



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

How beautiful a day can be, when kindness touches it!

SENSATIONAL SPELLERS

Congratulations to our sensational spellers who competed in the St Joey's Spelling Bee finals this week. The rest of the school was amazed at the finalists' super spelling! The results are: Years 3 & 4 **Mia Mudford** – 1st, **Violet Whitehouse** – 2nd, **Ava Lacey** – 3rd and Years 5 & 6 **Alex Gaff** – 1st, **Dakotah Gilmour** – 2nd, **Alicia Fordham** – 3rd. We also congratulate our other finalists: **Alex Cosier, Tahleigh Davey, Hudson Duffy, Jemima Harrison, Jacqueline Hutchison, Rhyan Hutchison, Emma Mills, Ethan Morris, Ben Mudford, Hayden Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Evie Peart, Stella Valler, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams Lara Younghusband, Vaughan Zell.** GO JOEY'S!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Last Friday was Jeans for Genes Day and once again our school community got behind this worthwhile cause to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. All students were asked to wear jeans to school and bring along a gold coin donation. Everyone looked spectacular in their jeans and we thank our school community for their fantastic generosity, raising a total of \$528.30! Congratulations to Mrs Jenny Johnston for once again organising such a successful event across the whole community.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The ICAS Science Competition will be held next **Monday, 17 August** for those children who have entered this competition.

AUGUST P & F MEETING

The August P & F Meeting will be held at the **Sporties Club** next **Tuesday, 18 August commencing at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are attending would you please notify the office prior to the meeting.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken next **Tuesday, 18 August**. Students are required to wear full winter school uniform for the photos. This is as follows: **Boys:** Grey pants, blue shirt, school jumper, grey socks, black (ALL BLACK) school shoes. **Girls:** Fawn shirt, maroon tunic, school jumper, brown socks (no stockings), black (ALL BLACK) school shoes. **If any girls don't own a tunic, they may wear maroon pants (NOT track pants).** If anyone has any difficulties regarding uniform, please let us know. In Term 1, each child was given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. If you did not order your photos back in Term 1, please go online to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 5JT KQZ at the top of the page. Then just follow the prompts. You do not need to return your child's envelope if ordering online. You can also make payments by cash or cheque and this must be returned in the envelopes provided. A separate envelope must be used for each child. **ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.** The money for photos may be returned to school at any time. If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office. For those families who previously paid by cash, we are holding your envelope here at school. If you are unable to locate your envelope and need a new one, please contact the school office and we will send one home.

YEAR 4 MASS

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next **Thursday, 20 August** at 10:30 a.m. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the Mass due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea after the Mass.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at school next **Friday, 21 August**. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6) and children should wear their sports uniform. Unfortunately adults are not permitted on the school grounds, however you can still get a good view from outside the school fence. Please adhere to physical distancing guidelines. GO JOEY'S!!

'WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB' **YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

St Joseph's School

Thursday, 27 August – 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Year 6 has decided that the theme for this Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social will be your 'Dream Job'. So have you ever dreamt of being a movie star, superhero, builder, train driver, doctor, nurse, teacher, parent or maybe even a Wests Tiger footy player? Years 3 to 6 students let your imagination run wild and come dance the night away on **Thursday, 27 August** at St Joey's for the 'DREAM JOB' Fancy Dress Social.

FATHER'S DAY STALL – Friday, 4 September

We are pleased to advise that our Father's Day Stall will still be held this year, however it will be run differently with unfortunately no parent coordinator or helpers being able to attend. The stall will be held on **Friday, 4 September** and we are asking for donations of gifts be sent to school with your child or dropped into the office. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$5. **As we aren't able to hold any working bees, we kindly ask that all gifts be wrapped in clear cellophane.** Ideas for the stall include chocolates, keyrings, mugs, caps, pens, tools, hose fittings, car care items, beanies, socks, etc. **Please ensure gifts are sourced locally (including Dubbo) and are not from COVID 'hot spot' areas.** It would be wonderful if we could have enough gifts for the children to purchase 1 gift each. Please keep an eye out for presents no matter how big or small...it all helps! We are in the process of organising a raffle to be run in conjunction with the stall. Details will be provided shortly and tickets will be sent home in due course.

GOOD HYGIENE

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands;
- avoid sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.



