

ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

You don't inspire others by being perfect.

You inspire them by how you deal with your imperfections.



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!!** At this stage ticket sales have been very slow, 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.

SOCCER GALA DAY

We had over 80 students from Years 3-6 competing in the St Laurence's School Soccer Gala Day in Dubbo last Friday. Congratulations to all our players for the great skills, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and school spirit that were displayed on the day. We were grateful for the support of all the staff, family and friends who assisted during the day.

BLOW YOUR NOSE!

We thank the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Team for talking to the children this week about the importance of blowing your nose. A clear nose goes a long way to helping our hearing. So we encourage students to keep on blowing!

BOOK WEEK

Thank you to all the students and staff who participated so enthusiastically in dressing up and parading for book week yesterday. We had a fabulously fun-filled day. Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who attended the parade and prepared the costumes. "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island" – Walt Disney.

Fantastic Mr Fox & Little Red Riding Hood

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Best of luck to the Joey's students who are representing the Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Dubbo tomorrow. Our competitors include: Evie Peart, Alyssa Ferguson, Will O'Connor, Sam Dunn, Mitch Fuller, Grace Tancred, Emilia Peart, Lilla Oehm, Sophia Peart, Beatie Davis, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Will Youngusband, Trinity Zell, Ryan Ferguson, Blake Fairey, Nick Tancred, Eva Bonnington, Jonas Naden, Ryder Ryan. Go Joey's!

KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes are preparing the Mass for this Sunday, 25 August in St Joseph's Church at 9:30 a.m. All students from Kinder and Year 5 and their families are warmly invited to this Mass. Also during this Mass the Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish are asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

MUSIC LESSONS NEXT WEEK

Next week's Macquarie Conservation music lessons will be held on **Monday, 26 August** instead of Wednesday, 28 August as Mr Evans will be away. Would all music students please ensure that you bring your instrument next Monday.

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

We have 18 students representing our school at the Coonabarabran Horse Sports hosted by St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran, next Thursday, 29 and Friday, 30 August. Our representatives include **Isabelle Mudford, Elsie Mudford, Jordan Neeves, Clancy Larkin, Ryder Larkin, Eliza Larkin, Indy Thomas, Georgia Allan, Tia Allan, Billie Allan, Jock Mills, Emma Mills, Tilla Chandler, Adison Thomas, Chloe Harris, Trinity Zell, Ivy Zell, Roxy Zell.**

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 was sent home last week detailing the changes. If your child will be participating in any of the competitions, please ensure the tear-off slip is completed and returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, 23 August.

FATHER'S DAY STALL – Next Friday!

DONATIONS OF GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our Father's Day Stall will be held next Friday, 30 August. **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. Thank you to **Rohr's Home Timber & Hardware, 3D Butchery, Diggs Butchery, Johnson's Butchery** and the **Armatree Hotel** for kindly donating items for our raffle.

WORKING BEES FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to those parents who helped wrap gifts for the Father's Day Stall yesterday. There will be another working bee next Wednesday, 28 August from 9:00 a.m. Morning tea will be provided. Please come along and help if you can.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 6 September – Only 2 weeks to go!

There is only two weeks to go until one of our major school fundraisers, the St Joey's School Fete. The following are our major stalls that need donations to be successful:

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL (Infants) **Kristy Gale** is the coordinator of this stall and is asking for donations. Kristy has dropped some containers into the office. Please feel free to call in and pick them up at any time.

TOMBULI (Years 3 & 4) **Sally Oehm** is the coordinator of the Tombuli Stall. It is always a great favourite among the children and we are looking for donations. Just simply fill a sandwich sized ziplock bag with miscellaneous items. There could be rubbers, pencils, textas, plastic toys (army men, animals etc.), hair bands, hair clips, toy cars etc., keeping in mind that the tickets for the tombuli stall will be \$2.00 each. Please send them into school by Monday, 2 September.

EVERYONE'S A WINNER (Years 5 & 6) **JB & Alison Tancred** are the coordinators of this stall and it needs donations to be successful, because as the name suggests, whether it's a major prize or a minor prize – everyone's a winner. We are looking for prizes of all values for this stall.

While these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone.

FETE GAMES A suggestion has been made that we run some 'free' games at the fete, such as a 3-legged race, sack race, egg & spoon race, skipping, etc. We are in need of someone to co-ordinate the games. This would simply involve setting up the games prior to the fete. If you are able to help out, please contact Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office.

PLANT STALL As previously mentioned there will be a plant stall at this year's fete and donations of plants will be required. Hopefully everyone has some cuttings growing, or why not buy a punnet of seedlings and transplant them into individual pots – all donations are welcome!

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is the Fete Roster. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all the gaps would be easily filled. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster to school by next Thursday, 29 August. There is also a place on the roster for helpers to set up for the fete on Friday, from 12noon. If you can help, please put your name down and return it so we know if we will have enough helpers.

COW PAT LOTTO At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. 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! Tickets went home with last week's About. **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by next Friday, 30 August.**

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 Baradine on **Friday, 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 the designated area at the Baradine Oval by 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m. The children will then be walked to the marching assembly area in Wellington Street. The march will conclude at the Oval. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. A special lunch order will be sent home for those students wanting to order their lunch. **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 Friday, 30 August.** Depending on the number of cars going, we will then decide if we will need to hire a bus.

SCHOOL JUMPERS – LOST PROPERTY

A large number of school jumpers have accumulated in lost property over the past year or so. We have placed these jumpers on a table in the school hall. Please help yourself to a *free* jumper for your child/ren.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Luka van der Walt** for happily settling into our Joey's family, **Charlie Howard** for writing an amazing description of a 'Meanie', **Jakirah McKenzie** for super paper chipping in Art and **Oscar Medd** for being a positive, thoughtful member of Kinder.

YEAR 1: **Lucy Profke** for neat handwriting, **Eva Mulligan** for great work when counting on, **Ivy Zell** for being a great classroom helper and **Akhiro Baker** for being a Maths whiz.

YEAR 2: **Joe Staggs** for trying hard in Writing, **Nikola Riley** and **Caine Bugmy** for writing great procedures about how to make a sandwich, **Jock Mills** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Jimmy Lesslie** for always trying hard in Maths and **Clayton Wheatley** for a super effort in spelling.

YEAR 3: **Lachlan Profke** and **Angus Johnson** for great investigation of rigid and non-rigid shapes, **Mia Ferguson** for working well independently to complete tricky Maths problems and **Dimity Wykes** for being a kind, caring and helpful class member.

YEAR 4: **Riley Fiddes** for putting outstanding effort into his work in Mathematics, **Bonica Henry** and **Lauren Thurlow** for a consistent effort with morning reading and **Stella Valler** for writing a factual explanation using the correct language features.

YEAR 5: **Tia Allan**, **Dakotah Gilmour**, **Millie Spora**, **Brooke Woollams** and **Sienna Zell** for fabulous participation in our Christmas Art Workshop with Mr Quick.

YEAR 6: **Elten Walker** for improved concentration and contributions during Comprehension Groups, **Paige Gilmour** for creativity and passion in all Creative Arts activities, **Lucy Kilpatrick** for meaningful contributions during class discussions and **Grace Winter** for always 'Giving Of Her Best' during all class activities.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

- 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

- Monday, 26 August - Macquarie Conservatorium music lessons
- Wednesday, 28 August - No music lessons today
- Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- 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
- St John's College Year 7, 2020 Entrance Testing Day

- Thursday, 5 September - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- ICAS Science Competition

