



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Let your dreams be bigger than your fears and your actions be louder than your words.

"ABC" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

'ABC' was the theme of this year's primary fancy dress social which was held last Thursday evening in the school hall. Fantastic school spirit was shown by all the students and teachers as everyone came dressed as anything starting with the initials of their name and counted down the Joey's Top 20! We appreciate the effort by the primary teachers in organising the social and providing the music and lights. It was a fantastic night.

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We have now received the formal results from last week's Western Regional Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to: **Evie Peart** – 3rd 8 years 100m, **Alyssa Ferguson** – 3rd 9 years 100m, **Will O'Connor** – 3rd 10 years 100m, 3rd Junior High Jump, **Sam Dunn** – 3rd 11 years 100m, 2nd 11 years Long Jump, **Mitchell Fuller** – 2nd Junior 800m, **Grace Tancred** – 2nd 11 years 800m, 1st 11 years 1500m, **Emilia Peart** – 3rd 11 years 800m, 3rd 11 years 1500m, **Lilla Oehm** – 3rd 11 years 200m, 2nd 11 years Long Jump, 2nd 11 years High Jump, **Sophia Peart** – 2nd Junior 1500m, **Beatie Davis** – 3rd 11 years 1500m, **Jordan Neeves** – 1st 11 years Shot Put, **Molly Nichols** – 3rd Junior Discus, **Will Younghusband** – 2nd 11 years High Jump, **Trinity Zell** – 1st 11 years Discus, **Ryan Ferguson** – 1st Senior 100m, 1st Senior Long Jump, 2nd Senior 200m.

Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Nick Tancred, Ryan Ferguson – Senior Boys Relay – 1st; **Eva Bonnington, Jordan Neeves, Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred** – Senior Girls Relay – 2nd; **Mitchell Fuller, Jonas Naden, Will O'Connor, Ryder Ryan** – Junior Boys Relay – 2nd.

All the above students will now compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Friday, 23 August.

GIRLS RUGBY 7s

Congratulations to **Eva Bonnington** and **Grace Tancred** who participated in the Inaugural Girls Rugby 7s Selection Trials earlier this week. The Polding Team Manager, Peter Nugent, rang the school to say how impressed he was with Eva and Grace, not just their rugby skills, but also their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and what great people they are. Well done girls! This is the first time that Eva and Grace have played in an 'all girls' rugby team and we were thrilled to hear that they both made it into the Possibles – v- Probables side with Grace going on to be selected in the Polding team. Grace will now compete in Sydney in September. Congratulations girls, a mighty effort!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Last Friday was Jeans for Genes Day and we decided this would be a great opportunity to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. All students were asked to wear jeans to school and bring along a gold coin donation. We raised \$304.00 for this worthwhile cause which was a fantastic effort.

DIOCESAN SHOWCASE – LEARNING FOR ALL – THE HEART OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Staff members from across the diocese will meet in Wellington tomorrow for the Diocesan Showcase. The theme of the conference is Learning For All – The Heart of Catholic Education. The day will consist of some inspirational talks from guest speakers as well as each school in the diocese showcasing great practices. St Joey's will unveil two new banners depicting the wonderful things that are happening here at school. Many thanks to Mrs Spora and Mr Keady for their great work designing the banners. Tomorrow is a normal day at school as only some staff will attend.

CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOP

Years 5 and 6 will be participating in an art workshop next Monday and Tuesday with artist, Mr Les Quick. This workshop is to prepare them for the Diocesan Christmas Art Competition. During the sessions Mr Quick will be teaching the students some artistic techniques using a variety of media and helping them reflect on Christmas passages from the Bible to create an artwork for the competition. We look forward to a very creative couple of days.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Next Thursday, 15 August the whole school will be attending Mass at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This is a holy day which

celebrates Mary being taken into heaven body and soul. Year 3 is preparing this special Mass and we ask if you could please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow Mass.

SOCCER GALA DAY

The St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day will be held next Friday, 16 August at Lady Cutler Ovals, Bligh Street, Dubbo. A note regarding transportation and containing the teams and draws will be sent home next week.

2018 ANNUAL SCHOOL EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Our 2018 Annual School Education and Financial Report has been posted on the school website. This report is a requirement of the Australian Government. If any parents wish to view the report please visit www.stjosephsgilgandra.nsw.edu.au.

