



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 6

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Thought for the Week

Obstacles don't have to stop you.

If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up.

Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, 23 August – 9:45 a.m.

All is ready for our Confirmation Mass that will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 23 August at 9:45 a.m. Again we invite everyone to attend on Sunday to support our Confirmation class. Please keep all the Year 6 students in your prayers: **Grace Alchin, Milla Banks, Lauchlan Bash, Alex Beveridge, Lucy Davis, Jye Day, Darren Doherty, Lachlan Fairey, Tarah Foran, Martin Fryers, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Chloe Godber, Emilie Hassall, James Kildey, Stuart Larsen, Nash Marchant, Lily Naden, Olivia Newstead, Aiden Ryan, Marshall Ryan, William Sandford, Harry Spora, Sinead Sutton, Zoe Welsh.**

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held tomorrow, Friday, 21 August at 3:20 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

MELBOURNE CUP VISIT

The race that stops the nation will be stopping work at St Joey's tomorrow, Friday, 21 August as we are getting a visit from the Melbourne Cup. Each year leading up to the big race the Victorian Jockey Club selects towns for the Melbourne Cup to visit and this year Gilgandra has been selected. Former Melbourne Cup winning jockey, John Marshall, will accompany the cup on its visit to our school. We thank Andrew Schier and the Gilgandra Jockey Club for including St Joseph's in the itinerary.

KINDER BUDDY LUNCH

A scrumptious meal was enjoyed in the hall on Tuesday as the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies were treated to a three course meal. The lunch was part of the Kinder Science unit, 'What's For Lunch?' Many thanks to Toni Fuller, Sarah Hickey, Melissa Ryan, Suzanne Champion, Ashleigh Mudford, Wendy Fong, Toni Tarrant, Jason Tarrant, Donna Wheatley, Stacey Thomas, Kirstie McKenzie and Nicole Chapman for ensuring we all had a beautiful meal.

AUGUST P & F MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the P & F Meeting on Tuesday night. At the meeting it was agreed to pay the students' entries for the English and Maths competitions and into the Life Education Van. Money was also given for Maths resources and Moorambilla. The school thanks the P & F for their wonderful generosity.

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.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

We look forward to a visit from the preschool next Wednesday, 26 August at 10:45 a.m. We hope all the pre-schoolers enjoy their visit.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 4 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.

WORKING BEE FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

A working bee to help wrap presents for the Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, 2 September from 9:00 a.m. Please come along and help if you can.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is held each year with the participating schools including St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St John's Baradine and St Brigid's Coonamble. This year the sports will be held in Gilgandra on **Friday, 28 August**. The sports day is for **ALL STUDENTS** from Kinder to Year 6 and includes a march, class races, ball games, relays, novelty races and tug-o'-wars. **THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL SPORTS UNIFORM.** Our full sports uniform includes: **Boys:** School sports shirt, maroon sports shorts, school hat, school sports socks, white shoes. **Girls:** Schools sports shirt, maroon sports skirt or skort, school hat, school sports socks, white shoes. For the march, the children **MUST WEAR JOEY'S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JOGGERS.** They may change into running shoes after the march if they wish. If your child doesn't have any of these, then please contact the school and we might be able to borrow some for the day. Any spare pairs of white joggers that you might care to lend us for the day would be greatly appreciated. We have a number of spare white joggers at school. The children will be required to assemble at Hunter Park, Warren Road by 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m. The march will conclude in Bridge Street and students will then walk back to school for the commencement of the class races. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. The full program of events is as follows:

9:00 a.m.	Assemble	(Hunter Park, Warren Road)
9:30 a.m.	March Past	(Miller Street)
	School War Cry	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Class Races	(St Joseph's School grounds)
11:00 a.m.	RECESS	(St Joseph's School grounds)
11:20 a.m.	Ball Games	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Students Relays	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Staff/Parent Relays	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Novelty Races	(St Joseph's School grounds)
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH	(St Joseph's School grounds)
1:00 p.m.	Novelty Races	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Student Tug-o'-War	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Staff/Parent Tug-o'-War	(St Joseph's School grounds)
2:00 p.m.	Conclusion	

Next Friday the buses will be letting the children off at Hunter Park. Therefore if you normally bring your children to school could you please take them to Hunter Park. If this is not possible a teacher will remain at school to take the children to the park.

WE STILL NEED LOTS OF HELPERS! As you can imagine a lot of work goes into organising this day and we will need lots of helpers to make the day run successfully. A roster for helpers went home with last week's About. ***We are still short of helpers, particularly to help set up, run the BBQ and help out on canteen from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.*** If you haven't returned the note, please put your name down and help us in hosting a terrific day! Notes need to be returned by tomorrow, Friday, 21 August.

LUNCH ORDERS

A special lunch order bag went home with the children on Tuesday. If your child wishes to order his/her lunch next Friday, and you haven't already done so, could you please return the lunch order tomorrow, Friday, 21 August as we will need to order all the food early next week.

CAKES AND SLICES NEEDED FOR MORNING TEA

We will be setting up a table for morning tea at the Catholic Schools Sports Day where adults can help themselves. We are hoping to serve some lovely home cooking for morning tea and accordingly would be grateful of any donations.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, would like to deepen their Catholic faith, or perhaps even become Catholic. If so, we would like to invite you and your friend to an information session on Monday, 24 August at either 2:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. in the Church. You are very welcome. *Fr Martin & Sr Robyn*

GILGANDRA JUNIOR LEAGUE & NETBALL PRESENTATIONS

The Gilgandra Junior League and Netball Presentations will be held on Saturday, 29 August at McGrane Oval commencing at 10:00 am.

GULARGAMBONE PRESCHOOL FATHER'S DAY BBQ

Gulgargambone Preschool is hosting a Father's Day BBQ on Sunday, 6 September at the Armatree Hotel from 12:30 p.m. onwards. There will be raffles, jumping castle and children's activities. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Armatree Hotel by Wednesday, 2 September.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Hope Jones-Copelin** for 'Giving Of Her Best' in Story Writing, **Hudson Duffy** for contributing to discussions based on our big books, **Eliza Larkin** for being a cooperative member of Kindergarten, **Emma Mills** for being enthusiastic during march practice and **Darcy Morris** for his knowledge on the Gilgandra community during our HSIE unit.

YEAR 1: **Blake Fairey** for fabulous 'sounding out' in Story Writing, **Grace Jones-Copelin** and **Jessie Riley** for fantastic improvement in sight word recognition, **Carter Chapman** for working hard in Maths and Spelling, **Trinity Zell** for working well in Grammar and **Ella Mudford** for great expression in Reading.

YEAR 2: **Grace Winter** and **Tarinya Hannedege** for settling in at St Joey's so easily, **Mattea Purvis** for beautifully presented book work and **Jasmine Zell** for beautiful colouring in Religion.

YEAR 3: **Madison Riley** and **Breanna Foster** for working carefully on their 'underwater seascapes', **Emma Durrant** for approaching tricky tasks in Maths with confidence, **Jack Oehm** for 'Giving Of His Best' in all areas of Year 3 and **Kate Woollams** for her positive attitude towards all tasks.

YEAR 4: **Mason Fryers** for expertly solving multiplication algorithms, **Zac Ferguson** for his great attitude towards marching practice, **Olivia McClelland** for skilfully adding speech marks to sentences and **Rani Diggs** for great work rounding prices to the nearest five cents.

YEAR 5: **Billie Buckland** for continually trying to use expression when reading, **Tyler Evans** for working hard to complete Maths activities with speed and accuracy and **Jett Grimshaw** for fantastic contributions during class discussions on our novel.

YEAR 6: **Grace Alchin** for being a diligent and independent worker, **Darren Doherty** for becoming an expert in circle theorem, **Lachlan Fairey** for working hard to improve vocabulary and **Chloe Godber** for great improvement in Spelling.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6 Year 3 Reconciliation

Thursday, 20 August	-	Visit from St Stanislaus College Bathurst – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 21 August	-	Melbourne Cup Visit
	-	Working Bee to clean the church for Confirmation – Year 6 parents 3:20 p.m.
Sunday, 23 August	-	Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 7

Tuesday, 25 August	-	School Captains & Vice Captains to opening of 'Gilgandra's Cooees' – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 26 August	-	Preschool Visit – 10:15 – 11:00 am
Friday, 28 August	-	Catholic Schools Sports Day - Gilgandra – K-6

