell** for fantastic work during independent Reading Group activities.

YEAR 6: Ava Meyers for continuous effort to always 'Give of Her Best', **Sam Naden** for an awesome effort during concert practice, **Billie Allan** for her excellent explanation about 'How Rainbows are Formed' and **Hayden Ferguson** for his quick thinking and engagement with tasks.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

- Wednesday, 25 September
- Saturday, 28 September - Moorambilla – boys and girls
Friday, 27 September - Last day Term 3
- Portfolios home

TERM 2 - WEEK 1

- Monday, 14 October - School resumes
Tuesday, 15 October - P&F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 17 October - Miss Harvey returns from Long Service Leave
Friday, 18 October - Polding Athletics

WEEK 2

- Thursday, 24 October - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 3

- Monday, 28 October - Talent Quest Auditions
Tuesday, 29 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch
Wednesday, 30 October - Talent Quest Auditions
- 'Heave Ho Off We Go' Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10.30 a.m.
- Talent Quest Auditions

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Our final week of Term 3 and what a busy, fun filled term we have had! This week we have completed our Religion Unit 'God is With Us' by listening to the stories from the Old Testament about 'Jonah and the Whale' and 'David and Goliath'. These men always trusted God and are great examples for us to follow. We loved reading 'Meg up the Creek' and writing about what we thought would come out of Meg's cauldron - a magical unicorn, a fairy and even a dragon!! In Maths we used our interactive board to complete shape patterns and find the missing numerals. We explored capacity and measured the amount of water different containers could hold. The owls we made in Art look amazing along with our beautiful spring display. We hope you all have a happy and safe holiday. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 Congratulations to our Year 6 friends on a beautiful celebration of Confirmation last Sunday. Thank you to those Year 1 children who came to celebrate with them. This week we have been learning how to write expositions. We read the book 'Hey Little Ant' and wrote arguments for and against squashing ants. We then read 'What Pet Should I Choose?' by Dr Seuss. We brainstormed reasons why certain pets are good pets and the children worked with a partner to write an exposition. In Maths we have revised the jump strategy, gathered data to create a graph and used grids to

measure area. We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable holiday and we will see you back ready to start Term 4!

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 Thank you to our family and friends for joining us at our special Liturgy today, 'Treat Others Kindly'. It was lovely to finish a busy term with this celebration. In Text Types we have paired up to write a description of a dinosaur and in Science we investigated the workings of our ears and eyes. During Maths we completed patterns and in Sentence A Day we revised punctuation using direct speech. In Art we have made baby dinosaur eggs using paper plates and tomorrow we become archeologists and endeavor to find 'dinosaurs' in our playground. Have a safe and happy holiday. *Mrs Meichelle Scheir*

YEAR 3 Wow! Week 10 already. What a busy term we have had. A big congratulations also to Year 6 who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. It was such a lovely celebration. To celebrate the end of our Literature Unit of Roald Dahl we had a mini feast of Mrs Twit's famous spaghetti, a drink of George's marvellous brew and a Willy Wonka ice cream. I wonder which they enjoyed better. This week we have also completed our end of term assessment for Science. Those students who participated in the Cricket Gala Day on Tuesday had fun playing lots of games of cricket. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces again for an action packed term 4. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Wow, another term has come to an end! What a fantastic term we have had with the concert, Sports Day in Baradine, the fete and plenty of other fun activities. Many students enjoyed the cricket day on Tuesday, where they played games and improved their skills. We have been writing a movie review on Paper Planes. We have also done activities in which we compare the book to the movie and we had a paper plane competition this afternoon! Students have been completing revision activities in Maths and Grammar to reflect on the learning we have done this term. We have also been studying they reasons why animals are becoming endangered and extinct and are creating a poster to try and stop this happening. I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday! See you all next term. *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 Congratulations Year 6 on your beautiful Mass on Sunday. May God bless you all as you continue to grow in faith using the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A big thank you to the wonderful team of Year 5 parents who helped serve the morning tea. We have had a busy last week putting the finishing touches to portfolio tasks and revising units of work. Speeches were presented yesterday and we congratulate everyone on your efforts to improve eye contact and expression! During Maths we have concentrated on our Essential Assessment goals and revised concepts using Mathletics. 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! *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 What a great final week of term it has been. We began the week with lots of smiles, continuing the celebrations of Confirmation. Thank you to everyone who helped out and again congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2019. It was a privilege to have the Bishop visit St Joey's and I am very proud of Year 6. May you continue your faith journey as young adults in the eyes of the Catholic Church, sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. The excitement continued into Tuesday where students had the opportunity to participate in a cricket workshop day. The students had lots of fun and loved working on their batting and bowling skills!! We would like to wish our singers the very best as participate in Moorambilla this week, we are very proud of you all! As Term 3 comes to an end, so does the bottle top collection. Envision hands has asked that all collectors cease collection so that they can focus on making the prosthetic hands and arms. Thank you to all in our school community that have contributed to this wonderful cause, we have certainly made a difference to others people's lives. Please bring in any bottle caps you still have at home and place them in the office box for one final count! St Joey's bottle collection totals over the past term: Kindy – 1,641, Year 1 – 2,924, Year 2 – 1,809, Year 3 – 1,731, Year 4 – 2,029, Year 5 -3,351, Year 6 – 3,998, Office – 4,433 making a **grand total of – 21,921**. This is enough lids to make 14 children's arms or 29 children's hands – well done everyone!! *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 27 September - JB & Alison Tancred
Monday, 14 October - Anna Peart & Nadine Hutchison
Wednesday, 16 October - Gai-Maree Younghusband & Amanda Chandler
Friday, 18 October - Alicia Heffer & Ashleigh Mudford

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 29 September – Aiden Walker, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker

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