



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.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our seventeen competitors who represented the Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo on Friday. The athletes from St Joey's achieved some excellent results including our Junior Boys Relay team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Bailey Wykes and Darcy Neeves** – 1st, **Dylen Murray** – Junior Shot Put – 2nd, **Darcy Neeves** – Junior Long Jump – 2nd, **Luke O'Neill** – Junior High Jump – 2nd and **William Fuller** – 11 years Long Jump – 3rd. Well done to all the students! They will now represent the diocese at the NSW Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle on Friday, 8 September.

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 next Thursday, 31 August at the Gilgandra High School hall at 6:00 p.m. **All students need to be at the high school hall by 5:45 p.m. dressed in their costumes so that the concert can begin at 6:00 p.m.** Could your child please bring a water bottle and a snack with them. We hope to see lots there for a great night out.

CONCERT REHEARSAL

Monday, 28 August

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held this 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.

'GET TO KNOW ASIA' SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

'Get To Know Asia' is this term's school performance which will be staged in our school hall next Tuesday, 29 August. It promises to be a vividly colourful, very hands-on, Asian experience. Inspiring imagery, costumes, music, puppets, objects and stories are all utilized in this hands-on interactive adventure into the exciting continent of Asia.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE YEAR 7 PLACEMENT TESTS

Our Year 6 students who will be attending St John's College next year will attend the College next Wednesday, 30 August to complete Year 7 Placement Testing.

FATHER'S DAY STALL – Next Friday!

DONATIONS OF GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our Father's Day Stall will be held next Friday, 1 September. We are **very short on gifts at this stage**. Donations of gifts can be dropped in at the office at any time. There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of five tickets is with today's About. The raffle prizes include a LED light bar supplied by Rohr's Home Timber and Hardware, a ten visit pass to Gilgandra Fitness Centre and men's health supplements supplied by Mass Nutrition and a \$50.00 Gift Voucher from the Armatree Hotel. We thank all those who have donated to our raffle for their generosity. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall next Friday.

WORKING BEES FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

There will be two working bees to help wrap presents for the Father's Day Stall. These will be held next Monday, 28 August and Wednesday, 30 August from 9:00 a.m. Please come along and help if you can.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 15 September – Only 3 weeks to go!

It's time to start getting organised for the fete! The following are our major stalls that need donations to be successful:

AFTERNOON TEA STALL A coordinator for the afternoon tea stall is needed. If you can help out, please let Rochelle or Mrs Hodge know.

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL (Infants) Kristy Gale is the coordinator for 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 for 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, 11 September.

EVERYONE'S A WINNER (Years 5 & 6) Meichelle Schier is the coordinator for 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. For any enquires contact Rochelle Easman on 0413223592.**

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 by next Thursday, 31 August. There is also a place on the roster for helpers to set up for the fete on the Friday from 12:00 p.m. 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 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. **We are still waiting on a number of notes to come back and when we know if we need to organize a bus for the day, we will advise you.**

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.

NSW PARENTS' COUNCIL

Each year our P & F Association affiliates with the NSW Parents' Council. The NSW Parents' Council is the peak body representing parents of non-government school students in NSW. The council advocates in the political arena at both a state and federal level on your behalf on a range of educational and social issues. The council also provides parenting skills courses and resources for parents. Therefore if you are interested in what the Parents' Council can offer you, please visit their website.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Max Fiddes for reading with confidence, Cooper Lummis for great work learning his sight words, David McIsaac for writing a top free choice story, Elsie Mudford for being a polite and friendly member of Kindergarten, Callan Tobin for terrific work revising tricky teens, Clayton Wheatley for working hard to sound out words when writing and Jeremiah Woodrow for taking care with his handwriting.

YEAR 1: Jack Gibson and Sophia Peart for great dance moves during our concert practices, Jemima Harrison for showing a positive attitude towards all classroom activities and Riley Hutchison for starting his work quickly and independently.

YEAR 2: Emma Mills and Molly Temple for great enthusiasm during concert practices, Hope Jones-Copelin for a big improvement in spelling and reading activities, Amity Chapman for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations and Riley Fiddes for super work in Spelling.

YEAR 3: Kimbalee Gilmour for great work in Grammar, Grace Jones-Copelin for a fantastic effort during the Year 3 Mass, Beatie Davis for a wonderful acrostic simile poem, Blake Fairey for super work in Spelling and Dakotah Gilmour for being a kind and considerate class member.

YEAR 4: Lucas Gleadhill for trying hard to use persuasive language in his writing, Ben Harland for correctly placing speech marks in texts with ease and Lucy McIsaac and Nick Tancred for showing great enthusiasm during concert practices.

