



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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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.

#### **IT'S A TIE!!**

For the first time ever we had a tie at the Joey's Athletics Carnival held on our school grounds last Friday. **Cedars** and **Peppers** were declared joint winners on 590 points and Gums and Kurras weren't far behind. Congratulations to all the students for their participation, enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship displayed on the day. It was a wonderful carnival. A big thank you to our staff for organising and running the carnival. The grounds looked superb thanks to our groundsman, Clint Morris and Gilgandra Shire Council who marked out the oval and provided the discus cage. We are very grateful to these people because without them we wouldn't have been able to hold the carnival.

#### **'MY DREAM JOB' DRESS UP DAY**

What an amazing time we had at school today all dressed up in our 'Dream Job' clothes! Everyone looked sensational! The Year 6 students were wonderful as they counted down the Joey's Top 20 and organised heaps of fun games. It really was a great day. GO JOEY'S!!

#### **INFANTS SPORT TOMORROW**

As our infants students have been busy dancing today to the Joey's Top 20 countdown, we have decided infants sport will be tomorrow, **Friday, 28 August**. This means that all students in infants and primary will wear their sports uniform tomorrow.

#### **YEAR 2 LITURGY**

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next **Thursday, 3 September** at 10:30 a.m. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the Mass due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea after the Mass.

#### **ICAS MATHEMATICS & SPELLING COMPETITIONS**

The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next **Monday, 31 August** for all primary students and the ICAS Spelling Competition next **Wednesday, 2 September** for those children who have entered this competition. Thank you to our P & F Association who generously pay the entry fee for each child for the Mathematics Competition.

#### **FATHER'S DAY STALL - Next Friday, 4 September** **DONATIONS OF GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED**

Our Father's Day Stall will be held next **Friday, 4 September**. We are **very short on gifts at this stage**. Donations of gifts can be sent to school with your child or dropped into the office. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$5. As we aren't able to hold any working bees, we kindly ask that all gifts be wrapped in clear cellophane. Ideas for the stall include chocolates, keyrings, mugs, caps, pens, tools, hose fittings, car care items, beanies, socks, etc. Please ensure gifts are sourced locally (including Dubbo) and are not from COVID 'hot spot' areas. It would be wonderful if we could have enough gifts for the children to purchase 1 gift each. Please keep an eye out for presents no matter how big or small...it all helps!

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

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 last week. The raffle prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> – Capino Coffee Capsule Machine, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10-Piece Car Detailing Kit, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Arctic Air Evaporative Air Cooler.

#### **HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS**

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus will be visiting the school on **Thursday, 10 September**. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands;
- not sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

**Do not attend school if you are unwell.**



**Just a reminder that no parents are to go to the bag stands or into the classrooms. If your child arrives at school late please attend the office to advise us or if you are collecting your child early, please also attend the office and we will happily collect your child from his/her classroom.**

#### **NOTE:**

1. If you have flu like symptoms please **get COVID-19 tested**.
2. Do not return to school unless you can provide a negative test result for COVID-19 and your symptoms have resolved.
3. Parents will receive testing results via SMS. Please screenshot the results and email them to [stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au) before your child returns to school.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Beatrix Volkofsky** for being a great listener and always ready for learning, **Regan Godber** for showing enthusiasm in all class activities, **Rose Howard** for super work in MiniLit, **Dusty Jordan** for great counting to 100 and **Hugo Campbell** for a fantastic story about a pirate.

**YEAR 1:** **Oscar Medd** for reading with great expression, **Darcy Adams** for trying to use elaboration in his writing, **Sophie Lacey** for reading her sensational stories to us during News and **Charlie Howard** for always "Giving Of His Best".

**YEAR 2:** **Arabella Chandler** for using speech marks accurately in her writing, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for improvement when sounding out tricky words in Reading, **Ellie McARD** for writing interesting stories using her imagination, **Tom McIsaac** for answering inferential questions confidently in Comprehension Groups, **Peregrine Volkofsky** for fantastic dinosaur illustrations in our Literature unit and **Lucy Zell** for super work putting spelling words in alphabetical order.

**YEAR 3:** **Jagger Hazelton** for persistence to improve his speed and accuracy in Maths, **James Lesslie** for trying hard to complete work with accuracy, **Brodie Nichols** for great work identifying sounds in Spelling and **Ashley Gilmour** for gaining confidence to participate in class discussions.

**YEAR 4:** **Alex Cosier** for determination to extend himself across all key learning areas, **Evie Peart** and **Lara Youngusband** for their detailed and enticing journal entries from their recent camping trip and **Ava Lacey** for being such a kind and caring class member.

**YEAR 5:** **Alicia Fordham** for outstanding results in Spelling, **Jordan Wighton** for a great drawing of a guitarist in the cubism style, **Orlando Ryan** for reading fluently, accurately and with expression and **Lauren Thurlow** for fantastic work with improper fractions.

**YEAR 6:** **Dakotah Gilmour** for bravely sharing her strategies to solve addition and subtraction of mixed numbers, **Nick Kirsop** for brightening our day with his sense of humour and **Lilla Oehm** and **Emilia Peart** for problem solving to find their own strategies for working out in Maths.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 7**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday, 31 August      | - ICAS Mathematics Competition |
| Wednesday, 2 September | - ICAS Spelling Competition    |
|                        | - Year 6 VALID Science Test    |
| Thursday, 3 September  | - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  |
| Friday, 4 September    | - Father's Day Stall           |
| Sunday, 6 September    | - Father's Day                 |

### **WEEK 8**

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Thursday, 10 September | - Ear Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m. |
|                        | - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.    |
| Friday, 11 September   | - Year 6 Religion Test           |
| Sunday, 13 September   | - First Holy Communion           |

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** What a great day we had dressing up as what we want to be when we grow up. The future is in safe hands with Kinder as we will have doctors, farmers, fashion designers, footy players, teachers and rock stars! Thank you to everyone who made our day so much fun! This week we have written some really great stories about what we can see in Meg's cauldron and we also recalled some of Meg's mixed up spells. In Maths we have been working on subtraction using counters, the properties of 2D shapes and ordering the days of the week. We are also counting up to 100 now! We drew some fantastic portraits of our dads in Art and discussed why our dads are so special. Our Religion focus this week is the 'Holy Family'. We recalled how Jesus had a mum named Mary and dad named Joseph who God chose for him. We were also reminded that God is our heavenly father too and He loves us very much. Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** What a great day we've had today! Firstly we celebrated our 'Friends Together' Liturgy in the Church and then we got to dance the day away to the Top 20! Thank you to Year 6 for changing the primary social format and for including us in the fun. We've been learning about homographs in Grammar this week and we also read the story of "The Lion and The Mouse". It has a great moral to the story- 'A Kind Deed is Never Wasted'. During Maths we've been completing our Essential Assessment tasks and revising pentagons, octagons, quadrilaterals and regular and irregular shapes. Enjoy the weekend.

*Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 2** really enjoyed the 'Dream Job' dress up day today! A big thank you to our Year 6 leaders for organising such a fun day for us. Well done to everyone on your fabulous costumes and Joey's school spirit today. This week we have been working hard on our portfolio tasks to show off our wonderful work at the end of the term. In Science we have been using a design brief to plan and build a house for the 'Three Little Pigs' for our 'Using Materials' unit. Students have been working hard on Problem A Day and Operations in Maths and we've practised strategies for division, problem solving and made 3D objects with cubes. Have a wonderful weekend!

*Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 3** What a fantastic day we had today celebrating our 'Dream Job' dress up day! Thank you Year 6 for providing us with some wonderful music and entertainment throughout the day. Everyone looked sensational in their dream job outfits! On Tuesday Year 3 completed the ICAS English competition with some of the questions looking very tricky! In Maths we have focused on 3-digit subtraction with trading, 4-digit numbers, octagons and the cubic centimetre while in Maths Operations our star question focus has been on multiplying 2-digit numbers by 2-digits. Year 3 has enjoyed listening to the "Pig the Pug" books during our Reading Groups and completing some cloze activities to show our understanding while our Aaron Blabey books are still a hit during our Literature unit. There certainly are lots of 'Bad Guys' books being read at the moment. Well done to everyone for their fabulous reading with many children completing their goals. During Science we looked at classifying objects and animals into different groups according to whether we believed they were living, non living or unsure. Have a nice weekend!

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling*

**YEAR 4** A fantastic day was had by all last Friday at the Athletics Carnival. Once again the Joey's school spirit was on full display. Congratulations to everyone. The excitement continues this week with our 'Dream Job' dress up day. Such a fun day filled with much laughter and everyone looked awesome in their outfits. Year 4 has had a busy week learning about different types of sentences. We were all very excited when Dylan qualified for the 'Tokyo Paper Plane' competition and we are really hoping Jack lets him go. Our collage landscapes are looking brilliant and we are enjoying experimenting with different textures of paper to create contrast. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

*Mrs Jacquie Clark*

**YEAR 5** What a great day we had last Friday at the Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to everyone for their participation and sportsmanship. Today was lots of fun as we dressed up in our 'Dream Job' costume and listened to the countdown of St Joey's Top 20 throughout the day. In Maths we constructed 3D shapes using straw connectors and investigated decimal place value. This is our final week to complete our times tables challenge and everyone is working very hard to achieve a gold, silver or bronze medal in each of the tasks. In Grammar we are learning about idioms, which can be quite funny if taken literally! Mrs McIsaac has been teaching us all about micro bits and how to make a love heart flash (beat) using coding. Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 6** It was fantastic to see everyone's costumes this morning. Congratulations go to Year 6 for your wonderful school spirit and enthusiasm in organising fun activities throughout the day! During Maths we have revised dividing large numbers, calculated equivalent fractions and practised locating and recording coordinates of points. We are enjoying our daily Powerwriting activities and are trying to include complex sentences and expand our vocabulary. This free choice task is also helping everyone to improve their writing fluency and there are some budding authors amongst Year 6 who have completed several chapters of their ongoing novels! In Art we have been finishing our Picasso artwork and have also been busy designing and creating something special for Father's Day!

*Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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| Friday, 28 August      | - Amii Marchant & Michelle Buckley |
| Monday, 31 August      | - Lib Walker & Alicia Heffer       |
| Wednesday, 2 September | - Donna Wheatley & Danelle Jones   |
| Friday, 4 September    | - Craig Buckley & Tracey Riley     |