JUNIOR JOEYS VISIT

One of the aims of the Junior Joeys group is to perform some form of outreach. Therefore today, at lunch time, an enthusiastic group of Junior Joeys visited Cooe Lodge. They read some stories, played some games and had a good chat to the residents bringing some lovely smiles to faces young and old! These visits are a great opportunity for the children to show their compassion and care for others and we are already looking forward to our next visit.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home this week and orders are due on Monday, 12 August.

Science Week

Next week (12-16 August) is National Science Week. St Joseph's was one of the 291 schools awarded a National Science Week grant from the Australian Government. We would like to thank Peter and Kieran Hazelton for their design and construction of a pegboard in the playground using this money. From next week, students will be able to use the board playing and exploring with gears, constructing marble runs and 2-dimensional shapes and any other creative engineering projects they can think of.

Book Week Dress Up Day

As mentioned in last week's About, Book Week will 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. *Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas*

ICAS COMPETITIONS

The format for this year's ICAS competitions has changed with all competitions taking place over a three (3) week period during Weeks 7-9. A note has been sent home with today's About detailing the changes and contains a tear-off slip to indicate which competition/s your child would like to participate in. If your child will be participating in any of the competitions, please ensure the tear-off slip is completed and returned to school by Friday, 23 August.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 30 August. A big thank you to **Jessica Howard** who has taken over as coordinator of the stall. The stall is run along the same lines as the Mother's Day Stall. Each year the children are excited to purchase a gift from the stall, however without your help this would not be possible. Donations of gifts can be dropped in at the office at any time. Ideas for the stall include chocolates, keyrings, mugs, caps, pens, tools, hose fittings, car care items, beanies, socks, etc. It would be wonderful if we could have enough gifts for the children to purchase 1 to 2 gifts each. Please keep an eye out for presents no matter how big or small...it all helps! If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated. There will be a raffle run in conjunction

with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of five tickets will be sent home next week.

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: **Elijah Newton** for excellent listening and promptly beginning work, **Adelaide Mudford** for exceptional care and effort with her artwork, **Chloe Heffer** for improved listening and focus on completing tasks and **Tex Mudford** for exemplary manners and care in bookwork.

YEAR 1: **MacKenzie Skinner** for being very welcoming and polite to Mrs van der Walt, **Peregrine Volkofsky** for being very well behaved in class, without needing any reminders, **Izakk Tarrant** for being attentive during lessons and **Keaghan Lummis** for a great effort in Art.

YEAR 2: **Jagger Hazelton, Cooper Lummis, Ruby Ryan, Tilly Tancred** and **Clayton Wheatley** for writing fabulous 'Dinosaur' acrostic poems.

YEAR 3: **Sophia Peart** for working conscientiously during Problem A Day and Operations, **Tilla Chandler** for working hard during independent activities in Maths, **Violet Whitehouse** for fabulous work in Spelling and **Olivia Westwood** for being a helpful class member who willingly assists others.

YEAR 4: **Kaycee Bugmy** for being a kind and friendly member of Year 4, **Mitchell Fuller** for happily contributing to class discussions, **Jonas Naden** for using feedback constructively to improve his writing and **Jaida Tarrant** for displaying a strong work ethic in all subject areas.

YEAR 5: **Tahleigh Davey** for accurate work during our lesson on reducing and enlarging shapes, **Charlotte Ferguson** for effectively using mind mapping to help plan her writing, **Rhyan Hutchison** for great results in Read Theory, **Grace Jones-Copelin** for trying hard in Maths Operations and **Ella Mudford** for including fabulous detail while creating a perspective artwork.

YEAR 6: **Cameron Davis** for creating a fantastic ballad in poetry, **Ava Meyers** for her contribution and problem solving skills in Maths, **Harry Mudford** for his sound understanding of square and triangular numbers and **Elten Walker** for active participation in Comprehension Groups.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

Wednesday, 7 August –
Saturday, 10 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
Saturday, 10 & Sunday 11 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp

WEEK 4

Monday, 12 & Tuesday, 13 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp
- Christmas Art – Years 5 and 6
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

WEEK 8

Monday, 9 September - 'Scien-tastic' School Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 September - ICAS Writing Competition
Wednesday, 11 September - Concert Rehearsal
Thursday, 12 September - ICAS Spelling Competition
Friday, 13 September - Catholic Schools Sports Day

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been extremely busy in Week 3. We are learning about long sounds 'll', 'ss', 'zz' and 'ff' in Phonics. Our sound of the week is 'w'. We are practising writing and counting down from 20 and using the numbers 2 and 3 to describe patterns. Making and naming 3D shapes from playdough was fabulous fun on Wednesday. In Art we have been working on houses which depicts what our homes are made of and we have drawn our families inside. They look great on our Geography board in our classroom. Thank you for your kindness Kinder and parents. I have enjoyed teaching in the classroom immensely! We are excited to welcome Mrs Newstead back today.
Mrs Carmen Clarke

YEAR 1 Thank you to Year 4 for preparing a lovely Mass to celebrate Mary MacKillop today. Year 1 has enjoyed learning about Mary and the special person she is. This week we have written procedures titled 'How to make a secret potion' and our Grammar focus has been rhyming words. The children came up with some very unusual ingredients to add to their potions! During Geography we learnt about natural and constructed features and are learning how to identify such places.
Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 We began looking at our funny Literature unit called "Tyrannosaurus and Bigfoot-osaurus". We enjoyed reading the story together and focused on speech marks used in the text. This is also our focus in Sentence A Day and Grammar. Spelling revision continued looking at -tion, -cian and -sion words. We are focusing on procedures in Text Types and enjoyed working in pairs to sequence 'How To' cards – eg. how to build a snowman and how to make a milkshake. In Maths we investigated problem solving step by step and division. The final steps in concert practices are done and we have been working on learning lines and dance moves for smaller groups in the concert. Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Thank you to Year 4 for preparing such a beautiful Mass to celebrate the life of Mary MacKillop. Our Text Type focus has been information reports. The students have been busy creating a Google Slides document about themselves which will be presented during news in Weeks 4 and 5. In Maths we have looked at multiplication facts, rounding numbers and grids. During Religion we have looked at what happened at Pentecost. We have discussed what it may have sounded, felt and looked like during this event. We have also begun preparing for our Assumption Mass next Thursday. We would love to see you all and please bring a plate to share for morning tea.
Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Thank you parents for coming to our Year 4 Mass this morning celebrating Mary MacKillop and for bringing some morning tea to share. It was lovely to have you there! This week we have been learning about verb tense in Grammar in order to improve our written work. We have also been studying decimals, angles and millilitres in Maths. Recently, we created some fantastic optical illusion artworks which the students are very proud of. Our concert preparation is about to be underway and students are getting excited to learn the groovy dance moves and the script! Have a fantastic weekend.
Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 This week in English Year 5 has written diary entries from the perspective of one of the characters from 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'. We have tried to put ourselves in the character's shoes and describe what has happened including our thoughts and feelings. During Maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions, revising subtraction of large numbers and understanding 24 hour timetables. In Religion we have focused on two inspirational Australians: Caroline Chisholm and Mary MacKillop and the work they did to help support those in need. Our focus in History has been on the Industrial Revolution and the social, economic, political and environmental impact it had on Great Britain. Well done to those people who have been working hard on their reading goals – keep up the great effort!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 has been busy this week and we have begun learning about Confirmation in preparation for the upcoming Sacrament. We have been writing poetry in our Writing unit and enjoyed challenging ourselves with adding and subtracting fractions in Maths. We are proud of our fellow classmates who are currently representing Joeys at Moorambilla and wish the girls the very best next week! The tally for the Year 6 Envision Hands Project is **3414**, made up as follows: Office – 801, Year 6 - 827, Year 5 – 737, Year 4 – 228, Year 3 – 193, Year 2 – 259, Year 1 – 241, Kinder – 128. What an awesome collection of bottle lids! Keep collecting! EVERY LID COUNTS. Don't forget your footy tips!
Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 9 August – Anna Peart & Jessica Howard
Monday, 12 August – Katherine Gaff
Wednesday, 14 August – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison
Friday, 16 August – Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 11 August – Aiden Walker, Elten Walker, Jett Tarrant