YEAR 5: Dennis Gale for great effort and enthusiasm during concert practice, Jacob Harland for asking questions in Maths to clarify understanding, Isaiah McKenzie for great dance moves during concert practice, Chloe Mudford for asking questions in Operations to clarify understanding and Layney Godber for great results in Comprehension.

YEAR 6: Laura Farragher for having a positive attitude towards school life, Tayarna McKenzie for subtracting 6-digit numbers with accuracy and Ella Wykes and Patrick Spora for showing enthusiasm during concert practices

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

Monday, 28 August - Concert Rehearsal
 - Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, 29 August - 'Get To Know Asia' School Performance – 2:00
 Wednesday, 30 August - Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
 - 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 – Years 3 & 5

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

WEEK 9

Wednesday, 13 September

- Catholic Schools Sports Day Coonamble

Friday, 15 September - Fete

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 20 September - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge

Thursday 21 & Friday

22 September - Moorambilla Residency Camps

Friday, 22 September - Last day Term 3

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has enjoyed reading the big book titled "Meanies in the House" this week. The children completed a variety of activities about this book and also wrote a story about 'Meanies' in their house! They learnt about the 'p' sound

and will learn about the 'y' as in yellow sound next week. During Mathematics Kindergarten worked on subtraction from eight and making equal groups. In Religion we have been reading about the story of Moses. We learnt a prayer for Moses and wrote our own prayer thanking God for someone special to us. If anyone is having any trouble locating costume items for the concert please let me know. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 Our concert is nearly upon us and Year 1 is so excited to perform their fantastic dance moves. The children have been asked to bring their costumes to school for a full dress rehearsal this Monday at the high school. Please ensure everything is marked clearly with your child's name and put into a plastic bag. In Religion this week we have continued with a story from the Old Testament about Moses and the Burning Bush. In our Literature unit we have also sequenced the challenges faced by Bear and Boris Buffalo in the "The Very Brave Bear". We have been recognising and classifying familiar 3D shapes and recalling the months of the year, certain dates and simple time intervals. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 This time next week we'll be lighting up the stage with the Joey's concert. Well done to everyone on learning your lines and dance steps. Remember to bring your costumes in for the rehearsal on Monday. Meanwhile we celebrated a lovely Liturgy this morning. Thank you Mrs Banks for helping out today while Father Martin was away. It's been a busy week in Maths learning about picture graphs, numeral expanders and flip, slide, turn patterns. The spelling sound focus was 'oo, u_e and ew' and in Sentence A Day we looked at exclamation marks and speech marks. Have a lovely weekend – see you on Monday rain, hail or shine for our one and only rehearsal for the concert! *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has been practising hard for our concert. All students are reminded to bring in their costumes for Monday's dress rehearsal. Procedures have been our text type focus this week and in Grammar we are learning about homographs. The students wrote lots of examples of how homographs are used in a sentence. In Mathematics we revised how to subtract three digit figures using the trading technique and discussed how to write four digit figures in words. Our 'Word of the Week' is 'subject' and the students brainstormed words that have a similar meaning. In Geography we continue to investigate the states and territories of Australia, with discussion about the seas and oceans that surround us. During Religion we discussed why Saints have a Feast Day and how we recognise the Feast Day of particular saints like Saint Joseph. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Only one week to go! This time next week we will all be getting ready to show you our fantastic concert item! Don't forget anyone who hasn't already done so – please bring in your costumes ready for our dress rehearsal on Monday. In class this week we welcomed back Mrs Stewart – it's great to have you back with us. During the week we have been finishing off our Religion unit on Mary and completing our portfolio task and test. In English we have been looking at persuasive language and together, have been identifying words that help to convince people of our point of view. Maths has seen us spending time on splitting and combining shapes and measuring cubic centimetres. Have a great weekend.

Mr Keady

YEAR 5 This week in Maths we have looked at adding and subtracting fractions, identifying the different views of 3D objects and number patterns. Our Grammar focus is alliteration and idioms and we are revising narratives. During Religion we have written about some significant people who have helped form and build the Catholic Church in Australia and in History we have identified some fast facts about the First Fleet. Our concert practices are going well and costumes can come in any day in readiness for our dress rehearsal next Monday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 This week in Maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions, geometric patterns and misleading data. We have written discussions comparing homemade and bought clothes. Year 6 students were encouraged to use persuasive devices throughout their texts. In Grammar we have focused on past, present and future tense. We have learnt about the industrial revolution in History. As a class we discussed how it dramatically changed the economy in Britain. Our concert item is looking magnificent! I can't wait to see everyone in their costumes for our rehearsal on Monday. Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 25 August – Nat Mudford & Briony Mills

Monday, 28 August – Tanya Hutchison & Donna Wheatley

Wednesday, 30 August – Sophia Ibe & Karen Harris

Friday, 1 September – JB & Ali Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 27 August – Zac Ferguson, Jess Scholte, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers