



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

*Optimism allows us to evolve our ideas, to improve our situation and to hope for a better tomorrow!*

#### **"DREAM BIG" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

**Tomorrow, 17 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The primary fancy dress social is almost here and our Year 6 leaders are hoping you are 'DREAMING BIG' as you get your outfits ready for the night!! What does it mean to 'DREAM BIG' we hear you ask? Well how about you dream about coming as an **OUTBACK LEGEND**, or **LIGHT IT UP** and dress in different colours, or dress as your favourite **MOVIE CHARACTER**, or as what you want to be **WHEN YOU GROW UP**, or as a **ROCK 'N' ROLL STAR**, or your **BIGGEST IDOL**, or someone from **ONCE UPON A TIME** or **ONCE IN A MILLION YEARS**, or what about **SPONGEBOB** or one of his mates, or come up with your own dream character. **BUT DON'T DREAM IT, DO IT!!** See you at the social to be held in our school hall tomorrow, Friday, 17 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself and **DARE TO DREAM!**

#### **SOCCER GALA DAY**

We had a successful day in Dubbo last Friday at the St Laurence's School Soccer Gala Day. Our six teams played some scintillating soccer with all players giving of their best. A special mention to our girls Years 3/4 team who were undefeated.

#### **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

WOW, what an amazing Book Week Parade yesterday! All the Infant students and staff looked sensational dressed up as their favourite book character. Well done and thank you to the very creative costume designers. A big thank you to Mrs McIsaac and Mrs Thomas for organising our book parade this year.

#### **PRESCHOOL VISIT**

We look forward to welcoming the Friday group of children from Gilgandra Preschool, tomorrow, Friday, 17 August and the Wednesday group next Wednesday, 22 August. We hope the children enjoy their visit to 'big school'.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*On the Canberra excursion we visited the Snowy Hydro Centre. At the Snowy Hydro Centre we watched a short film about the scheme in their theatre. After the film we rode the power bike and we did our interview out the front. Once we finished our interview we went and got our ski gear. Snowy Mountains Hydro is certainly an amazing scheme! Ry Heffer, Tom Dunn, Daniel Kirsop, Jacob Harland.*

#### **ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at Assembly on Tuesday for their achievements in the recent ICAS Science Competition:

**MERIT:** Alicia Fordham, Darcy Morris, Sienna Zell, Lucy McIsaac

**CREDIT:** Eliza Mudford, Ethan Morris

#### **CYBER SAFETY TALK & PARENT MEETING**

Police School Liaison Officer, Marty Paice, will visit our school next Monday, 20 August to speak with the students regarding cyber safety and stranger danger. A Cyber Safety parent meeting will follow that evening to be held in the school hall from 6:00 p.m. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

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

The August P & F Meeting will be held next Monday, 20 August at 7:00 p.m., following the Cyber Safety parent meeting. Please come along and show your support for our hardworking P & F Association.

#### **NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TESTING**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 classes will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests next Tuesday, 21 August. These tests are not an assessment of the students' ability but a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology capabilities ahead of NAPLAN Online in the future.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*WOW! The movie at the National Film and Sound Archive was spectacular! It was all about Australian history. Also, the theatre looked amazing as it really had the vintage sort of feel. We absolutely loved how they had the old projectors and film*

*gear laid out on the stage. We were thrilled to do our interview in the theatre for the first time in Joey's history! Elten Walker, Nick Tancred, Lucas Gleadhill, Jett Chandler.*

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

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 31 August which is just over two (2) weeks away. **We are very short on gifts at this stage.** 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 was sent home with last week's About.

#### **WORKING BEES FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL**

There will be two (2) working bees to help wrap presents for the Father's Day Stall. These will be held at school next Thursday, 23 August and the following Wednesday, 29 August from 9:00 a.m. Please come along and help if you can.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*After a yummy afternoon tea looking at flags of all different countries, we went inside the National Capital Exhibition. We sat around a huge mat that showed the parliamentary triangle and then we went into the Brick-by-Brick, where we got to build our own design out of lego that would help the community. We built a FOOTBALL STADIUM!! We were very fortunate to come to this place! Will Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Gale, Harry Mudford, Hayden Ferguson.*

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

**Friday, 7 September**

Preparations are well underway for this year's fete to be held on Friday, 7 September. 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 – Sally Oehm*
- Year 5 or 6 - 'Everyone's a Winner' – *Coordinator Meichelle Schier*. Start looking out for prizes from small to big.

We are also in need of a coordinator for the Show Bag stall and the Everyone's a Winner stall. Please contact Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office if you can assist.

#### **COW PAT LOTTO**

At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. How does cow pat lotto work? We erect a yard with an area of 400 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for \$5.00 per square. A cow is led around the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win \$1,000.00! With today's newsletter are four tickets to sell. If you would like more tickets, just let us know and we will send them home. All sold tickets need to be returned to school by Friday, 31 August.

#### **BOUNCE BACK PROGRAM**

As part of our Religious Education program, all classes are completing a unit of work called "Bounce Back". The program is designed to help the children develop positive attitudes and resilience, which helps them in their relationships with others. There is an information sheet with today's About that outlines the key messages of the program. If you have any questions please contact us.

#### **HEAD LICE**

There have been reports of head lice at school. Could you please check your child/children's hair and treat if necessary.

## **CWA DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING**

The Country Women's Association of NSW is providing \$100,000 from its Disaster Relief Fund for drought relief in NSW. These monies are available for farming businesses that are drought affected and dependent on farming as their primary source of income. Grant payments will be made up to a maximum of \$3,000 per household and are available to help meet household expenses such as food, vehicle maintenance, school expenses, electricity, rates, telephone expenses, dental and medical. Further information and application forms are available from the school office or alternatively can be downloaded from the School Stream App.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Bayley Dent for using elaborations in his writing, Peregrine Volkofsky for working hard to use left and right, Lottie Duffy for being an enthusiastic learner, Claudia Harrison for trying hard to sound out unknown words in writing and Arabella Chandler for good work using a ten square to add.

**YEAR 1:** Georgia Allan for super work in Spelling, Ivy Murphy for a fabulous narrative, Jock Mills for a great effort in Mathematics and Max Fiddes for enthusiastic participation in class discussions.

**YEAR 2:** Vaughan Zell for a super effort in Reading Groups, Layla Wykes for fabulous work in Problem A Day and Operations, Ava Lacey for beautiful expression when reading aloud, Alexia Riley for sensational improvement in Spelling, Jacqueline Hutchison for lovely handwriting and bookwork and Jemima Harrison for beautiful bookwork and careful setting out.

**YEAR 3:** Stella Valler, Darron Mulligan and Kaycee Bugmy for a fabulous piece of writing titled 'My Future's So Bright' and Isabelle Mudford and Molly Temple for fabulous work in their 'Literacy Pro' reading.

**YEAR 4:** Kimbalee Gilmour, Indi Murphy, Molly Nichols and Henry Purvis for great participation in our Year 4 Mary MacKillop Mass and Will Younghusband for some excellent research on our solar system during Writing.

**YEAR 5:** Ben Standing for trying to improve the neatness of his bookwork, Elten Walker and Nick Gale for enthusiastic application to Maths tasks and Jasmine Zell for achieving great results in lexile quizzes.

**YEAR 6:** Oscar Spora for creating a magnificent Saint PowerPoint, Jacob Harland and Isaac Grimshaw for excellent work with superlative adjectives and Daniel Kirsop for reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes with accuracy.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 4 Year 4 Reconciliation**

Friday, 17 August - Preschool Visit  
- Primary Fancy Dress Social – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### **WEEK 5**

Monday, 20 August - Cyber Safety Talk – 2:00 p.m.  
- Cyber Safety Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 21 August - NAPLAN Online Readiness Test – Years 3 & 5  
Wednesday, 22 August - Preschool Visit  
Thursday, 23 August - Diocesan Athletics, Dubbo  
- Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

### **WEEK 6 Year 5 Reconciliation**

Wednesday, 29 August - Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.  
- Little Athletics Visit – Primary 2:00 – 2:45 p.m., Infants 2:45 – 3:20 p.m.  
- Junior Jokeys visit Cooee Lodge  
Thursday, 30 August - Ear Bus  
- Warren Horse Sports  
Friday, 31 August - Father's Day Stall  
- Ear Bus  
- Warren Horse Sports  
- Selling Cow Pat Lotto tickets  
Sunday, 2 September - Kinder & Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.  
- Confirmation Candidates Rite of Commitment

### **WEEK 7**

Thursday, 6 September - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 7 September - Fete

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** What a fabulous Book Week parade we had. Everybody looked fantastic and a big thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs McIsaac for organising a great day! Our concert is coming together and we appreciate all the princess costumes. We have been reading the big book 'Meanies' and finding out some fun facts about where they sleep, what they eat and what they do. In Maths we subtracted from eight, made equal groups and recognised and read o'clock times on an analogue clock. During Geography we talked about the features of our house and the reasons why we need shelter. We also drew some spectacular pictures of our houses. We are looking forward to our Mass on 2 September with Year 5. Please remember to bring back your note. Have a great weekend!  
*Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** What a great day we had yesterday celebrating Book Week with a dress up day. Everyone looked fabulous and had lots of fun. In Religion we read the story 'The Little Red Hen' and discussed how everyone needs to be treated fairly. In Text Types we decorated biscuits and completed a procedure to describe how we did it and in Maths we solved problems using addition and subtraction. As part of our Literature unit we labelled, sequenced and completed an acrostic poem about 'The Gruffalo'. Next week we will complete more activities from another Julia Donaldson book 'Room on the Broom'. A big congratulations to our class mates, Finn Chapman and Ben Mudford, who were welcomed into the Catholic Church family today. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 2** We celebrated a beautiful Mass this morning for the Feast of the Assumption – thank you Year 3. In Religion we are continuing the 'Bounce Back' program and have focussed on fairness and empathy for each other. In Maths we looked at data, graphs and number patterns. Information reports are our focus in Text Type writing and we read 'Gigantosaurus' and completed a variety of Literacy activities to check the understanding of the text. We drew some great illustrations of the book characters as well. Speaking of book characters, what a wonderful Book Week dress up and parade we had yesterday, it was lots of fun! Well done to everyone for dressing up and making it such an enjoyable day. Have a great weekend.  
*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** What a lovely Mass we had this morning to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Thank you Year 3 for preparing such a beautiful Mass. It was lovely to see family and friends come along and celebrate with us. Congratulations to Amity Chapman and Eliza Mudford who were welcomed into the Catholic Church and received their First Communion at Mass today. On Tuesday we completed the Mathematics Competition. We have also been focusing on the compensation strategy and looking at multiplication using the double and double again strategy when multiplying by four. During English we have looked at using articles in grammar and watching a YouTube clip on 'The Article Brothers' while in Text Types we have been writing a text about 'My Future's So Bright' - they sound fantastic. Everyone is very excited about the primary social tomorrow evening. I'm sure everyone will look fantastic all dressed up. Have a lovely weekend!  
*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Thank you to Year 3 for leading us in a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption today. May God bless Alison Mudford and Carter Chapman who were welcomed into the Catholic faith and received their First Communion this morning. This week in Year 4 we have been working to improve our explanation writing, focusing on how to structure an effective concluding paragraph. During Grammar we have been using Google Classroom to investigate our understanding of adverbs as well as identifying adverbs in our class novel 'Paper Planes'. Our Maths lessons have taken us shopping, looking into how stores use rounding when we have to pay for our items. During Religion we have finished off our unit by creating a collage on Mary MacKillop to be displayed in the classroom. Our concert is beginning to take shape with all of us excited to start learning the groovy dance moves. We cannot wait to check out your awesome costumes as we dance the night away tomorrow at our social. Have a great weekend.  
*Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** This week in Year 5 we have been busy writing explanations. Everyone was keen to explain about a topic that interests them. It certainly is interesting to see such a wide range of experts in our classroom. Our Maths focus has had us learning about averages, estimating addition algorithms and reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes. During Religion we have continued on our 'Bounce Back' program focusing on the importance of empathy. We also practiced some helpful thinking using scenarios that might challenge us. We decided that optimistic thinking makes us feel calmer, hopeful and helps us to be more realistic when solving problems.  
*Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** Well done to all the Joey's soccer teams who gave of their best last Friday. It sounds like everyone had a great time and lots of fun. This week in Maths we have focused on addition and subtraction of fractions, percentages and two-way tables. In Religion we have been discussing the importance of our Service Project which went home with homework on Monday. It has been great to hear all the ways Year 6 have decided to help others in our community. We have also drafted our letters to Bishop Michael, either asking for a Confirmation Blessing or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. A special congratulations to Chloe Mudford who was welcomed into the Catholic Church and received her First Holy Communion at Mass this morning. In Grammar we have been learning about past and present participles. Year 6 are very excited for the primary social tomorrow night and can't wait to see everyone 'Dreaming Big!'  
*Mr Damien Soares*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 17 August – Lorraine Hutchison & Alicia Heffer  
Monday, 20 August – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford  
Wednesday, 22 August – Paula Purvis & Chris Monk  
Friday, 24 August – Rees & Susanne Gilmour

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 19 August – Luke O'Neill & Aiden Walker

