



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 2

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### Thought for the Week

*Every day may not be good... but there is something good in every day!*

#### **"ABC" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

**TONIGHT, Thursday, 1 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

We hope you have your 'ABC' outfits ready because tonight is our fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. Year 6 want you to use your sense of humour and imagination to come dressed as anything starting with the initials of your name. For example, if you child's initials are "T.B." they could come dressed as a Tigers supporter, a tennis player, a ballerina or Buzz Lightyear. The social will be held in our school hall tonight, Thursday, 1 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself and get ready to dress up in your 'ABC' outfit!

#### **RYAN FERGUSON – SENIOR BOY CHAMPION**

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated in the Western Region Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo yesterday. There were several amazing performances and we should be able to report on these in next week's About after we have received the official results. A special mention to **Ryan Ferguson** who was named Senior Boy Champion. Well done Ryan!

#### **GIRLS RUGBY 7s**

Congratulations to **Eva Bonnington** and **Grace Tancred** who will play in the Inaugural Girls Rugby 7s Selection Trials for Polding. This event will occur at St Joseph's College Hunters Hill Sports Field this Monday. We wish Eva and Grace the best of luck!

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was held this week and was a huge success. Thank you to the families who attended the book fair. Your support enables our school to purchase new books for our library which the children and staff greatly appreciate. There were a few families who took the opportunity to donate a book to the library and we thank those families for their generosity.

#### **WELCOME MRS VAN DER WALT**

We have today welcomed Mrs Mia van der Walt into the Joey's family as she will be teaching Year 1 for the remainder of the year while Miss Smith is on maternity leave. As mentioned last week, Mrs van der Walt has been teaching in Taiwan for the past 15 years and was originally from South Africa. We hope Mia and her family have an amazing time here in Australia and Mia enjoys her time at St Joey's. We encourage all of our families to introduce yourselves to Mia and welcome her to our school.

#### **ST MARY MACKILLOP MASS**

Year 4 is preparing a Mass in honour of St Mary MacKillop which will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church next Thursday, 8 August at 10:30 a.m. St Mary is a very special saint as she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph, the order that started our school back in 1909 and we look forward to celebrating this special day together. Everyone is most welcome and morning tea will follow Mass so please bring a plate to share.

#### **JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

**Tomorrow, Friday, 2 August**

Tomorrow, Friday, 2 August is Jeans for Genes Day and we have decided this would be a great opportunity to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. We are asking all students to wear jeans to school tomorrow, Friday, 2 August and bring along a gold coin donation. If you don't own a pair of jeans, just wear a pair of casual pants. With their jeans students will wear their normal school shirt and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

#### **SOCCER GALA DAY**

The St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day will be held on Friday, 16 August at Lady Cutler Ovals, Bligh Street, Dubbo. Permission notes were sent home last term and should have now been returned to school. If you have not yet returned your permission note please do so ASAP, noting that pre-ordered lunches have already been sent to St Laurence's. Canteen facilities will be available on the day.

#### **SCHOOL FEES**

Term 3 Fee Statements will be sent home, via email for those who have provided email addresses, or otherwise with the eldest child in the family, early next week. Term 3 fees are due on Friday, 30 August. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with the payment of school fees, please make an appointment to see Mr Musgrave to discuss any issues.

#### **BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY**

Book Week will this year take place during Week 5 and to celebrate we will be holding a Dress Up Day on Wednesday, 21 August. The infants children (Years K-2) will be dressing up as their favourite book character and the primary students (Years 3-6) can either come dressed in the outfit that they wore to the fancy dress social or dress up as their favourite book character.

#### **COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS**

We have now received full details, including entry forms, for the St Laurence's School Coonabarabran Horse Sports two-day event to be held at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 August. **Entries close on Thursday, 15 August, so we would need the completed forms back at school by Monday, 12 August.** For those interested, please call in and pick up a copy of the entry forms or let Mrs Hodge know and she can email them to you.

#### **YEAR 6 ENVISION HANDS PROJECT**

Don't forget to keep collecting plastic milk, water, soft drink, juice and long life milk bottle top lids at home and bring them to school to add to our class collection boxes. Bottle tops with ring pulls or metal can not be collected. All bottle tops will then be donated to Envision Hands to enable the manufacturing of prosthetic hands and arms for people in need. A small hand requires 750 plastic lids and an arm around 1500 plastic lids...so let's get collecting!!!! Thank you to Carlinda Enterprises for supporting this project. Well done to Year 6 who are driving this project with a vision to *give back to the community*. To date we have collected a whopping **1759 lids**, made up as follows:

Kindy – 92, Year 1 – 287, Year 2 – 43, Year 3 – 77, Year 4 – 328, Year 5 – 199, Year 6 – 582, Office – 151. Keep them coming!

#### **MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM**

The following students will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in a series of workshops that are being held next week and the week after, as part of the 2019 Moorambilla Voices program: **Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Cameron Davis, Grace Winter, Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lucy Kilpatrick, Georgia Tancred, Jemima Harrison and Kimbalee Gilmour.** Well done to all of our sensational singers!

#### **PLANT CUTTINGS FOR SCHOOL FETE**

Just a reminder that at this year's fete there will be a plant stall and donations of plants will be required. Make sure you get some cuttings growing in preparation for the fete on Friday, 6 September.

#### **FABBA IN CONCERT**

Gilgandra Services Club is hosting FABBA, a fabulous band who sing all your favourite ABBA songs. FABBA will be performing at the club on Saturday, 31 August starting at 8:30 p.m. **Half of the door takings will be donated back to the school!!** So get a group of friends and help

raise funds for our school while having a FABBA-ulous time! Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the club or school. We thank Gilgandra Services Club for organising this show.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Abhijot Singh** for a conscientious effort in English and with sounding out in Phonics, **Estelle Hazleton** for always producing her best work and listening well in class, **Charlie Howard** for outstanding listening and enthusiasm during Maths, **Mack Hutchison** for improved listening and organisation during Phonics and **Jakirah McKenzie** for splendid work in English and pride in her bookwork.

**YEAR 1:** **Kellie Hutchison** for reading with beautiful expression, **Lottie Duffy** and **Bayley Dent** for writing a great story about a Gruffalo and **Bella Ferguson** for always being polite and respectful.

**YEAR 2:** **Jimmy Lesslie** for settling in well at St Joseph's, **Ryder Larkin** for paying attention and listening well in class, **Elsie Mudford** for working hard in Mini Lit with Mrs Alchin, **Jacob Fordham** and **Mia Mudford** for super and creative story writing and **Elsie Adams** for taking care to present work neatly.

**YEAR 3:** **Jack Gibson** and **Layla Wykes** for writing a detailed information report on 'Sharks', **Toby Davis** for being a kind, caring and helpful class member and **Makynli Hazelton** for having an enthusiastic approach to Spelling.

**YEAR 4:** **Brody Heffer** for constructing a fantastic catapult during STEM activities, **Mac Lesslie** and **Maddi Peart** for settling well into Year 4 and **Abbie Skinner** for thoroughly planning her writing.

**YEAR 5:** **Shane Estens** for working hard during independent activities in Maths, **Declan Gale** for composing a convincing exposition as to 'Why School Holidays Should Be Longer', **Taylor Hayes** for presenting well laid out work in Problem A Day and Operations books and **Lochie Henry**, **Will Younghusband** and **Charlie Zell** for fantastic work when identifying primary and secondary sources in History.

**YEAR 6:** **Jasmine Zell** for trying her best to use expression when reading, **Ben Standing** for engagement in writing activities - keep up the hard work, **Sam Naden** for an excellent holiday recount which included a very intriguing orientation and **Will Spora** for consistent positive attitude and class participation.

### **WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3**

#### **WEEK 2**

- Thursday, 1 August - Years 3-6 Primary Fancy Dress Social - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, 2 August - Jeans for Genes Day

#### **WEEK 3**

- Monday, 5 August - Eva Bonnington & Grace Tancred - Girls Inaugural Rugby 7s Selection Trials
- Thursday, 8 August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass - Year 4 (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.
- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge

Wednesday, 7 August -

Saturday, 10 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp

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#### **WEEK 4**

- Monday, 12 & Tuesday, 13 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp
- Wednesday, 14 August - Confirmation Parent Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 15 August - Feast of the Assumption Mass - Year 3 (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 16 August - St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day

#### **WEEK 5 Book Week**

- Monday, 19 August - Hear our Heart Visit - Kinder-Year 3 Puppet Show - 12:15 p.m., Years 4-6 Education Session - 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 20 August - P & F Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 21 August - Book Week dress up day
- Thursday, 22 August - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge
- Friday, 23 August - Diocesan Athletics
- Sunday, 25 August - Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass - 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Candidates Rite of Commitment

#### **WEEK 6 Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation**

- Thursday, 29 August - Coonabarabran Horse Sports
- Friday, 30 August - Father's Day Stall
- Coonabarabran Horse Sports
- Saturday, 31 August - FABBA - Gilgandra Services Club

#### **WEEK 7**

- Tuesday, 3 September - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- Thursday, 5 September - Year 1 Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.
- ICAS Science Competition
- Friday, 6 September - GHS Careers Expo
- Fete

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** We are reading "The Monster's Party" and focusing on the letter "e" this week in Kinder. We are enjoying lessons and Art incorporating our Geography, Religion and Personal Development units. The children were thrilled to locate Gilgandra and St Joseph's on Google Earth. We have learnt about 'a bird's eye view' and located where we live in our world. We all enjoyed the book fair tremendously. Thank you to all involved for organising it for us.

*Mrs Carmen Clarke*

**YEAR 1** was very excited to meet Mrs van der Walt today and have made her feel very welcome. During Religion this week we have read the parable about 'The Lost Pearl'. It reminds us that heaven is precious and special just like a pearl. We have continued with our Gruffalo activities and labelled the Gruffalo using adjectives and then wrote a description of him. In Grammar we have been learning about antonyms and in Art we created outstanding owl artworks. We are all looking forward to supporting Jeans for Genes tomorrow.

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

**YEAR 2** We wrote some interesting acrostic poems about dinosaurs. In free writing time we enjoyed using the new story cards and came up with creative stories. In Maths we revisited rounding up, investigating number patterns, following directions and visualising area. Conjunctions (because, since, but) were the focus in Grammar and Sentence A Day. Everyone is excited about this term's concert. More information about costumes will go home soon. We have begun practising and everyone is very enthusiastic in their dance groups. Have a great weekend everyone.

*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** What a fantastic book fair we had on Tuesday. It was great to see such a big range of books to choose from. Our Grammar focus this week has been on antonyms. Year 3 has compiled a long list of synonyms and antonyms and written interesting sentences using these. During our Literature unit this term we are reading the novel "The Twits" while in Reading Groups we are continuing to read the novel "James and the Giant Peach". Such great Roald Dahl books which Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying! In Art we have been making 'Twit Pie' and they look fabulous. In Science our topic is on 'Living World Animals'. We have talked about classifying plants and animals into different groups and looking at what makes things living and non-living. We can't wait for our first fancy dress social tonight! Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** are very excited about the social tonight! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up in their costumes for the ABC theme! Tomorrow is Jeans for Genes day. Students can wear jeans and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for an important cause. It has been wonderful to see so many bottle lids coming in for the Envision Hands Project. Well done everyone! This week we have been learning about explanations in Writing and we have started writing one about space. We have also been learning about trading in subtraction, along with division and angles in Maths. We are reading the story "Paper Planes" and studying the main characters. Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

*Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** Week 2 has been wonderful with everyone back into the swing of things and working hard. During Maths we have looked at calculating averages and translating, reflecting and rotating two dimensional shapes. Our Grammar focus is adverbs and our writing tasks have included making a mindmap to help plan and organise our writing. In our "Bounce Back" unit we reflected on our friendships and the skills we need to develop and maintain positive relationships. We also have been learning about the history of our school and the important people who have helped shape the place it is today. Year 5 has polished their groovy moves and we can't wait to see the amazing ABC costumes tonight!

*Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** Firstly I would like to congratulate all the students who represented Joey's at the Western Region Athletics Carnival yesterday. What a mammoth effort by all! I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has collected bottle lids so far! Keep an eye out in the square for our updated tally each Friday and keep bringing them in! In the classroom Year 6 has been stepping out of their comfort zone and further exploring algebra and how symbols (usually letters) are used to represent numbers. This has made Maths very interesting! In Literacy we are extending our knowledge and understanding of poetry, exploring a range of different poetry styles. The students are certainly enjoying this creative style of writing! What a wonderful week! Bring on the social tonight and also don't forget your footy tips!

*Miss Jess Seaman*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Friday, 2 August - Sheree Staggs & Simone Fordham
- Monday, 5 August - Emma Meyers & Cassie Younghusband
- Wednesday, 7 August - Jodie Peart & Lib Walker
- Friday, 9 August - Anna Peart & Jessica Howard

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

- Sunday, 4 August - Millie Spora, Emmie Peart & Lilla Oehm

