



# 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!*

#### **KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION**

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes are preparing the Mass for this Sunday, 30 July in St Joseph's Church at 9.45 a.m. All students from Kinder and Year 5 and their families are warmly invited to this Mass. Also during this Mass the Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish are asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

#### **HIGH DISTINCTION TO ETHAN MORRIS!**

Congratulations to **Ethan Morris** who gained a High Distinction in the recent ICAS Science Competition. This means Ethan's results were in the top 1% of all participants in Australia. Well done Ethan!

Other fantastic results included: *Distinction:* **Lilla Oehm, Emily Zell**  
*Credit:* **Bradley Kildey** *Merit:* **Jack Oehm, Madison Riley**

#### **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. Some families took the opportunity to donate a book to the library. Thank you to **Olivia Schier, Jasmine Zell, Emma Westwood, Lauren Thurlow and Dylen Murray.**  
*Mrs Kilby*

#### **WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

We wish all our athletes the best of luck as they compete in the Western Region Athletics Carnival tomorrow. *'Go Joey's'*

#### **PRIMARY SPORT TOMORROW**

As many of our primary students will be in Dubbo for the athletics carnival tomorrow, those students at school will also have sport. Therefore all children should wear their sports uniform tomorrow.

#### **"No Way!" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

**Friday, 28 July 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Our Year 6 students have decided that *'No Way!'* will be our theme for this year's fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. Year 6 want you to use your sense of humour and imagination as you prepare for the Primary Social. Some suggestions for our fancy dress social might include: favourite TV or movie characters, country and western, someone from the future or from the past, superheroes, fairies or footballers, pyjamas, sporting stars, crazy colours or a change of character – a boy Cinderella or a girl Bob the Builder. The social will be held in our school hall on Friday, 28 July from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! We can't wait!

#### **ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**

The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 1 August. All students from Years 3-6 will participate in this competition.

#### **PRESCHOOL VISIT**

We are looking forward to welcoming the Wednesday children from Gilgandra Preschool next Wednesday, 2 August. We hope they enjoy their first visit to 'big school'.

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

Next Friday, 4 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 next Friday 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, primary students need to wear their sports shirt and school jumper, whilst infants students will wear jeans with their normal school shirts and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

#### **MISS HARVEY**

Miss Harvey is taking a week's long service leave next week. Mr Langes will be teaching Year 2. We wish Lisa a restful break.

#### **INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL**

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school on Thursday, 3 August at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. We hope to see parents and friends of the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students come along and show their support.

#### **BOOK WEEK**

Book Week is celebrated each year and this year we have some exciting competitions for the children. The Infants children have to 'Guess the Book Character' and Primary students have to 'Guess the Books in the Jars'. There has been a lot of interest so far and the winners will be announced in a couple of weeks, so good luck! *Mrs Kilby*

#### **SCHOOL FEES**

The 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, on Friday. Term 3 school fees are due by 18 August. If anyone is experiencing difficulties with the payment of fees, please contact the office.

#### **LIFE EDUCATION VAN**

The Life Education Van will be at our school from next Friday. We thank our P&F Association for paying for the children's entry to the van. It is greatly appreciated. The timetable for the Life Education Van is as follows together with a brief outline of the program that will be seen by the children:

#### **Friday, 4 August**

10:00–11:00 **Kinder** – *Harold's Friendship* – How to build friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, safe places and people to turn to for help.

12:00–1:00 **Year 1** – *Safety Rules* – Recognising safe and unsafe environments, how to care for others, behaviours that maintain friendships, places and people who we can go to for help.

2:00– 3:00 **Year 2** – *Growing Good Friends* – Exploring what health messages mean, identifying safety signs, recognizing how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Monday, 7 August**

11:20 – 1:00 **Year 5** – *Decisions* – Drugs and how they are classified, effects of drugs on the body, analyzing health messages about drugs in the media, messages around non-use – normative data – dispelling myths, influences on decision making – family, peers, media, culture, financial, legal, strategies and skills to be safe.

1:50 – 3:20 **Year 6** – *It's Your Call* – Exploring the decision making process, safe and appropriate use of communication technology, short term and long term consequences of a range of legal drugs, factors that influence decisions such as a friends, family, media and laws.

#### **Tuesday, 8 August**

11:20– 1:00 **Year 3** – *Mind Your Medicine* – Factors that influence someone's sense of self-worth, techniques for effective communication, identifying the impact of different factors on health and wellbeing,

strategies for managing stressful situations, medicines as drugs and the consequences of misuse.

1:50– 3:20 **Year 4** – *Bcyberwise* – Responsible and respectful behavior when using communication technology, skills for building positive relationships with friends, keeping personal information safe online, strategies to deal with bullying and cyberbullying, exploring the role of bystanders.

**The children will be given the opportunity to buy merchandise from the Life Education Van on Monday at lunch time. Items range in price from 50¢ to \$15.00.**

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Lilly Hanson** for an excellent effort in Homework, **Jock Mills** for writing a great free choice story, **Ryder Larkin** for a great illustration of his favourite part of the story of Abraham and Sarah, **Mia Mudford** for a great job learning the actions to 'My Lighthouse', **Chloe Harris** for great work comparing the capacities of containers and **Ashley Gilmour** for writing a great free choice story.

**YEAR 1:** **Sailor Ryan** for excellent knowledge of 3D shapes, **Angus Johnson** for trying hard in spelling groups, **Alyssa Ferguson** for beautiful handwriting and **Sophie Gilmour** for taking pride in our playground.

**YEAR 2:** **Mitchell Fuller** for taking care with Problem A Day and Operations, **Stuart Wheatley** for working hard in Maths, **Jessica Ibe** for beautiful bookwork and careful setting out, **Jordan Wighton** for working hard to improve his reading and **Hudson Duffy** for great contributions to class discussions in Geography.

**YEAR 3:** **Shane Estens** for settling in so well to our Year 3 class, **Tia Allan** for a fantastic holiday recount, **Sam Dunn** for great work in Maths, **Sienna Zell** for beautiful presentation of work and **Millie Spora** for great work in all areas.

**YEAR 4:** **Chelsea Brand** for presenting fantastic news about her holiday adventure, **Lucy Kilpatrick** for great participation in class discussions during Religion and **Jasmine Zell** for showing an improved understanding of angles.

**YEAR 5:** **Oscar Spora** for his interesting and thoughtful contributions to class discussions, **Dylen Murray**, **Emily Zell** and **Rhys Bonnington** for their enthusiastic approach to our 'Micro-organisms' topic and **Camilla Beveridge** for creating an interesting journal of her trip to Fiji.

**YEAR 6:** **Olivia McClelland** for reading our class novel with fluency and expression, **William Fuller** for accurately identifying adjectival clauses in sentences, **Heidi Ferguson** for measuring angles with accuracy and **Isaiah Gleadhill** for excellent work in Problem A Day.

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

<b>WEEK 2</b> -	<b>Year 4 Reconciliation</b>
Thursday, 27 July	- Western Region Athletics
Friday, 28 July	- Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social – 'No Way!' 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, 30 July	- Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m. - Confirmation Rite of Commitment
<b>WEEK 3</b> -	<b>Year 6 Reconciliation</b>
Tuesday, 1 August	- ICAS English Competition
Wednesday, 2 August	- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 3 August	- Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 4 August	- Life Education Van - St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day - Jeans for Genes Day
Sunday, 6 August	- The Transfiguration of the Lord
<b>WEEK 4</b> -	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>
Monday, 7 August	- Western Region Athletics back-up date - Life Education Van
Tuesday, 8 August	- Life Education Van - NSW Netball Cup Final (Years 5 & 6) – Orange - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 9 August – 12 August	- Moorambilla Boys Camp
Friday, 11 August	- St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day back-up date - Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 13 August	- Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.
<b>WEEK 5</b>	
Monday, 14 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 15 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp - Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m. - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 16 August	- ICAS Mathematics Competition
Friday, 18 August	- Principals Meeting - Diocesan Athletics

