



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 4

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### Thought for the Week

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*

Mary Of The Cross MacKillop

#### **CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, 21 August - 9:45 a.m.**

The excitement is certainly building in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 21 August at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church on Sunday, 21 August to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. If your child can come to the Confirmation Mass to join the choir please return the attached tear-off slip as soon as possible. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: **Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge Billie Buckland, Ashleigh Carlow, Thomas Durrant, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw, Madison Hourigan, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Amelia Murray, Caitlyn Neeves, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Emily Skinner, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant, Abby Tate, Mary Westwood, Jacob Wilson.**

#### **WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION**

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held on Friday, 19 August at 3:20 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

#### **PENITENTIAL RITE**

Inspired by this year's 'Year of Mercy' which has been proclaimed by Pope Francis, Bishop Michael McKenna will be leading a Penitential Rite in all parishes in the diocese during the year. In Gilgandra Bishop Michael will lead the Penitential Rite, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 19 August.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*While we were in Canberra we got to go to Cockington Green and it was amazing! We saw a mini cricket game, the mini maze ad much more. We even got to ride on the mini steam train!* **Thomas Durrant, Jett Grimshaw, James Ferguson**

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

Last Friday, 5 August 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 \$380.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

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

'Guess Who?' was the theme for this year's primary fancy dress social which was held last Friday evening in the school hall. Fantastic school spirit was shown by all the students and teachers as everyone came dressed in costume and counted the Joey's Top 20! Thank you to the primary teachers for their organisation and providing the music and lights. It was a great night!

#### **JOSEPHITES GATHERING**

Sister Robyn would like to invite all who are interested to a Josephites Gathering at St Joseph's Convent Chapel on Saturday, 13 August at 9:00 a.m. New members are always welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will be served afterwards.

#### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

On Monday, 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.

#### **AUGUST P & F MEETING**

The August P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 16 August at 7:30 p.m. in the school staffroom. Please come along and show your support for our hardworking P & F Association.

#### **ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next Wednesday, 17 August for all students in Years 3-6. Thank you to our P & F who generously pay the entry fee for each child for this competition.

#### **DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Best of luck to the Joey's students who will represent the Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Thursday, 18 August. Our competitors include: **Ashleigh Carlow, Thomas Durrant, Ryan Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Isaiah Gleadhill, Jennifer Ibe, Rhys O'Neill, Lachlan Riley, Aiden Walker, Bailey Wykes, Jacob Wilson, Hamish Beveridge.**

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*The display at the Snowy Mountains Hydro Education Centre was so cool. We never knew just how big the whole scheme was! It was great to see the different ways that power is produced, including pedalling bikes.* **Rani Diggs, Ella Wykes, Tavarna McKenzie, Tylah Anforth**

#### **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT**

##### **'The Amazing Race'**

##### **Gilgandra High School Hall**

**Thursday 1 September**

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Thursday, 1 September at the Gilgandra High School hall at 6:00 p.m. The students and staff put a lot of time and effort into the concert and it always promises a great night's entertainment.

#### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 2 September. Mrs Danielle Diggs has again kindly offered to coordinate the stall. This stall is run along the same lines as the Mother's Day Stall. Donations of gifts to sell can be dropped in at the office at any time. 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 and tickets will go home in the next couple of weeks.

#### **DONATIONS FOR FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

If anyone would like to donate a prize towards the Father's Day Raffle, could you please get in touch with Danielle Diggs or let Mrs Hodge know.

#### **ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE**

**Thursday, 15 September**

Preparations are well under way for this year's fete to be held on Thursday, 15 September. Thank you to Rochelle Easman who is again taking the reins as Fete Coordinator. We are very open to new ideas so if there is something you would like to organise at the fete please let us know. A quick overview so you can start planning:

- Infants - Cake/Produce Stall – *Coordinator Kristy Gale*
- Year 3 and 4 - Tombuli (small items in snap lock bags) *Coordinator Needed*
- Year 5 or 6 - 'Everyone's a Winner' – *Coordinator Meichelle Schier*. Start looking out for prizes from small to big.