GILGANDRA YOUTH SERVICES

Gilgandra Youth Services has organised some fun activities on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for children aged 10 years and over. **Zumba** will take place each Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Friday Fun Nights** will commence this Friday and then continue fortnightly, with activities at the Dubbo PCYC including dinner and transport, departing at 4:00 p.m. **Arts and crafts** will run from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on the non-Dubbo Friday afternoons. For more information and to make bookings, please contact the GYS on 6817 8798 or email GYS@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY – BOOKS TO GO

It can sometimes be difficult to fit a visit to the Library into a busy day. Did you know that you can request books by phoning or emailing the library? Library staff will find and pack your books, ready for you to pick them up and go! You can request particular titles or authors, or just give a general indication of what you would like; for example “five early readers, three chapter books for a child who likes humour and adventure, a Women’s Weekly magazine and Australasian Dirt Bikes magazine, two DVDs and an audiobook”. Phone or email a day in advance, and your bag will be ready for you to collect from the library the following day, anytime between 10am and 4.30pm. We can also arrange a later or earlier collection time, if that suits you. For more information, or to request your books, please phone 6817 8877 or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au. You can also access the same service by reserving items on the North Western Library app or our catalogue on the North Western Library website: <https://www.northwesternlibrary.com.au/>.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Mia Buckley for beautiful colouring of Mary MacKillop, Charlie Cruickshank for trying hard to sound out words in Story Writing, Jack Howard for super problem solving in Maths and Charlie Jones-Copelin for an excellent effort to write his sounds on the whiteboard.

YEAR 1: Clancy Larkin for always having beautiful manners, Jakirah McKenzie for her neat handwriting, Tex Mudford for always working diligently and Roxy Zell for great sounding out in Phonics.

YEAR 2: Chloe Alexander for happily contributing to class discussions, Akhiro Baker for great enthusiasm in morning reading, Bella Ferguson for beautiful handwriting and great setting out of her bookwork, Claudia Harrison for completing Problem A Day and Operations with speed and accuracy, Milla Morris for super sounding out in Spelling and Archie Valler for wonderful work in Spelling.

YEAR 3: Caine Bugmy for great persistence during Maths, Jock Mills for showing fabulous enthusiasm in Maths Warm Up and Elsie Mudford, Clayton Wheatley and David McIsaac for great improvement with their reading fluency.

YEAR 4: Poppy-Grace Newton for her fantastic approach to reading and sharing her love of the “Harry Potter” books, Riley Hutchison and Lachlan Profke for determination to improve their handwriting and Alyssa Ferguson for her cheerful approach to all tasks and being a positive role model.

YEAR 5: Riley Fiddes for striving to complete Problem A Day and Operations accurately, Lucas Fong for an interesting simile poem about himself, Hope Jones-Copelin for fantastic work in Spelling and Emily Standing for a conscientious effort in Comprehension.

YEAR 6: Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington and Sienna Zell for fantastic lifelike self portraits, Rani Diamond for increasing her Lexile level by an amazing 97 points, Sam Dunn for increasing his Lexile level by an amazing 216 points, Shane Estens for improved independent work during Maths, Grace Jones-Copelin for increasing her Lexile level by an amazing 110 points, Millie Spora for reading each morning with beautiful expression and fluency, Rydah Whitehouse for beautiful singing and reverence during our Mary MacKillop Mass and Will Younghusband for increasing his Lexile level by an amazing 174 points.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

Monday, 17 August - ICAS Science Competition
Tuesday, 18 August - School Photos
- P & F Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 20 August - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 21 August - Athletics Carnival

WEEK 6

Monday, 24 August - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Tuesday, 25 August - ICAS English Competition
Thursday, 27 August - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Primary Fancy Dress Social 5:45 – 7:45 p.m.