WEEK 8

Monday, 31 August	-	Ear Bus
Tuesday, 1 September	-	Ear Bus
Wednesday, 2 September	-	Ear Bus
	-	Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
	-	Little Athletics Visit – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 3 September	-	Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 4 September	-	Polding Athletics
	-	Father's Day Stall

WEEK 9 Fr Martin away

Monday, 7 September	-	Concert Practice
Friday, 11 September	-	Principals' Retreat
	-	Preschool Visit 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been reading the story "The Mango Tree". The students revised an information report and recalled what nouns are. During Story Writing we have been focusing on punctuation. Next week's sound is 'Ww' so try to find something we can put on our sound table. In HSIE we continue to discuss and draw what we can do to keep our homes and our school special. In Science and Technology we investigated our environment and discussed what things are made from. During Religion we learnt about Jesus when he was younger and who his first disciples were. In Maths we discovered teen numbers and how they are written. We then matched them up to their numerals. May God bless our Year 6 buddies as they celebrate Confirmation on Sunday. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 has had a short, but busy, week. In Religion we learnt that when we pray we can use our prayer hands to remind us who we need to pray for. Our thumb is for our family, pointer finger for our teachers, tall finger for the leaders of the world, ring finger for the sick and weak and our little finger is for us. Verbs continue to be our focus in Grammar and we have enjoyed finding them in our new book by Nick Bland, "The Very Brave Bear". In Maths we have tried really hard to classify 2D shapes, graph data and add numbers using a number line. Our concert practice is in full swing and we are so excited we can hardly wait! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Confirmation this Sunday. Remember we can't have a celebration if nobody comes! Have a super weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week we enjoyed writing a description of a character from the book, "Gigantosaurus" and creating our own dinosaur fossil. We have continued our work on punctuation while trying to identify statements and questions. This weekend Year 6 will celebrate their Confirmation so we have coloured a beautiful artwork to help decorate the hall. We hope many family and friends will join us on Sunday to celebrate this special day. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 Thank you to all the family and friends who celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with us last Friday. This week in Comprehension we read a book review titled "Barrington's Board-Shorts". In Grammar we have been learning about the structural components of a sentence. We have learnt about the importance of plants this week in Science. Year 3 learnt that plants are important to make oxygen. In Maths we have been learning about making predictions, addition problems and fractions. We look forward to celebrating Confirmation with Year 6 on Sunday. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 This week we have been learning about the placement of apostrophes as our spelling rule while in Grammar we have been working on verb tense. During Writing we have written an exposition to persuade someone to try a food of our choice. In Maths we have learnt a number of strategies to divide and add and have completed a survey and created a graph of the most popular fruits in our class. In HSIE we read about the Corowa conference and examined Dr John Quick's contribution to Federation. In Art we created artworks for Confirmation. Hoping to see you there on Sunday. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 I hope everyone enjoyed their extra day last weekend! We have been busy in class this week making sure we are staying up to date with all our work. In Maths we have been discussing and testing out strategies involving addition when all digits of the question are not provided. In comprehension we have begun our Literature Unit with Year 6 and both groups are enjoying working with each other on these tasks. In the coming days I will send home a note regarding costumes for our concert- if you have any troubles sourcing what is required can you please let me know ASAP and we will work something out. Also a reminder that we need to be organising our white shoes for our Catholic Schools Sports Day next week. I hope to see everyone at Confirmation this Sunday! *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 Only 3 more sleeps until Confirmation! Year 6 is to be congratulated on their reverence during our preparation and we are all really looking forward to the big day on Sunday. We enjoyed a magnificent lunch on Tuesday with our buddies. We thank Kindergarten for inviting us and the Kinder mums who came along to prepare this lovely meal. This week we began our comprehension groups with Year 5, where we are focusing on the skills we need to improve our understanding of what we read. In Maths we have been practising converting units of measure, revising parts of a circle and finding equivalent fractions. Preparation for the concert is progressing well with everyone learning their parts enthusiastically. Please let us know if you need any help with costumes. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 August – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips
Monday, 24 August – Christine Harland & Kristy Gale
Wednesday, 26 August – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
Friday, 28 August – Catholic Schools Sports Day

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday 23 August – Jett Grimshaw, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Charlie Banks, Amber Tarrant, Jacob Wilson