



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 2

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### Thought for the Week

*Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible*

#### **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 Dominica Banks, Mr Tim Keady and Mr Damien Soares and the parents who attended who all ensured everyone had a safe and happy excursion.

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported it. We will now be able to purchase more books for the library. Thank you also to the following people who took the opportunity to donate books to our library, your generosity is greatly appreciated: Patrick and Will Spora, Ava Meyers, Amelia & Dylon Murray, Aliza and Henry Purvis, Mary & Emma Westwood, Daniel & Nick Kirsop, Jasmine Zell, Mr and Mrs Langes.  
*Mrs Kilby - Librarian*

#### **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.

#### **CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING**

A Confirmation parent meeting will be held at school in the computer room on Monday, 1 August at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting we will be outlining the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the program being covered at school and organising the celebration. A note regarding Confirmation has been given to all those children who will be receiving the Sacrament.

#### **ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**

The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 2 August. All students from Years 3-6 will participate in this competition.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*We really enjoyed the National Capital Exhibition Centre. Constructing our own version of a building for Canberra was fantastic and we loved looking at the interactive map of the city.*

*Isaiah Gleadhill, Jack Purvis, Josh Purvis, Anton Davis, Bradley Gibson*

#### **KINDER 'P' DAY**

Our Kinder students are very excited to be celebrating 'P' Day next week on Wednesday, 3 August. To coincide with their sound of the week, the students are asked to come to school dressed as pirates, princes or princesses. We can't wait!

#### **YEAR 2 LITURGY**

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 4 August at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

#### **DENTAL VISIT**

Cate Corcoran, therapist from Gilgandra Dental Surgery, will visit our school next Thursday, 4 August to complete dental screening for the children. **This is a free dental check-up for all children at our school.** Children will also receive an oral health education bag that includes a toothbrush, toothpaste, pencil, rubber, oral health education information sheets and a tooth holder that can hold a tooth for storage after it has fallen out. If you would like your child to have the check-up please complete the consent form that was given to the children last week and return it to school by Wednesday, 3 August. **No children will receive the check-up unless they have returned the consent form.** We thank Cate and Gilgandra Dental Surgery for providing this service to our children.

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

Next Friday, 5 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.

#### **'Guess Who?' YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

**Friday, 5 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Our Year 6 students have decided that 'Guess Who?' 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, the amazing 80's, 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, 5 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So start thinking 'Guess Who?'

#### **KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS**

#### **RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION**

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes will be preparing the Mass on Sunday, 7 August in St Joseph's Church at 9.45am. All students and their families from Kinder and Year 5 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.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

At Canberra we had a wonderful time at Questacon. We got to go on the free fall, feel the force of an earthquake and we also got to see a lightning strike! It was an amazing place to visit during our excursion. *Tom Eason, Lachlan Riley, Hamish Beveridge, Jacob Wilson*

#### **FUNDRAISER FOR THE GLEADHILL FAMILY**

It was very sad to hear that the home where Isaiah and Lucas Gleadhill and their family were living, was severely burnt on Sunday. Isaiah is in Year 5 and Lucas is in Year 3 at our school. Unfortunately the family lost all their belongings in the fire. As they are part of our St Joe's family, we would very much like to try and assist them as much as possible. To this end we are asking for donations from the families of our school of either cash, clothing, food etc., basically anything you think would be helpful for the family. It would be wonderful if every family of our school could help out in some way. All donations may be left at the office. We thank you in advance for your generous support of a family of our school who are in need. We thank those who have already donated.

#### **URGENT FETE MEETING**

Our Fete Coordinator, Rochelle Easman, has called a Fete Meeting on Monday, 1 August at 3:30 p.m. Rochelle is desperately seeking ideas for the fete. Due to the change of date this year (from the end of October to 16 September) we are having trouble booking some of the more popular activities we have had previously. So we are asking for you to put on your thinking caps to try and come up with some different ideas for the fete. Please come along on Monday afternoon to share and discuss this fun fundraiser for the children. We ask if you might ring Mrs Hodge and let her know if you can come.

#### **WRITE4FUN**

The 2016 Schools Writing Competition is now open. Write4Fun encourages students to read and write through these fun competitions that are easy to enter. School students across Australia are invited to enter their poems or short stories and battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer, including a \$1,000.00 cash first prize with \$500.00 awarded to their school and \$500.00 to the winning student. The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net). Alternatively an Official Entry Form can

be completed (which is available from school) and entries mailed to PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211. Entries may also be emailed to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto:enter@write4fun.net) or faxed to (07) 55743644. Stories or poems can be on any topic and in any style. Entry is free and the closing date is Wednesday, 31 August, 2016. Happy writing!

### **BLAST 2016**

BLAST will be held on the weekend of 20-21 August, 2016 at Ridgecrest, Wellington. There will be a fantastic range of activities, excellent music and the food will be brilliant! It is now time for participants from Years 6-9 to register. Registrations can be completed online at [www.bathurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au). For more information please see Fr Martin or contact Josh Clayton via [ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au)

### **FOR SALE**

Large well established yuccas. \$40.00 ono. See Miss Harvey.

### **'MAINLY MUSIC'**

'Mainly Music' are fun interactive music sessions for young children and their parents/caregivers. The sessions are for children from birth to school age and will be held fortnightly on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. at the Gilgandra New Life Centre. The cost is \$5.00 per family. For more information contact Michelle on 68375430.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Kenedi Hazelton** for giving of her best in Story Writing, **Riley Hutchison** and **Hayden Nichols** for being helpful members of Kindergarten, **Ava Lacey** and **Sophia Peart** for their knowledge on windmills in the community, **Sailor Ryan** for being a caring and polite member of Kindergarten and **Toni Ford** for settling into St Joseph's so well. **YEAR 1:** **Hudson Duffy** for great contributions to class discussions about the Olympics, **Bonnie Henry** for writing very interesting sentences in Spelling, **Jessica Ibe** for working hard and 'Giving Of Her Best' and **Jordan Wighton** for super work in Comprehension. **YEAR 2:** **Tia Allan** for taking great pride in Handwriting, **Abigail Davis** for great improvement in Handwriting, **Lilla Oehm** for careful and neat setting out of all book work and **Jordan Neeves** and **Will Youngusband** for settling in well to the St Joey's family. **YEAR 3:** **Cameron Davis** for writing a terrific poem about Mr & Mrs Twit, **Mattea Purvis** for displaying an enthusiastic attitude in the classroom, **Jasmine Zell** for a great effort during writing and **Lucy McIsaac** for great use of elaborations in her recount. **YEAR 4:** **Dylen Murray** for creating a great paper plane, **Layne Godber** for super work identifying the factors of a variety of numbers, **Jade Elsom** for writing a good recount of her holidays, **Dennis Gale** for working hard during Operations and **Darcy Neeves** for settling back into St Joseph's so easily.

### **WHAT'S ON**

<b><u>WEEK 2</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 5 Reconciliation</u></b>	
Friday, 29 July	-	GHS Careers Expo – Year 6
<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 4 Reconciliation</u></b>	
Monday, 1 August	-	Fete Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
	-	Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 2 August	-	ICAS English Competition
Wednesday, 3 August	-	Kinder 'P' Day
Thursday, 4 August	-	Dental Screening
	-	Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 5 August	-	Jeans for Genes Day
	-	Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social
Sunday, 7 August	-	Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass
	-	Rite of Commitment for Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 4</u></b> -	<b><u>Year 3 Reconciliation</u></b>	
-	<b><u>Year 6 Reconciliation</u></b>	
Monday, 8 August	-	St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass- Year 4 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 9 August	-	Preschool Visit
Wednesday, 10 August	-	Moorambilla Boys Camp
Thursday, 11 August	-	Moorambilla Boys Camp
Friday, 12 August	-	Moorambilla Boys Camp
	-	Principals Meeting
<b><u>WEEK 5</u></b>		
Monday, 15 August	-	Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
	-	Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 16 August	-	Moorambilla Girls Camp
	-	P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 17 August	-	ICAS Mathematics Competition
	-	Preschool Visit
Thursday, 18 August	-	Diocesan Athletics
Sunday, 21 August	-	Confirmation

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week Kindergarten learnt a new song about the sound 'Nn'. We practised writing this letter and brainstormed as many 'Nn' words as we could. Next week's sound is 'Pp' and just a reminder the children can dress up as a pirate, princess or prince next Wednesday. During Story Writing the children wrote a story about rainy days and continue to sound out their words and write full sentences. We read "Who Will Be My Mother?" and discussed what the story was about, what the problem was in the story and how the problem was resolved. As part of our Geography unit, 'People Live In Places' we discussed what natural and constructed environments are and where we like to visit in our local community. During Art we made nests and cut out colourful eggs to put in the nest. In Religion we read a story about Abraham and Sarah and discussed promises. Just a reminder to return permission notes for the Sunday Mass on 7th August. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

**YEAR 1** This week Year 1 has enjoyed reading "The Very Itchy Bear" by Nick Bland. We all thought of some interesting questions we would like to ask Bear and Flea. Only 9 days until the opening ceremony of the Rio Olympics. Year 1 is counting down the days in anticipation. We have researched some interesting facts about the modern Olympics and completed a very life like Olympic torch! In Maths we are working hard to tell the time in half hours and subtracting using a number line. In Religion we are reading some parables told by Jesus to His followers about the Kingdom of God. Did you know the Kingdom of God is like precious treasure? Have a wonderful weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** This week we have enjoyed activities based on "Tinyrannosaurus and the Bigfootsaurus" by Nick Ward. In History we discussed and investigated the changes in household items over the centuries with a special look at washing machines. In Maths we completed work on equal number sentences, directions and area. We created cool name tags using a dinosaur alphabet and coloured beautiful art works for our class Liturgy next week. We hope you will be able to join us. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** has been very busy this week. In Writing we have been focusing on explanations. Together we investigated the structure and then wrote an explanation on why the ocean is salty. During Maths we have been concentrating on the vocabulary used to describe chance and probability and we have also been revising division with remainders. In Geography we have identified the features of natural, managed and constructed environments and described many Australian places that fit into these categories. Year 3 is very excited about our first Primary Social and has some great ideas for dressing up! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** A big thank you to Mrs Kilby for organising the Book Fair on Tuesday. It was great and I'm sure it will get us reading. Good luck to our classmates who are competing at the Western Region Athletics Carnival tomorrow. In the classroom we have focused on synonyms and adjectives this week and we have begun learning about the structure and purpose of the explanation text type. During Maths we have learnt about 3-digit subtraction with trading, division and angles. Our Geography unit for this semester is 'The Earth's Environment'. We began this unit by exploring different types of habitats and the animals and vegetation in them. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 5** Wow – we certainly had an amazing start to Term 3! A huge thank you to all of the fantastic Year 5 and 6 students on their participation and behaviour during our excursion last week – it was a pleasure to take you. This week we are back in the classroom and learning lots of new things. In Grammar we have been looking at modality of sentences and how it can influence a reader. In Maths we have spent some time investigating the use of averages and together have worked out how to calculate the average of a given set of numbers. Please make sure the notes for our upcoming Mass are returned as soon as possible so we can start preparing. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 6** has had a very busy week! In Maths we have learnt about triangular numbers, tonnes and subtraction of 5 and 6 digit numbers. We practised identifying adjectival clauses in Grammar and we identified them in our bookwork. In Religion we have been busily preparing our letters of petition to the Bishop and we have been working on our 'Saint' PowerPoints where we have researched information about our chosen saint. Good luck to everyone who is competing at the Western Region Athletics Carnival tomorrow! Have a great weekend. *Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 29 July – Lorraine Hutchison & Jodie Johnson

Monday, 1 August – Katherine Gaff

Wednesday, 3 August – Claudina Ryan & Jessica Whitehouse

Friday, 5 August – Paula Purvis & Rochelle Harmer

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 31 July – James O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Madison Hourigan, Amber Tarrant