- Friday, 6 September - GHS Guest Speaker – Sam Bailey – Years 5 & 6
- 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 What a fabulous celebration we had yesterday for Book Week. Everyone looked amazing and a big thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs McIsaac for organising our wonderful parade! In conjunction with our Book Week festivities Kinder has started reading the "Meg and Mog" series of picture books. We have really enjoyed meeting Meg and her crazy cat Mog as they bumble their way through some very interesting spells! In Maths we concentrated on friends of 9 and the days of the week. In Geography we looked at some different types of shelters that animals and people live in around the world. We decided we were very lucky to live in our own homes! Thank you to the Kinder children who are coming along to Mass this Sunday. It's not too late if you wish to join us at 9.30am in our church. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 This week we have begun learning our concert item. The children are all very excited! Just a reminder about the change of costume if your child is a Gruffalo - they need black pants and black shoes and we will provide everything else. We have been reading "Stick Man" and have pretended we are stick men and we have written notes back to his family about his adventure. In Art we have completed our 'Through the Window' artworks and are working on a 'Room on the Broom' artwork also. Readings have gone home for our next Liturgy for the children to practise at home. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

YEAR 2 It has been another busy week in Year 2 and concert practices are going well. A note about costumes went home last week. If you are having any problems please let me know. Our dress rehearsal is in Week 8 on Wednesday, 11 September. In Religion we focused on being positive role models and doing kind deeds for others as part of the Bounce Back program. Maths challenged us with multi-step problems and we have realised the importance of "visualizing" the problem and showing our working out. Yesterday was a fantastic dress up day for Book Week – congratulations to everyone for showing great school spirit, your costumes looked fabulous! Have a great weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Yesterday we celebrated Book Week by dressing up in fabulous costumes. Everyone looked fantastic and we thank Mrs McIsaac and Mrs Thomas for organising such a fun day. In Maths we investigated the kilogram using scales and did our best to solve tricky fraction lines. In Grammar we are learning about compound words and are putting the finishing touches to our 'Bird Pie' and 'Roly Poly Bird' craft. We are all excited to begin concert practice this week and a costume note will be sent home tomorrow. Please let us know if you have any trouble finding the correct clothing. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 This week we have been getting right into our concert practice. Year 4 has been enthusiastically rehearsing their dancing and acting to get ready for the big performance which is coming up quite quickly! We have been working hard in reading groups, doing lots of comprehension activities on Literacy Pro and Read Theory to improve our skills in this area. We have started looking at Seven Steps again to implement these techniques into our narratives. Students have also been looking at grid references, graphing and enjoying singing our times tables songs each day in Maths. Good luck to all those students going to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Have a wonderful weekend. *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 It was wonderful to see all the costumes at our Book Week parade yesterday! Our concert preparations are in full swing at the moment, learning the dances and songs. A note will go home tomorrow regarding costumes. If you have any questions please let us know. During Maths we have looked at fractions of whole numbers and short cuts to use when dividing by 10's, 100's or 1000's. We have been putting the finishing touches on our Christmas artworks and writing our reflections which explain our inspiration and subject. It is revision week for Spelling and it is wonderful to see so many people who have retained the sounds, rules and high frequency words from the last four weeks. We are really looking forward to celebrating our class Mass with Kinder this Sunday and showing our support to our Year 6 Confirmation class. *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 Week 5 has been very busy as we continue to prepare for Confirmation. Students have begun creating their individual Saint research tasks as well as planning their Service Project with a vision of helping others. We look forward to the Rite of Commitment Mass this Sunday and hope to see you all there. The concert *reveal* has also been a highlight of the week, with students very excited to practice and learn their individual parts. We also enjoyed the Hear Our Heart information session which reminded us all of the importance of nose blowing and keeping our ears healthy! Have a safe and wonderful weekend and don't forget your footy tips! Congratulations to Harry who is currently leading our comp! The bottle lid count is: Kinder – 220, Year 1 -127, Year 2 – 100, Year 3 – 38, Year 4 – 77, Year 5 – 295, Year 6 – 732, Office – 1569. *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 23 August – Danielle Fiddes & Amanda Hodges
- Monday, 26 August – Danielle Bonnington & Michelle O'Brien
- Wednesday, 28 August – Rachel Kirsop
- Friday, 30 August – Jodie Johnson & Susie Harvey

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 25 August – Will Spora & Rydah Whitehouse

