



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

*Mary, Our Mother watch over us.*

#### **CONFIRMATION**

A beautiful celebration was held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday as fourteen candidates were presented to Bishop Michael McKenna and Fr Martin O'Mahony for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The whole Year 6 class completed the Confirmation program and it was wonderful to see classmates, other members of the school community, parishioners, family and friends in church on Sunday to witness this important step in the faith journey of these young people. A celebration breakfast was held in the school hall following Mass. Our 2017 Confirmation class consisted of: **Tylah Anforth, Jack Chandler, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Laura Farragher, Heidi Ferguson, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Jinda Green, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Finn Marchant, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Samantha Miller, Rhys O'Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Olivia Schier, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes, Laura Younghusband.** Many thanks to Mr Soares and Mrs Banks for preparing the children for this Sacrament, to the staff and students of our school for their reverent participation at Mass and fantastic help in decorating the hall, the Year 5 parents for serving the morning tea and the parents and families of the Confirmation class for working with the school during this important time.

#### **VISIT BY ST STANISLAUS' COLLEGE BATHURST**

Staff members from St Stanislaus' College Bathurst will be visiting our school next Monday, 21 August to speak to the boys from Years 4, 5 and 6 at 11:30 a.m. If anyone would like to take the opportunity to speak to the representatives from St Stanislaus Bathurst on Monday at our school, could you please contact Mrs Hodge.

#### **YEAR 2 LITURGY**

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 24 August at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

#### **NAPLAN RESULTS**

Accompanying today's About are the Year 3 and Year 5 students' NAPLAN results. If any parents would like to discuss their child's results with their teacher please contact the school so we can arrange a meeting.

#### **BOOK WEEK COMPETITION WINNERS**

To celebrate Book Week this year, competitions were held for both Infants and Primary. The infants students had to 'Guess the Book Characters' and primary students were invited to guess the titles of the 'Books in the Jars'. Congratulations to the following winners: **Kinder - Isabella Brand, Year 1 - Sophie Gilmour, Year 2 - Darron Mulligan, Year 3 - Michael Ibe, Year 4 - Lucy McIsaac, Year 5 - Emily Zell, Year 6 - Olivia Schier** Well done everyone and thanks to Mrs Kilby for organizing our Book Week activities.

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

##### **'Joey's Australian Vacation'**

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

**Thursday, 31 August**

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Thursday, 31 August 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.

#### **CONCERT REHEARSAL**

**Monday, 28 August**

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held on Monday, 28 August. It is very important for everyone to be at school on this day so we can practise on the stage with the microphones etc. As this is a full dress rehearsal the children will need their costumes by this date.

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

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 1 September. Jessica Whitehouse has kindly offered to coordinate the stall this year. This 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 wouldn't be possible. 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 next week.

#### **NAPLAN ONLINE**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment. NSW schools will participate in school readiness tests between 14 August and 22 September. Our Years 3 and 5 will participate in the school readiness test in Week 8. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- Become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes.
- Check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online.
- Provide students with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN Online test.

A NAPLAN Online Fact Sheet for parents and carers was given to all students in Years 3 and 5 today.

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

**Friday, 15 September**

Just a reminder to keep the St Joey's Fete in mind, particularly where you may be able to help or what you may be able to donate. As mentioned last week our major stalls are the Cake/Produce Stall (Infants), the Tombuli Stall (Years 3/4) and the Everyone's A Winner Stall (Years 5/6).

#### **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, 8 September.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY**

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is a day held each year with the participating schools including St Joseph's Gilgandra, St John's Baradine and St Brigid's Coonamble. This year the sports will be held in Coonamble on **Wednesday, 13 September**. The sports day is for **ALL STUDENTS** from Kinder to Year 6 and includes a march, war cry, class races, ball games, novelty activities, relays, and tug-o'-wars. **THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM.** Our full sports uniform includes: school sports shirt, maroon sports shorts (boys) or maroon sports skirt or skort (girls), school sports socks, white shoes, school hat. For the march the children **MUST WEAR JOEY'S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JOGGERS.** They may change into joggers after the march if they wish. The children will be required to assemble in St Brigid's School grounds, Tooloon Street by 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m. The

march will conclude in Castlereagh Street and students will then walk back to school for the war cries and class races. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. A **lunch bag was given to all students today. If students wish to order their lunch for the Catholic School Sports Day, please return the lunch bag with the correct money to school by next Wednesday, 23 August. In order for us to arrange transport for the children to Coonamble could you please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by next Wednesday, 23 August.** Depending on the number of cars going, we will then decide if we will need to hire a bus.

### **IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)**

We have had a case of school sores reported at school. If your child has any unusual sores, please consult your doctor. Children can attend school if the sores are being treated and are properly covered by a clean dressing.

### **RISE YOUTH FESTIVAL**

Rise Youth Festival is for students in Years 6 – 9 and is a celebration that gives young people the opportunity to discover the extraordinary gift of faith, lived to the full. The festival also offers contact with peers who are connected with their faith journey on a personal level, establishing a network of young people across the diocese and beyond. The festival will be held at Ridgecrest Convention Centre Lake Burrendong on 27 & 28 September. Registration is now open with \$100 early bird registration which will then be \$110.00 after 1 September. For more details contact Deacon Josh at [ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ministries@bathurst.catholic.org.au).

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Isabella Brand** for working hard to remember to use finger spaces when writing, **Jagger Hazelton** for writing with increasing independence, **Brodie Nichols** for making a great jellyfish, **Caine Bugmy** for enthusiastic participation in our sports carnival and **Georgia Allan** for diligent work in Reading Groups.

**YEAR 1:** **Kenedi Hazelton** for trying hard in Spelling groups, **Jacqueline Hutchison** for trying hard to use elaborations in her writing, **Xanthe Gale** for participating enthusiastically in classroom activities and **Scarlett Chandler** for contributing interesting facts about polar bears.

**YEAR 2:** **Kaycee Bugmy** and **Brody Heffer** for working hard in all Maths activities, **Eliza Mudford** for taking great pride in the presentation of all her bookwork, **Darron Mulligan** for excellent work in Religion, **Tom Staggs** for a super effort in Sentence A Day and Spelling and **Adison Thomas** for asking questions and trying hard in Maths.

**YEAR 3:** **Ella Mudford** for great work in Grammar, **Alex Gaff** for fantastic work in Operations, **Grace Tancred** for a positive attitude to all tasks, **Abigail Davis** for an excellent effort in Reading and **Declan Gale** for terrific work in addition.

**YEAR 4:** **Jett Chandler** for showing a keen interest in our class Literature unit, **Elten Walker** for sharing some fantastic responses with the class during Maths activities and **Grace Winter** for always being willing to help out in the classroom.

**YEAR 5:** **Ry Heffer** for improvement in comprehension activities, **Madison Riley** for improvement in speed and accuracy when completing her classwork, **Kyzack Corcoran** for a positive attitude towards Maths and **Sarah Temple** and **Daniel Kirsop** for creating a detailed and interesting journal about their trip to the Kimberley.

**YEAR 6:** **Zac Ferguson** for excellent work with past and present participles, **William Gaff** for showing speed and accuracy with multiplication, **Laura Younghusband** for working well with her classmates and **Joshua Purvis** for great work in Maths Operations.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 5**

Friday, 18 August - Principals Meeting  
- Diocesan Athletics

#### **WEEK 6**

Monday, 21 August - Visit from St Stanislaus College Bathurst –  
Years 4, 5 and 6 boys – 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday, 24 August - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

#### **WEEK 7**

Monday, 28 August - Concert Rehearsal  
Tuesday, 29 August - 'Get To Know Asia' School Performance – 2:00  
Wednesday, 30 August - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge  
- St John's College Placement Tests  
Thursday, 31 August - Concert – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, 1 September - Father's Day Stall

#### **WEEK 8 - NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests**

Thursday, 7 September - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 8 September - Polding Athletics  
- Hear Our Heart Ear bus  
- Selling Cow Pat Lotto Tickets

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week we have been reading the big book, "Meanies" and have enjoyed writing a description of a meanie. Our sound focus had been 'n'. Next week we will be learning about the 'p' for 'princess' sound. During Mathematics we have revised tricky teens and used 10 frames to complete additions. This week the children learnt about the Assumption and attended a lovely Mass to celebrate this feast day. Thank you Year 3. Concert practice has been in full swing and the children have been excited to learn the dance moves. Have a top weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** This week we researched some interesting information about polar bears. Did you know that polar bears are sometimes referred to as sea bears because they spend most of their time in the water! In Maths we have been exploring all the different combinations of number facts that equal 10. We enjoyed recalling the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In Geography we have started looking at our local area, Gilgandra and how we interact with our environment. Thank you to Year 3 for preparing a beautiful Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Our concert practice is progressing well. Please let me know if you have any queries about the costumes. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** Congratulations Year 6 on your beautiful Confirmation Mass on Sunday. Year 2 look forward to seeing lots of family and friends next Thursday to help celebrate our class Liturgy. In Religion we're looking at God's helpers who shine a light on others through their good deeds and spreading the Good News. Concert practices are in full swing and hopefully everyone is getting their costumes organised. If you have any questions please see me as soon as possible at school. In the classroom we've explored mapping skills, area and number patterns during Maths. We continued working on direct speech in Sentence A Day and Grammar. Have a great weekend everyone. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Congratulations to Year 3 for a beautiful Mass and thank you to all our family and friends who joined us on Tuesday to celebrate the Assumption of Mary. This week we continued our work on procedures and looked at instructions for a card game. We also wrote acrostic poems of our names using adjectives with similes. In Maths we were challenged by fractions and investigated rigid shapes. Concert practice is well underway and this week we have been working on our groovy dance moves. In Art we started work on a winter landscape and continue to enjoy the adventures of Matilda. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** It's less than two weeks until we perform our concert to you all! The dance moves are looking great and our practices are coming along nicely. If you need any help getting costume items please let me know. In class this week we have been looking at exposition writing – remembering that our job when writing one is to convince a reader on a topic. In Grammar we have focused our time on using direct speech. As we read more of our class novel we are now super excited to see just what happens to the main character, Dylan, as he enters the national paper plane flying championships. In Maths we have been trying to crack codes during addition revision activities as well as looking at decimal place value using concrete materials. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to the Year 6 Confirmation Class on your wonderful celebration last Sunday and thank you to the Year 5 parents and children for their support at the Church and at morning tea. During Maths we have looked at saying and writing large numbers, decimals to thousandths and how using distributive law can help with mental calculations. Our mould cultivation experiment in Science has been amazing and it has been interesting to observe how germs can grow and spread. Yuck!!! Year 5 is busy writing discussion speeches this week for homework. The draft is due tomorrow and we look forward to hearing them on Tuesday 29 August. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** Congratulations Year 6 for celebrating our Confirmation Mass on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who made this special day so memorable! This week in Maths we have been learning about percentages, fractions and subtraction. Our Grammar activities have focused on using and identifying interrogative pronouns in sentences. In Art we have been painting and decorating our 'Native Australian Animal' artwork, they look great! We have also been busily preparing for our concert item. Year 6 will be taking an adventure around Victoria! Keep up the enthusiastic work Year 6! *Mr Soares*

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 18 August – JB & Ali Tancred  
Monday, 21 August – Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin  
Wednesday, 23 August – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas  
Friday, 25 August – Nat Mudford & Briony Mills

#### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 20 August – Luke O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers