

# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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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 fifteen 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 2018 Confirmation class consisted of: **Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Thomas Dunn, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Molly Fairey, Breanna Foster, Dennis Gale, Layney Godber, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Mia Henderson, Daniel Kirsop, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylon Murray, Darcy Neeves, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Emily Ridge, Madison Riley, Oscar Spora, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Emma Westwood, Molly Wilson, Jerome Woodrow, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Emily Zell.** Many thanks to Mr Soares 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.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT**

##### **'Joey's Greatest Excursion'**

Mr Mus and the students boarded the bus on Thursday evening at the Gilgandra High School Hall for 'Joey's Greatest Excursion', and what an amazing trip it was! First stop was 'Disney On Ice' with Kinder where we were enthralled by the princes and princesses, snowmen, pirates and Snow White and the seven dwarfs. Cool Kinder! Next we were off to Taronga Zoo where the elephants, tigers and monkeys were dangerously dramatic. Unreal Year 1! At the Capitol Theatre, the Wizard of Oz, Matilda, Mamma Mia and the Lion King were all performing. How lucky were we? Everything was awesome Year 2! The Sydney Opera House was our next destination and we were mesmerised by the Shen Yun Fan Dancers, Kenbu Kung Fu Dance Troupe, LED Ballerinas and even the mysterious phantom made a visit. We've got the feeling Year 3 that the opera house was a good night. All roads then lead to Sydney Olympic Park where we got to see some great Australian basketballers, synchronized swimmers, footy players and even some enthusiastic cheerleaders. It was a day of gold Year 4. We ducked across to Qudos Bank Arena and it was rocking with P!nk, Darius Rucker and the cowboys, Queen (the band and her Majesty) and there were even some buskers. Unbelievable Year 5! It was then time to hit the road and go to the circus. There were hilarious clowns, singing animals, fabulous gymnasts and even a five headed lady. Mind blowing Year 6! To finish our excursion we watched a slideshow starring the Joey's family. This surely was Joey's Greatest Excursion! Congratulations to all the Joey's students who were most definitely the superstars of the night. It was an amazing concert. 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, organized props, costumes, programs, sound and lights. Thanks also to the Gilgandra High School for the use of their hall and helping with sound, lights, chairs and spare rooms, our Year 6 leaders for their superb backstage work and finally congratulations to the stars of the show, the kids from St Joey's for providing us with an awesome night.

##### **INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL**

Everyone had a wonderful afternoon today as our infants children participated in their mini sports 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!

#### **MOORAMBILLA RESIDENCY CAMPS**

Best of luck to **Jack Oehm, Oscar Spora, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Grace Winter, Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lilla Oehm, Alex Gaff, Brook Woollams and Trinity Zell** who are attending the Moorambilla Residency Camps this week. During this time Jack, Oscar, Camilla, Kate, Nick, Will, Grace, Alana, Paige, Lilla, Alex, Brook and Trinity 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.

##### **THANK YOU MR LANGES**

We thank Mr Langes for teaching Year 2 for the past three weeks while Miss Harvey has been on Long Service Leave, it is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately Miss Harvey had to cut her holiday short so she could be with her dad who needed a serious operation. Please keep Mr Harvey in your thoughts and prayers.

##### **FAREWELL MRS PEARCE**

We farewell Mrs Pearce this week as she enters a new phase of her life, retirement. We have been blessed to have Marg as our first Aboriginal Education Worker and her contribution over the past ten years to our school has been amazing. Her extraordinary love, care and commitment will always be remembered. We pray that in your retirement Mrs Pearce, you find many new treasures and amazing adventures each day. Thanks again Marg for being part of the Joey's family. We will miss you.

##### **PORTFOLIOS**

All children will take home their Term 3 Portfolios tomorrow, Friday, 28 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, 15 October.

##### **OCTOBER P & F MEETING**

The October P & F Meeting will be held during the first week back at school on Tuesday, 16 October at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the staffroom at school.

##### **YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT - 2020**

Applications are open for Year 7 selective high school placements in the year 2020 and must be made online between 9 October and 12 November 2018 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 Thursday, 14 March 2019.

##### **GILGANDRA LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Gilgandra Little Athletics is holding a 'come and try' afternoon **today** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m at McGrane Oval. This is a great way for children to try athletics to see if they enjoy it before committing. For those wishing to register, registrations will also be taken this afternoon.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Harrison Newton** for beautifully presented work in his Sounds book, **Mackenzie Skinner** for great enthusiasm in our concert performance, **Ben O'Brien** for working well on Mathletics tasks and **Bill Ryan** for reverently participating in the Confirmation Mass.

**YEAR 1:** **Jacob Fordham** for wonderful work in our class concert, **Ryder Larkin** for hard work in Maths, **Jock Mills** for a super effort in Comprehension, **Brodie Nichols** for great work with homographs and **Clayton Wheatley** for enthusiastic participation in our class concert.

**YEAR 2:** **Brooke Beaton, Makylni Hazelton** and **Dimity Wykes** for consistent application in all areas, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for positive contributions to class discussions, **Te Mana Diamond** and **Jack Gibson** for completing all tasks in a positive manner, **Jemima Harrison** for a super effort in Problem of the Day, **Alexia Riley** for approaching all tasks in a positive manner and **Hayden Nichols** for being a helpful class member.

**YEAR 3:** **Amity Chapman** for beautiful handwriting, **Hudson Duffy** and **Lucas Fong** for super speed and accuracy in Maths Operations and **Jaida Tarrant** for fantastic improvement in oral fluency.

**YEAR 4:** **Carter Chapman** for willingly sharing strategies and participating in class discussions in Maths, **Abigail Davis** for her consistent focus on all mathematical tasks and happily sharing strategies with the class, **Blake Fairey** for offering positive and useful contributions to class discussions, **Kimbaelee Gilmour** for being a friendly and cheerful member of Year 4 and **Ryder Ryan** for creating a fantastic hot air balloon artwork.

**YEAR 5:** **Nick Tancred** for greeting us with a big smile and lovely manners every day, **Cameron Davis** for persevering with tricky Maths questions and **Nick Gale** for improvement in your fluency when reading.

**YEAR 6:** **Isaiah McKenzie** for working well with his classmates, **Madison Riley** for a top effort in Maths Operations, **Molly Wilson** for contributing confidently to class discussions and **Emily Zell** for great work in spelling activities.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 10**

Friday, 28 September - Last day Term 3  
- Portfolios home

### **TERM 4**

#### **WEEK 1**

Monday, 15 October - First day Term 4  
- Day of Prayer, Reflection & Discussion – Sr Robyn – School Hall

Tuesday, 16 October - P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

#### **WEEK 2 Year 3 Reconciliation**

Thursday, 25 October - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

#### **WEEK 3 Year 5 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 30 October - Kinder Buddy lunch

Wednesday, 31 October - Talent Quest Auditions

Thursday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.  
- Talent Quest Auditions

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Wow another term has come to an end! The children's first Joey's concert as performers last Thursday was fantastic. Congratulations to all the Kinder students, you were stars. Kindergarten has been very busy this week completing lots of activities about our book 'Owl at School'. We have really enjoyed reading the 'Meg and Mog' series by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski. In Religion we have been discussing the role of the prophets from the Old Testament, who were chosen by God to deliver His message of love. We read about King David saving the Israelites from Goliath. In Maths we have enjoyed using the iPads to complete Mathletic activities. Our Spring display is blossoming with the beautiful flowers we made during art. Thank you to everyone who came and watched or participated in our fantastic infants' sport carnival. We had a great afternoon! We hope everyone has a restful and safe holiday and we look forward to our final term of Kindergarten.

*Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** What a fabulous night we had last week at our school concert. Thank you for all your help and support which made the night such a success. All the children participated with great enthusiasm – they were awesome! This week we solved addition and subtraction word problems in Maths and completed a cloze passage parable about the Kingdom of God. In Geography we are having a closer look at 'managed' environments and looking at rhyming words used in the wonderful book 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We had a great day today at our Infants Sports Carnival – thank you to everyone who came and cheered us on. Have a safe and happy holiday.

*Mrs Schier*

**YEAR 2** Congratulations to Year 2 for your outstanding performances at the concert. I was filled with pride watching in the wings. Well done! All the school should be proud of their individual class performances. As we complete the final week of the term, we continue to be busy. In Grammar we have been revising earlier concepts - speech marks, contractions, apostrophes, exclamation and question marks. We have had fun looking at anagrams and coming up with new words. Maths has seen the continuation of our mini quiz at the start of each lesson, reinforcing earlier skills and introducing new terms. Problem A Day has been given in two parts – one using basic operations while the challenge problem encourages students to develop strategies. In Geography we have continued to look at the flags used in Australia and their significance to us all. Thanks to the family and friends who joined us at our sports carnival today. We had lots of fun. It has been a pleasure being part of Year 2's learning journey over the last three weeks and the students are looking forward to welcoming Miss Harvey back next term. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

*Mr Langes*

**YEAR 3** Wow! Week 10 already. What a busy term we have had. Congratulations to everyone on their amazing performances at the Annual Concert last week. You were all amazing. A big congratulation also to Year 6 who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday. It was such a lovely celebration. This week Year 3 has completed our Literature unit for the term. We finished reading our novel, 'James and the Giant Peach' and look to watching the movie so that we can compare the novel to the movie. I wonder which we will enjoy better. This week we have also completed our end of term assessments for Grammar and Science. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing all your smiling faces again for an action packed Term 4. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone!

*Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Wow! End of Term 3 already! What a fantastic term we have had. We are so proud of how well our students performed in the concert last week, you all danced like no one was watching and definitely entertained the audience! We have seen improvements in a range of learning areas throughout the term and students have continued to work hard. A stand out for the term was the social and it was great to see students dressed up and enjoying themselves. We have spent a lot of time learning about Seven Steps for Writing this term and we read 'Paper Planes' as a class. We have sent home notes for parent interest for our excursion next term. These are due tomorrow. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Mr Keady & Miss 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. Well done to the Year 5 super stars who did an amazing job on stage at our concert. Your enthusiasm was outstanding! We have had a busy last week of term putting the finishing touches to portfolio tasks and revising units of work. Our writing task this week has had us working on sizzling starts to our narratives. We are learning the power of starting where the action is to entice the reader into wanting to read more! During Maths we have concentrated on dividing by 10's and recording remainders as decimals. 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** What a fantastic day we had on Sunday! It was great to see Year 6 being so reverent and it looked like everyone enjoyed our celebration after the Confirmation ceremony. Congratulations Year 6 for your spectacular performances and brilliant backstage work at the concert. You showed real leadership. In the classroom we have been writing explanations about how trees bare their leaves. Our Maths activities have focused on sample data, division with decimals and the order of operations. We have revised our grammar topics for this term. Term 3 has definitely flown by! I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

*Mr Soares*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 28 September – Simone Fordham & Tanya Hutchison

Monday, 15 October – Donna Wheatley & Danelle Jones

Wednesday, 17 October – Alicia Heffer & Rachel Lacey

Friday, 19 October – Nikki Church

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 30 September – Isaac Grimshaw & Jacob Harland

