



ABOUT

St Joseph's School Gilgandra

www.stjosephsgilgandra.nsw.edu.au

Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au

Term 3 Week 6

25 August, 2016

Thought for the Week

Forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were



CONFIRMATION

A beautiful celebration was held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday as seven 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 2016 Confirmation class consisted of: **Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Billie Buckland, Ashleigh Carlow, Thomas Durrant, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw, Madison Hourigan, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Amelia Murray, Caitlyn Neeves, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Emily Skinner, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant, Abby Tate, Mary Westwood, Jacob Wilson.** 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.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo last Thursday. Special mention to **Rhys O'Neill** who came 1st in the 11 years 800 m, **Will Fuller** who won the Junior Boys Long Jump and came 3rd in the Junior Boys High Jump and our **Junior Boys Relay team** consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Aiden Walker, Bailey Wykes and Will Fuller** who came second. All these athletes will now compete at the Polding Athletics Championship to be held in Newcastle on Friday, 9 September.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

We both had a great time at Canberra! The snow at Perisher was amazing and we also enjoyed the magnificent views from the chair lift. It was great to go on an excursion during our first week at Joey's! **Caity Neeves, Laura Younghusband**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'The Amazing Race' - Gilgandra High School Hall

Thursday, 1 September

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged next Thursday, 1 September 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. **We have decided not to have supper at the end of the concert, so please don't worry about bringing a plate.**

CONCERT REHEARSAL - Monday, 29 August

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held next Monday, 29 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 - Next Friday!

DONATIONS OF GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our Father's Day Stall will be held next Friday, 2 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 prize includes a camp oven, camping chair and coolpack with drinks donated by Rohr's Home Timber & Hardware, St Joseph's P & F and Mrs Roz Zell and we thank them very much for their generosity. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall next Friday.

WORKING BEE FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

A working bee to help wrap presents for the Father's Day Stall will be held next Thursday, 1 September from 9:00 a.m. Please come along and help if you can.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Thursday, 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: **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) Thank you to Sally Oehm who has offered to coordinate the Tombuli Stall this year. 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, 12 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, 1 September. 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, 9 September.**

BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

To celebrate Book Week the children have been invited to enter a fun competition - "Guess Who's Reading?". On display in the library are photos of all staff members hiding behind a book they are reading. The children have to guess who is reading the book. There is a competition for Infants and one for Primary. There has been great excitement amongst the children as they try to solve the mystery. Winners will be announced in a couple of weeks.

Mrs Kilby (Librarian)

EXCURSION SNIPPET

While we were at Canberra we visited the National Museum. Circa was so cool - we kept spinning around and learning all these different things. We were so impressed by the colour of the building - we couldn't believe how big it was in real life. Seeing Phar Lap's heart was definitely a highlight.

Jennifer Ibe, Jessica Scholte, Laura Farragher, Samantha Miller

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is a day held each year with the participating schools this year 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, 21 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 hat. To celebrate the Olympic year St Brigid's has requested that all students wear coloured socks and coloured joggers (if they have them) for the whole day. This means they will wear them for the march and keep them on all day. To keep in h spirit of the day we'd like all our students to wear footy socks, any colour. If you don't have any, please let your child's teacher know.

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, 31 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, 31 August.** Depending on the number of cars going, we will then decide if we will need to hire a bus.

THANK YOU FROM PATRICIA YOUNG (GLEADHILL)

Patricia would like to pass on her thanks and appreciation to all members of our school community for the overwhelming amount of donations and support she received following the house fire and loss of all the family's personal belongings. Sincere thanks from the Gleadhill family.

HEAR OUR HEART WOOL DRIVE

Hear Our Heart (HOH) is a not for profit, non-government funded program which relies on donations and fundraising to operate. It provides ear health education, targeted hearing testing and access to ear specialists for Gilgandra's children. They are holding their annual wool drive again. So if anyone has wool available to donate, you may leave it at Ag 'n' Vet in Warren Road with your contact details or contact local nurse audiometrist Rachel Kirsop on 6848359. Wool is sold through MacDonald and Company and a tax receipt will be available post sale. Thank you for supporting our local children.

GULGARGAMBONE PRESCHOOL FATHER'S DAY BBQ

Gulgargambone Preschool would like to invite all Joey's families to the Father's Day Barbecue at Armatree Hotel on Sunday, 4 September. RSVP to Armatree Hotel on 68485805 by Wednesday, 31 August.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER**: Sophie Gilmour for great enthusiasm during concert practice, Makylni Hazelton for her detailed stories, Angus Johnson for great listening skills during class discussions, Poppy-Grace Newton for great expression when reading, Evie Peart and Violet Whitehouse for their enthusiasm during concert practice and Jacqueline Hutchison for great expression during reading. **YEAR 1**: Jonas Naden, Ryan Cox and Brody Heffer for writing excellent expositions titled, "Why Polar Bears Should Not Live In The Jungle", Alicia Fordham for showing great patience during concert practice and Amity Chapman for great dance moves during our concert practice. **YEAR 2**: Rydah Whitehouse and Sienna Zell for great contributions to discussions about dinosaurs, Alison Mudford for super spelling results and great grammar work, Emilia Peart for a super effort in Maths and Jordan Neeves for beautiful book work. **YEAR 3**: Grace Winter for an outstanding effort during concert practice, Elten Walker for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, Jett Tarrant for asking questions to clarify understanding in Maths and Ben Standing for excellent work in Writing. **YEAR 4**: Rhys Bonnington for excellent work adding the correct punctuation to direct speech, Isaiah McKenzie for consistently beautiful handwriting in his Handwriting book and Sarah Temple and Breanna Foster for working well in pairs to research the importance of different habitats. **YEAR 5**: Zac Ferguson for identifying similes and metaphors with ease, Jennifer Ibe for always thinking critically when working with complex Maths problems and Bradley Kildey, Harrison King and Ella Wykes for great enthusiasm during concert practice. **YEAR 6**: Amber Tarrant and Ella McAnally-Elwin for using emotive language in their persuasive writing and Jett Grimshaw for showing speed and accuracy in Maths.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Monday, 29 August | - | Concert Rehearsal – GHS Hall |
| Wednesday, 31 August | - | Support Teachers Meeting |
| | - | Junior Joey's visit Cooe Lodge |
| Thursday, 1 September | - | Pastance – Musical School Performance – 2:00 p.m. |
| | - | Concert – 5:45 p.m. |
| Friday, 2 September | - | Principals Meeting |
| | - | St John's College Year 7 Placement Testing |
| | - | Father's Day Stall |