In future Abouts we will be asking for coordinators for various other stalls, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please let us know.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*The National Film and Sound Archive was very entertaining. We enjoyed watching some old films and we also learnt about their history. It was interesting to find out that Australia was the first country to produce a movie. Australia's first movie was about Ned Kelly and his gang.* **Abby Tate, Heidi Purvis, Aliza Purvis, Laura Smith**

#### **HEAD LICE**

We have had reports of head lice at school. Could you please check your child/ren's hair and if there is any evidence of head lice, please treat accordingly.

## **CLAIM THE DATE - ST JOHN'S BARADINE HORSE SPORTS DAY**

A Horse Sports Day hosted by St John's Baradine will be held on Friday, 21 October at Baradine Showground. Entry forms will be available towards the end of Term 3.

### **COOEE MARCH THROUGH THE LENS**

A photographic exhibition by Kylie Briggs and Lucie Peart of the 2015 Cooee March Reenactment is now being shown at the Gilgandra Art Gallery, Cooee Heritage Centre. The exhibition is open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and closes on 28 August.

### **DYSLEXIA SEMINAR**

A free 90 minute Dyslexia Seminar will be held at Gilgandra Services Club on Monday, 22 August at 12:00 noon. The seminar will give tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation. For further information, see Mrs Hodge, or you can register online at [www.dyslexia.com.au/register](http://www.dyslexia.com.au/register) or call 02 9436 3766.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Brooke Beaton** for being a considerate member of Kindergarten, **Scarlett Chandler** for giving of her best during Story Writing, **Alex Cosier** for his contributions to discussions about 'what things are made from' and **Xanthe Gale** and **Mason Evans** for great reading and reverence at our Mass.

**YEAR 1:** **Jaida Tarrant** for super work in Science, **Orlando Ryan** for being a great classroom helper, **Riley Fiddes** for super adding in Maths and **Hope Jones-Copelin** for enthusiastic participation in concert practice.

**YEAR 2:** **Beatie Davis** and **Indi Murphy** for writing great procedures on how to clean your teeth, **Rhyan Hutchison** for writing a great procedure on how to build an animal's home, **Michael Ibe** for excellent grammar and sentence work, **Eva Bonnington** for great assistance in our class Liturgy and **Blake Fairey** for fantastic work in Handwriting.

**YEAR 3:** **Paige Gilmour**, **Casey Gaff**, **Lucas Gleadhill** and **Lucy Kilpatrick** for writing excellent explanations.

**YEAR 4:** **Isaac Grimshaw** for great work researching how paper planes fly, **Kate Woollams** for excellent work adding decimals, **Oscar Spora** for super work classifying a variety of angles and **Jacob Harland** for reading beautifully at our Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass.

**YEAR 5:** **Rani Diggs** for improved expression when reading our class novel, **Mason Fryers** for working diligently during poetry writing, **Will Gaff** for a detailed approach towards Maths Operations, **Tayarna McKenzie** for achieving fantastic results in Maths activities and **Patrick Spora** for working hard towards achieving his goal in Literacy pro reading.

**YEAR 6:** **Madison Hourigan** for drawing two dimensional objects accurately, **Abby Tate** for a top effort in Operations, **Billie Buckland** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 6 and **Lachlan Riley** for excellent work with adjectives of degrees.

## **WHAT'S ON**

<b><u>WEEK 4</u></b> -	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>	
-	<b>Year 6 Reconciliation</b>	
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
Friday, 19 August	-	Working Bee to clean Church for Confirmation – 3:20 p.m.
	-	Penitential Rite – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 21 August	-	Confirmation
<b><u>WEEK 6</u></b>		
Thursday, 25 August	-	AECG Meeting – M. Pearce
Friday, 26 August	-	Diocesan Athletics Back-Up date
<b><u>WEEK 7</u></b>		
Monday, 29 August	-	Concert Practice – GHS Hall
Wednesday, 31 August	-	Support Teacher Meeting
	-	Junior Joey's visit Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 1 September	-	Pastance – Musical School
	-	Performance – 2:00 p.m.
	-	Concert – 5:45 p.m.
Friday, 2 September	-	Principals Meeting
	-	St John's College Year 7
	-	Placement Testing
	-	Father's Day Stall

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Thank you to those who attended Mass with us last Sunday. This week the Kindergarten students have been brainstorming how many words they know that start with 'J'. The students have also been counting how many syllables are in these words. Next week is revision week to revise all our past sounds. Our big book is "The Kick-a-Lot Shoes". During reading, we discussed what full stops and speech marks are and how they are used in writing. During Geography we discussed where the Olympics are being held and learnt about other countries that participate in this great event. In Religion we learnt about Mary Mackillop and why she is so important to us. We are continuing to practise for our concert item. The children seem to be really getting involved and looking forward to performing. Just a reminder to start looking for costumes. If you are having any problems, just let me know. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

**YEAR 1** Our week began with a beautiful Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We discussed how important her role was in beginning the Order of the Sisters of St Joseph and how we need to follow her example by "never seeing a need without doing something about it". "The Very Hungry Bear" by Nick Bland was very entertaining to read and we wrote some excellent stories about our own fishing adventures. In Maths we have been adding, counting and finding the position of objects. Our Maths homework next week is Unit 21. The concert is fast approaching and we have started to practise our songs and dances. We can hardly wait! Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** Over the last few weeks our focus in text types has been on procedures. We have enjoyed learning about the purpose and structure of a procedure and putting these into practice with many activities (making jelly and sandwiches, brushing our teeth and paper folding). In Grammar we are doing our best to apply speech marks when using direct speech and used our sense of hearing to listen to sounds in our school environment during Science. To celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation we have coloured beautiful artworks to help decorate the hall. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** This week in Year 3 we have continued preparations for our Mass next Monday where we will be honouring Mary on the feast of the Assumption. We hope lots of family and friends can join us for the celebration. During Maths we looked at how to calculate the correct change when we are shopping and solving multistep problems. In English we revised the structure and purpose of an explanation and had a free choice topic. Year 3 students are quite the experts on an amazing variety of topics! We have also been busy creating artworks for the Year 6 Confirmation celebration at the end of next week. A note regarding costumes for the concert has gone home today – if you have any questions please let us know! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** Thanks to all who came to our Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass on Monday. It was a wonderful celebration. We've been busy identifying adverbial phrases in Grammar and completing and publishing our explanations on how a paper plane flies. During Maths we've revised 4-digit subtraction with trading, worked out fractions of a collection and read timetables. For Geography we've researched a number of Asian animals and plants. We've begun practising our concert performance and notes have been sent home regarding costumes. Please contact me if you've any queries. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 5** Thank you to everyone who came along to our Mass on Sunday, it was great to see you all there. This week in Year 5 we have started practising our concert item – a note regarding costumes has been sent home so please let me know if you need help getting anything. In English we have begun to publish our poems as well as focus on noun groups in writing. During Maths we have mastered our times tables songs now and are doing them without the music. We also started our Geography unit where we will be looking at 'Factors That Shape Places'. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 6** has put the final touches on their Saint PowerPoints this week and they look amazing! In Maths we have been learning about two-way tables, elapsed time and subtraction of 5 and 6-digit numbers. Our Grammar activities have focused on present and past participles. We have been learning about the parts of the Mass for Confirmation and their meaning. Year 6 are very excited to start practising for our concert item. Congratulations Year 6 on your great leadership at the Social last Friday night. *Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 12 August – Alicia Heffer & Roz Zell  
Monday, 15 August – Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin  
Wednesday, 17 August – Kristy Cosier & Rachel Lacey  
Friday, 19 August – Sarah Gordon & Lesley Riley

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 14 August – Laura Smith, Jess Scholte, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers