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** has enjoyed reading Jan Piankowski's book, "Meg's Veg" this week. The children also brainstormed a number of words beginning with the 'e' sound and worked on the formation of this letter in handwriting. The sound we will be learning about next week is 'w' as in 'window'. For Mathematics

the students counted groups of objects between 15 and 20. They also described and continued a variety of shape patterns. During Geography we explored natural, constructed and maintained environments by sorting examples of each environment into the correct category. Kindergarten enjoyed a visit from the Preschool students on Tuesday and are looking forward to our Mass with Year 5 on Sunday. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

**YEAR 1** This week Year 1 enjoyed reading "The Very Itchy Bear" and we wrote six interesting questions we would like to ask the character, 'Flea'. We have also begun learning how to distinguish between factual and fictional texts. In Maths, addition, grouping for division and telling the time to the half hour on digital and analog clocks has been our focus.

We painted some very cranky bears in Art along with a lion with a marvellous mane! We look forward to receiving some more photos or pictures of your backyards. Have a great weekend. Mrs Newstead

**YEAR 2** It's been a busy week and we also enjoyed the Book Fair at school on Tuesday. Ironically, the News topic for this week is "My Favourite Book". We began reading and exploring the dinosaur tale about 'Gigantosaurus' and discussed the moral to the story. In Maths we investigated backward counting patterns, two step problem solving and fractions. We discussed God's commandment of loving one another and read another Gospel story of when Jesus healed the sick. We began learning our finale dance for the concert as I'm away next week and everyone seems to have some groovy moves to show. Mr Langes will be looking after Year 2 next week. Have a lovely restful weekend everyone.

Miss Harvey

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 students had the opportunity to visit the Book Fair. There were lots of choices made and lots of great things to look at. During Mathematics we learnt about fractions of groups and have been practising how to add and subtract money. In Geography we started our new topic, 'Places That Are Similar and Different'. We brainstormed what features are in a natural, managed and constructed landscape and discovered how we can protect them. In Religion we have been learning about Saints and what qualities make a hero. In English we have been busy typing our camping stories and in Grammar learning about compound words. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up at the social on Friday evening. It should be great fun. Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris

**YEAR 4** We have definitely hit the ground running this term in Year 4. This week we have been spending time looking at explanations and beginning to write our own on the water cycle. During our Grammar lessons we have used our class novel, "Paper Planes" to identify adjectives and look at how these change the way a story is written. During our Maths time we have been looking at fractions of collections as well as revising four digit subtraction. On Wednesday we spent some time on learning basic typing skills using the laptop during our ICT time. Religion time has been spent looking closely at the 'Hail Mary' and identifying what each part of the prayer means. Have a great weekend. Mr Keady

**YEAR 5** has been hard at work this week. In Writing we have been focusing on explanations. Together we investigated the structure and language features of an explanation and began some research in order for us to explain: "What Causes A Volcano To Erupt?" 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 students have polished their groovy moves and are on the count down for the 'No Way!' Primary Social tomorrow night. We are also looking forward to our class Mass on Sunday. We ask the children to be at the church by 9:40 a.m. See you there! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

**YEAR 6** In Maths we have been learning about division, multiplication, volume and capacity. In Religion we have drafted our Service Projects. It was great to see how willing the children were to help out others in the community as part of their project. Our Grammar activities this week have focused on comparative adjectives. In History we have learnt about the European discovery and the colonisation of Australia. We worked in pairs to research one of the penal colonies. Year 6 can't wait for the social on Friday night. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up for our 'No Way!' theme. This Sunday is the Rite of Commitment Mass where Confirmation candidates will commit to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It would be wonderful to see everyone there! Mr Soares

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 28 July – Rees & Sussane Gilmour

Monday, 31 July – Rachel Lacey & Kate McClelland

Wednesday, 2 August – Helen McIsaac & Simone Beaton

Friday, 4 August – Belinda Murray & Melissa Hanson

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 30 July – Zac Ferguson, Aiden Walker, Rani Diggs, Emily Zell