WEEK 8

| | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Tuesday, 6 September | - | PLC Professional Development |
| Wednesday, 7 September | - | PLC Professional Development |
| Thursday, 8 September | - | Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - | Kinder Buddy Lunch |
| | - | QCE Professional Development |
| Friday, 9 September | - | Soccer Gala Day - Dubbo |
| | - | Polding Athletics |
| | - | Selling Cow Pat Lotto Tickets |

WEEK 9

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday, 14 September | - | Junior Joey's visit Cooe Lodge |
| | - | MCCL Meeting |
| Thursday, 15 September | - | Fete |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we have been reading "The Mango Tree" and continue learning about speech marks and exclamation marks. Students predicted what the story was about by looking at the pictures for clues and sounding out words. There were some great ideas shared by all. Next week our sound is 'Ww and 'Yy' so please start looking for things you can bring in for our sound table. In Story Writing students wrote stories about masks and we continue to keep trying to sound out words in our writing. During Science we discussed types of packaging and continue to look at things we can recycle. In Mathematics we looked at ten frames and explored numbers up to 20. In Geography we discussed what our homes look like and continue to learn why shelter is so important. We have been busy practising for the concert and can't wait for the rehearsal on Monday. Don't forget to send in your child's costume in a bag clearly labelled with your child's name. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Our concert is fast approaching! Year 1 has been trying really hard to remember their lines and groovy dance moves. A reminder that our full dress rehearsal is this Monday and the children need to have their costumes clearly labelled and in a plastic bag. In Religion we have read about Moses and how he was called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Our Grammar focus this week is adjectives and we enjoyed brainstorming a few to describe a giant. In Maths we have been collecting and analysing data about our favourite fruit and pets. We are also using the count back strategy to help us solve subtraction number sentences. We hope everyone has a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 In Geography this week we investigated the layers of a rainforest and some of the animals who live there. In Maths we looked at number patterns, symmetry and Aboriginal seasons. The focus in Grammar has been question and exclamation marks and in Spelling we are learning to apply silent 'e' to words ending in 's' or 'z'. We have been very busy practising for the school concert and can't wait to dazzle you with our act. All children will need their costumes on Monday for our whole school rehearsal. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week in Religion we have looked at the Pentecost story and learnt how the apostles were given the gifts of the Holy Spirit just like the Confirmation class last Sunday. Congratulations Year 6! In English we have started to write information reports on sharks after researching facts on the iPads. During Maths we practised telling the time using digital and analog clocks and looked at solving multi-step problems. We are looking forward to our concert practice on Monday so don't forget to bring your costumes! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 In Maths this week we've explored a variety of strategies used to add and divide. We've also completed a survey and displayed the data in graphs along with measuring the mass of a variety of objects in grams. During Grammar we've worked on verb tense while in Spelling we've explored the possessive form of nouns. The students have written some great expositions convincing others to try a food of their choice. For Geography we have read and discussed "The GeoSix and the Swamp Monster" to explore the importance of natural habitats and the negative influences humans can have on them. During Sport we've started preparing for the Catholic School Sports Day by practising our ball game skills. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Our concert item is looking fantastic – we can't wait for you to come along and see the school's 'Amazing Race' next Thursday. If anyone is yet to bring in their costume can they please do so tomorrow ready for our dress rehearsal on Monday. In class this week we have been working in groups to write explanations of how particular things work while in Geography we have been identifying natural, managed and constructed environments and listing examples of each. During Religion we have toured our school to look at all our school's interesting history. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 In Writing this week we have written a discussion titled 'Is too much money spent on toys and games?' Our Grammar activities have focused on verb tense. In Maths we have learnt about chance, coordinates and adding and subtracting fractions. Year 6 has been busily preparing for our concert item. It's great to see costumes coming to school ready for our dress rehearsal on Monday. If you're having trouble with a costume for your child please don't hesitate to contact me. What a wonderful time we had on Sunday with Bishop Michael when we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 26 August – Sophia Ibe & Lesley Riley
Monday, 29 August – Anna Mudford & Shalyn Chandler
Wednesday, 31 August – Melanie Ferguson & Dean Ferguson
Friday, 2 September – Phillipa Saunders & Kristy Gale

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 28 August – Will Fuller, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

