



# 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!*

### ST JOSEPH'S P & F SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

**TOMORROW, 3 August – 7:00 p.m. – Gilgandra Sporties**

There will be tables of 8 at only \$10.00 per head. If you haven't got a table organised, come along and we will put you on a table. There will be lots of fun and games. NO raffles. Tickets are available to purchase at the school office. **There will be no food provided, but feel free to bring along a plate of nibbles for your table.** All money raised will go the **HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS PROJECT.**

**Here is another sample trivia question to get you thinking!**

*Name the seventh planet from the sun.*

#### **YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION**

The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents had a sensational time in Canberra and at the snow last week. Our travellers arrived back at school at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, a little weary, but with many stories to tell of their experiences. Congratulations to all the students whose excellent behaviour during the trip was constantly commented on by the many guides and a big thank you to teachers, Mrs Banks and Mr Soares and the parents who attended who all ensured everyone had a safe and happy excursion.

#### **WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DARCY NEEVES – 11 YEARS CHAMPION!**

Congratulations to **Darcy Neeves** who won the 11 years Boys Championship at the Western Region Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo on Monday. Darcy won the 11 years 100 m, 11 years 200 m, 11 years Long Jump (setting a new record of 4.15m!) and came second in the 11 years Discus. Well done Darcy! Special mention also to our **Senior Boys Relay Team** consisting of **Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes** and **Jack Oehm** who not only won the event but set a new Western Region record in a time of 59.17! A super effort boys! Other athletes to excel included: **Alyssa Ferguson** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 years 100 m, **Lilla Oehm** – 1<sup>st</sup> 10 years 100 m, 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Long Jump, **Jordan Neeves** – 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Shot Put, **Mattea Purvis** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years Shot Put, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years Discus, **Trinity Zell** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Discus, **Will O'Connor** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 years 100 m, **Ryan Ferguson** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years 100 m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 years 200 m, **Sam Dunn** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior 200 m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Long Jump, **Will Spora** – 1<sup>st</sup> 11 years 800 m, **Dylen Murray** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years Shot Put, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 years Discus.

**Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Eva Bonnington** – Junior Girls Relay – 1<sup>st</sup>, **Will O'Connor, Mitchell Fuller, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn** – Junior Boys Relay – 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Those students who came first, second and third in the track events and first and second in the field events will now compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Thursday, 23 August. First and second placed relay teams will also compete at this carnival.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*We had a great time at Telstra Tower. When we went in we saw a small model of Telstra Tower - it looked so cool. As we were going up the elevator we stopped and got off and straight away we went up the top and felt the strong wind. We would run around and at one point you would fly back. Right at the top it was so windy you would go flying. When you jumped the wind was so strong it would push you back about a metre. Isaac Grimshaw, Bailey Wykes, Isaiah Mckenzie and Jerome Woodrow.*

#### **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at Assembly yesterday for their achievements in the recent ICAS Digital Technologies Competition:

**MERIT:** Isabelle Mudford, Ben Harland

**CREDIT:** Eliza Mudford, Darcy Morris, Sienna Zell, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Emily Zell

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

A very successful book fair was held on Tuesday. Thank you to all parents and children who supported our library by buying books and stationery. An enormous thank you to these generous students and teachers who donated books from the book fair to the library: **Indy Thomas, Lucy McIsaac, Heidi Colwell, Emma Westwood, Chloe Mudford, Mrs Schier**  
*Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas*

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

Tomorrow, Friday, 3 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, 3 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.

#### **NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP REGIONAL FINALS**

We wish our Senior Girls Netball Team the best of luck next Tuesday, 7 August as they travel to Orange to compete in the Netball NSW Schools Cup Regional Finals. The girls earned the right to play in the finals after winning the gala day at Dunedoo back in Term 1. The team consists of: **Layne Godber, Camilla Beveridge, Breanna Foster, Jade Elsom, Sarah Temple, Emily Zell, Chloe Mudford, Emma Durrant, Kate Woollams, Molly Wilson.**  
*GO JOEY'S!*

#### **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 Wednesday, 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.

#### **SYDNEY THUNDER VISIT**

Next Wednesday, 8 August Years 3-6 will receive a visit from players from the Sydney Thunder Cricket Team. The players will talk about the wonderful game of cricket and will be happy to answer any questions that the students may have. Thank you to Cricket NSW for organising this visit to our school.

#### **SOCCER GALA DAY**

The St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day will be held on Friday, 10 August at Lady Cutler Ovals, Blich 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.

#### **"DREAM BIG" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

**Friday, 17 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

It's just about time for the fancy dress social and our Year 6 leaders want you to 'DREAM BIG'!! What does it mean to 'DREAM BIG' we hear you ask? Well how about you dream about coming as an **OUTBACK LEGEND**, or **LIGHT IT UP** and dress in different colours, or dress as your favourite **MOVIE CHARACTER**, or as what you want to be **WHEN YOU GROW UP**, or as a **ROCK 'N' ROLL STAR**, or your **BIGGEST IDOL**, or someone from **ONCE UPON A TIME** or **ONCE IN A MILLION YEARS**, or what about **SPONGEBOB** or one of his mates, or come up with your own dream character. **BUT DON'T DREAM IT, DO IT!!** See you at the social to be held in our school hall on Friday, 17 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself and **DARE TO DREAM!**

## **WARREN HORSE SPORTS**

**Thursday, 30 & Friday, 31 August**

St Mary's School Warren is hosting a Horse Sports Event on Thursday, 30 August and Friday, 31 August. Those students wishing to compete in this event should provide their completed entry form together with the relevant fee to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the school office by tomorrow, Friday, 3 August.

### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*Wow! The National Museum of Australia was marvellous. We got to sit inside the heaviest object in the museum - an excavator bucket weighing a whopping 15.2 tonnes. We can't forget about K-Space where we got to create our own time travelling robot. We will never forget this place. Chelsea Brand, Lucy McIsaac, Mattea Purvis, Paige Gilmour, Ava Meyers, Lucy Kilpatrick and Grace Winter.*

### **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, 28 August. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with the payment of school fees, please make an appointment to see Mr Musgrave to discuss any issues.

### **FOOTY JUMPER WASHING**

Thank you to Amanda Shalhoub-Purvis who has again kindly washed all the footy jumpers that are worn at lunch time at school. Your efforts are very much appreciated Amanda.

### **SUNRISE TO VISIT ARMATREE**

Ash & Libby Walker warmly invite you to the Armatree Hotel for breakfast and a chance to meet Edwina Batholomew from the Sunrise Breakfast Show next Tuesday, 7 August from 6:00 – 9:00 a.m. Please feel free to take your children along to be part of the show. We will understand if children are late to school next Tuesday.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Lucas Riley for a great witch artwork, Keaghan Lummis for trying super hard to colour in neatly, Kellie Hutchison for writing a fantastic story about a witch, Indy Thomas for impressive counting backwards from 20 and Akhiro Baker for trying hard to write between the lines and use finger spaces.

**YEAR 1:** Elsie Adams for a great effort in Handwriting, Clayton Wheatley for super work in Maths, Amity Henry for a positive approach to all tasks and Ruby Ryan for wonderful presentation of work.

**YEAR 2:** Olivia Westwood and Riley Hutchison for improved neatness in their bookwork, Sophie Gilmour for trying hard to complete all tasks on time, Makynli Hazelton for beautiful handwriting at all times, Sophia Peart and Mia Ferguson for working hard in Maths and Alyssa Ferguson for being a good role model for her peers.

**YEAR 3:** Hudson Duffy, Lucas Fong, Jessica Ibe, Orlando Ryan and Darcy Morris for showing great problem solving skills in Coding activities.

**YEAR 4:** Carter Chapman for having a cheerful approach to Year 4, Abigail Davis for using some fabulous detail when writing a holiday recount, Rhyann Hutchison for being a great helper during Maths groups, Alison Mudford for thinking of some creative sizzling starts during Sentence A Day activities and Ryder Ryan for fantastic participating in class Maths activities.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 2**

Friday, 3 August

- Jeans for Genes Day
- Trivia Night – 7:00 p.m.

#### **WEEK 3**

Tuesday, 7 August

- Year 3 Reconciliation
- NSW Netball Cup Regional Finals – Orange

Wednesday, 8 August

- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Sydney Thunder - Years 3-6 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 August –

- Moorambilla Boys Camp
- St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day

Friday, 10 August

Saturday, 11 & Sunday

- Moorambilla Girls Camp

12 August

#### **WEEK 4**

Monday, 13 August

- Year 4 Reconciliation
- GHS Expo – Years 5 & 6 – Gil Shire Hall

Monday, 13 and

Tuesday, 14 August

- Moorambilla Girls Camp
- ICAS Maths Competition
- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 14 August

Thursday, 16 August

- St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day back-up date
- Primary Fancy Dress Social – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, 17 August

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#### **WEEK 5**

Monday, 20 August

- Cyber Safety Talk – 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Cyber Safety Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, 20 August

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- Diocesan Athletics, Dubbo
- Father's Day Stall Working Bee

Thursday, 23 August

Thursday, 23 August

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week in Religion we have continued with our 'Bounce Back' program and focused on the Golden Rule 'treat others the way you would like them to treat you!'. We also spoke about using our manners, remembering to say please, thank you and excuse me. We enjoyed reading 'Meg's Veg' and completing some fun reading and writing activities based on the story. You should see our illustrations of Meg and Mog in the rain - they are fantastic! In Maths we combined numbers to 9 and practised sharing objects into groups. In Science we went for a walk around our school using a map to locate all the different places and objects. We are looking forward to Jeans for Genes day tomorrow so remember your coin donation. Have a great weekend.

*Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** What a beautiful celebration we had today. Thank you to all our family and friends who joined us for our class Liturgy. Congratulations Year 1 on your wonderful participation and reverence. In Geography this week we discussed two types of environments – constructed and natural. In Maths we investigated area using envelopes and used our sense of feel to find 2D shapes. In Grammar we are revising the punctuation of sentences and wrote interesting narratives about being in the woods which we shared with the class. Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 2** Welcome back Years 5 and 6 – wow, you have all had great stories to tell about your fabulous excursion last week. In the classroom we continued the 'Bounce Back' program in Religion and focussed on the importance of 'it's OK to be different' and we watched the 'Ugly Duckling' story. We discussed how each of us is unique and different and that building friendships is very important. In Maths we revised equal balancing addition sums, problem solving strategies, division and x10 patterns. The new unit in Geography is 'Features of Places' and we will be learning a lot about mapping skills, Australia and the environment. Text Types focussed on procedural writing and we wrote a recipe on how to make a yummy milkshake and how to build a snowman. Have a wonderful weekend.

*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 compound words. Year 3 has compiled a long list of compound words that we know. During our Literature unit this term we are looking at the novel 'James and the Giant Peach' while in Reading Groups we are reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' Such great Roald Dahl books which Year 3 are thoroughly enjoying. In Science our topic is on 'Feathers, Fur or Leaves'. We have talked about classifying plants and animals into these groups and what makes things living and non-living. Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

**YEAR 4** We have really enjoyed having Year 5 and 6 back at school- it was great to hear about all the fun you had on your excursion. Well done to everyone who went to the Western Region Athletics Carnival on Monday representing our school amazingly. This week in class we have been spending time writing an explanation as well as investigating how to convert fractions to decimals and percentages. We are preparing for our upcoming class Mass next Wednesday as we celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop. Please come along and join us. We have also started to plan this week for our concert and we will send some information home later in the term once we have finalised everyone's parts. We really enjoyed the book fair on Tuesday. Thank you Mrs McIsaac and Mrs Thomas! Have a great weekend.

*Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** We have settled back into school life this week after our sensational Canberra excursion! It has been fun reminiscing about all our adventures! We have begun reading our new class novel "A Banner Bold" and we are getting to know the main characters. During Maths we looked at line graphs, cubic centimetres and multiplying decimals. We have also started our new Science unit called "Marvellous Microbes" where we investigate the good, the bad and the ugly world of micro-organisms! Year 5 is polishing their groovy moves and are on the count down for the Primary Social next week.

*Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** What a fabulous time we had in Canberra last week, it was so pleasing to see everyone looking after one another. In the classroom we have completed the English Competition and in Maths we have learnt about triangular numbers, fractions and decimals. Our writing activities have focused on writing 'Excursion Snippets' which will appear in The About throughout the term. Congratulations to all the Joey's children who competed in the Western Region Athletics Carnival last Monday, it sure sounds like everyone gave of their best! Have a great weekend.

*Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 3 August – Nikki Church

Monday, 6 August – Roslyn Zell & Nadine Hutchison

Wednesday, 8 August – Toni Tarrant & Rhonda Madgwick

Friday, 10 August – Jo Lummis & Jodie Peart

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 5 August – Isaac Grimshaw & Jacob Harland

### **WRITING COMPETITION**

Entries are now open for the 2018 Schools Writing Competition. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme. Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild on any topic and in any style. Students from all grades from Kinder to Year 12 are welcome to enter. Enter online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net), or email to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto:enter@write4fun.net) or fax entries to (07) 5574 3644, or post entries with official entry form (available from school) to Write4fun, PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD, 4211. Entry is free and all entries must be received by 31 August 2018.