WEEK 7

Monday, 31 August - ICAS Mathematics Competition
Wednesday, 2 September - ICAS Spelling Competition
Thursday, 3 September - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 4 September - Father’s Day Stall
Sunday, 6 September - Father’s Day

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kinder we have been discussing our favourite places. We drew some great pictures and wrote some reasons why we chose our special place. We are learning all about nouns and searching for them in our “Meg and Mog” books. We have worked out that a noun is the name of something and you can also take a photo of it! In Art we finished our map of Australia and brainstormed everything we knew about our great country. During Maths we worked hard to model the numbers between 11 and 20 using unifix blocks. We then matched these models to their correct number and put them in counting order. We also made and described patterns using colours, shapes and children! Kinder is looking forward to meeting Mrs Foran who will be joining us next week to complete a 4 week prac teaching placement with us. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 This week we read the book “Wombat Stew” and wrote a procedure on how to make Wombat Stew. The children then wrote their own procedure for a stew. There were some very creative ideas! I don’t think I’d like to eat them though! We’ve read the story of “Joseph the Dreamer” in Religion and we watched clips from the animated movie. The children were surprised to see how badly the brothers treated Joseph and how jealousy made them be so mean. In Maths we built prisms using blocks and tried to draw them. The drawings started out as 2D shapes and the children soon realised they needed to add faces and edges to make them 3D. We’ve also practised repeated subtraction along with addition and subtraction word problems. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 This week in Year 2 we have been learning about saints. We have been learning about the process of becoming a saint and how the church recognises one. We have continued looking at how to use speech marks correctly and in Maths we have been learning new addition strategies, making patterns using flip, slide and turn and interpreting picture graphs. We are really excited to be icing biscuits and making toast in class this week as part of our procedure writing. We have also been enjoying developing our gross-motor skills in soccer, football and netball and participating in an obstacle course during Sport. Have a wonderful weekend! *Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 3 Congratulations to those students who participated in the Spelling Bee this week. There were some very tricky words to spell and you all did a wonderful job. This week during Religion we have focused on the Liturgy of the Eucharist and how the Priest changes the bread and wine to symbolise the body and blood of Jesus. We have continued to work on our Google Slide presentation about our extreme or freaky animal and they are looking awesome. Well done Year 3 for your hard work. We also completed our post and pre tests for our Comprehension Groups which will start again next week. Some children had some fantastic results. In Maths we have completed activities about the compensation strategy, division facts and strategies, test predictions and scales, while in Science we became taxonomists and went out exploring different animals that we found on the playground and began classifying them. Have a nice weekend. *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling*

YEAR 4 This week commenced with me experiencing my first school Spelling Bee. The tension and excitement was real. Congratulations to all students who made it to the final. During Maths this week we have been learning about flip, turn and slide. Geography started with discussions about the types of habitats we have in Australia and the animals that can be found in each area. “Paper Planes”, our class novel for this term, has seen Grandpa taking Dylan on an adventure in a stolen ambulance to the local aircraft museum. Dylan has shown us the meaning of forgiveness and moving forward after disappointment. Our artwork is at the construction phase and students are experimenting with combining different textures on paper to create unique landscapes. We are busily preparing for our class Mass next week which has the theme ‘Celebrating the many gifts and talents God has given us’. Have a fantastic weekend everyone. *Mrs Jacquie Clark*

YEAR 5 Today we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a class Mass and then enjoyed a morning tea together afterwards. In Text Types we used our simile poems to create a metaphor poem which we have published on a Google Doc. During Grammar we are looking at alliteration and have had fun creating tongue twisters for our fellow classmates. Maths saw us solving fractions of a collection and using a compass to draw an isosceles triangle. In Science we investigated non contact forces including magnetism, gravity and static electricity. Well done to our classmates who participated in the Spelling Bee this week – a fabulous effort by all the competitors. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 We have been working hard putting the finishing touches on our poems for the year book. It has really challenged us to think about different styles that include rhyming, rhythm and other poetic devices. During Maths we have focused on finding percentages of whole numbers, subtraction of 5 and 6 digit numbers and geometric shapes. In Geography Mr Pearce talked to us about the connection Aboriginal people have with aquatic environments and the importance of this most precious resource that gives everything life. During Science we are learning about heat energy and we observed an experiment which demonstrated the concept of convection currents. We are really impressed with the improvement in everyone’s expression and fluency during morning reading. Also a big cheer to all the finalists in the Spelling Bee. You were amazing!!

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 August - Sarah Adams & Katie Godber
Monday, 17 August - Anna Mudford & Amanda Hodges
Wednesday, 19 August - Alicia Harrison & Anna Peart
Friday, 21 August - Kate Luckie & Michelle Buckley

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