

ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 6

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Thought for the Week

A dad is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



FABBA IN CONCERT – this Saturday, 31 August

Gilgandra Services Club is hosting FABBA, a fabulous band who sing all your favourite ABBA songs. FABBA will be performing at the club this Saturday, 31 August starting at 8:30 p.m. **Half of the door takings will be donated back to the school!!** At this stage we have **only sold 11 tickets!** If you can, please support this fundraiser and help 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.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1-7 September 2019



National Child Protection Week is coordinated by NAPCAN commencing on 1 September and running through to 7 September. The aim of the week is to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children. In 2019 National Child Protection Week the focus is on introducing a 'child development' communication frame to promote the messages that kids do well when parents are supported and to raise thriving kids, parents need support to navigate life's choppy waters.

FATHER'S DAY STALL Tomorrow, Friday, 30 August

Our Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Friday, 30 August. It's not too late to drop in some gifts if you haven't already done so. Gifts are priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Please send in a plastic bag with your child to take home their gifts. Thank you to our stall coordinator, Jess Howard, for organising the stall and all those who have helped out at the working bees wrapping gifts. **If anyone can come in tomorrow to help wrap last minute gifts and run the stall it would be greatly appreciated. Helpers can come anytime from 9:00 a.m.** There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each with prizes including a Karcher high pressure washer, 3 x \$30 meat vouchers and a \$50 Armatree Hotel voucher. These gifts were kindly donated by **Rohr's Home Timber & Hardware, 3D Butchery, Diggs Butchery, Johnson's Butchery and the Armatree Hotel**. Make sure your raffle tickets and money are returned to school tomorrow. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Twenty students represented St Joseph's and Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo last Friday. Congratulations to all our athletes. Special mention to **Ryan Ferguson** who won the Senior Boys Championship. Ryan won the 12 years 100 m and came 2nd in Senior 200 m and Senior Long Jump. Well done Ryan! Others to excel included **Evie Peart** – 2nd 8 years 100 m, **Grace Tancred** – 2nd 11 years 800 m, **Lilla Oehm** – 3rd 11 years High Jump, **Sam Dunn** – 3rd 11 years Long Jump, **Trinity Zell** – 3rd 11 years Discus and our Senior Boys Relay team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Blake Fairey, Nick Tancred and Sam Dunn** came 2nd. All these students will now compete at the Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Homebush next term. Congratulations also to our Junior Boys Relay team (**Ryder Ryan, Jonas Naden, Mitchell Fuller and Will O'Connor**) who came 3rd.

CHRISTMAS ART

After working with Education Officer, Mr Les Quick, our Years 5 and 6 students completed art works for the Diocesan Christmas Art Competition. These beautiful paintings have been judged with paintings by Ryder Ryan, Dakotah Gilmour and Abigail Davis (Year 5) and Casey Gaff, Paige Gilmour and Jett

Tarrant being sent to Molong for the diocesan judging. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding work and to all the Years 5 and 6 students for their amazing pieces of art.

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

We have 14 students representing our school at the Coonabarabran Horse Sports hosted by St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran, today, Thursday, 29 and tomorrow, Friday, 30 August. Our representatives include **Isabelle Mudford, Clancy Larkin, Ryder Larkin, Eliza Larkin, Indy Thomas, Georgia Allan, Tia Allan, Billie Allan, Tilla Chandler, Adison Thomas, Chloe Harris, Trinity Zell, Ivy Zell, Roxy Zell**.

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES & SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Digital Technologies Competition will be held next Tuesday, 3 September and the ICAS Science Competition on Thursday, 5 September for those children who have entered these competitions.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 5 September in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 6 September – Only 1 week to go!

CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULL, 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER' STALLS Don't forget donations to these stalls. They can only be successful if we receive goods to sell. Hopefully we will receive lots of goodies in the week ahead!

Just a reminder there are containers in the office for parents to pick up to fill for the cake stall. Donations for the cake stall can be dropped in at school any time next Thursday.

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 still 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 A plant stall will be held 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 a copy of the fete roster. **We still have quite a few gaps to fill!** The shaded areas are where we still need help. We need mums and dads to help so please put your name down. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all gaps would be easily filled. The contributions made by the P & F to our school are so generous and every child benefits from these donations. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster by next Tuesday, 3 September.

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! **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, 30 August.**

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY Next Friday, 6 September, will be an out-of-uniform day for all children for the fete.

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 lunch order 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 Monday, 2 September. In order for us to arrange transport for the children to Baradine could you please complete and return the permission note that was attached to last week's About by tomorrow, 30 August.** Depending on the number of cars going, we will then decide if we will need to hire a bus.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT 'A Million Dreams'

Gilgandra High School Hall – Wednesday, 18 September

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Wednesday, 18 September at the Gilgandra High School hall at 6:00 p.m. The students and staff put a lot of time and effort into the concert and it always promises to be a great night's entertainment.

CONCERT REHEARSAL Wednesday, 11 September

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held on Wednesday, 11 September. 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.

JUNIOR SUPER CRICKET CLINIC

The Sydney Thunder's annual Junior Super Clinic is coming to Gilgandra on Wednesday, 4 September at 4:00 p.m. The Clinic is FREE and in attendance will be Sydney Thunder player Daniel Sams. Children from 5-13 years are welcome to attend.

To register please visit www.trybooking.com/booksessions?eid=532135.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER:** Mitchell Beaton for writing a great diary of his family's excursion to the snow, Regan Johnson for his enthusiastic participation in our book week parade, Clancy Larkin for writing a very imaginative story about her adventure in the forest and Roxy Zell for great counting forward and backward to 30. **YEAR 1:** Chloe Alexander for great improvement in reading, Jessie O'Connor for working well independently to complete tasks, Alana Spora for always being friendly and upbeat and Heidi Colwell for being a great classroom helper. **YEAR 2:** Ashley Gilmour, Jeremiah Woodrow and Chloe Harris for great use of speech marks in Sentence A Day and Grammar, Amity Henry for taking great pride in her bookwork and Brodie Nichols and Baxter Whitehouse for great work in Reading Groups. **YEAR 3:** Alex Cosier for fabulous work with fractions, Ava Lacey for being a quiet and conscientious class member, Alyssa Ferguson for beautiful presentation of work using cursive writing and Vaughan Zell for sensation work in Spelling. **YEAR 4:** Alicia Fordham and Darcy Morris for happily sharing strategies they use to solve problems in Maths, Jessica Ibe for taking great care with her work at all times and Stuart Wheatley for trying his best to focus on his work at all times. **YEAR 5:** Eva Bonnington for converting between similes and metaphors with accuracy, Michael Ibe for being an active contributor to class discussions during Problem A Day, Emilia Peart for using problem solving skills to work out the perimeter of challenging shapes and Rydah Whitehouse for always being a willing helper within the classroom. **YEAR 6:** Nick Tancred for an eager attitude and enthusiasm to learn his Spelling words each week, Jasmine Zell for her concentration in Maths and Lucy McIsaac and Billie Allan for consistently contributing ideas in Comprehension Groups and engaging positively in the book study.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

Thursday, 29 August	-	Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Friday, 30 August	-	Father's Day Stall
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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 – Yrs 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 Another busy week has flown by in Kinder! In Religion we have been talking about honesty as part of our Bounce Back program. It is important to always tell the truth so people can trust you. Our sound focus this week was 'Yy' and we discussed how this sound can sometimes pretend to be a vowel. We wrote about our dads and drew fantastic portraits that we will display in our classroom. In Maths we explored all the teen numbers and modelled their value using our new friends of 10 blocks. In Science with Mrs McIsaac we have enjoyed the 'Feely Box' where we described how different objects felt and what they could be made of and used for. We hope all our dads, granddads and special friends have a fantastic Father's Day! Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 With the concert practice in full swing, all the kids are really excited about playing their parts. We have also started preparing for our Liturgy by creating beautiful artworks and practising our reading parts. We are also excited about Father's Day and have made a very special card for our dads to say thank you for all they do and sacrifice for us. This week we have also completed our third diagnostic reviews for both Mathematics and Science and they went really well. 'Stick Man' has been such a hit that we have read it a second time! In Grammar we have been learning about homographs and had fun making sentences with words that look and sound the same, but mean very different things. Everyone is looking forward to next week's fete and tickets for the cow pat lotto are selling like hotcakes! *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

YEAR 2 We began reading "Gigantosaurus" by Jonny Duddle in Reading and drew some great dinosaur pictures and answered some tricky Comprehension questions from the funny story. In Art we drew and sketched a baby dinosaur using a step-by-step method. In Maths we focused on flip, slide, turn and numeral expanders to 1,000, trading in addition and reviewing time. Happy Father's Day to all the special dads, pops and uncles. We hope you enjoy your treats on Sunday. Have a lovely weekend everyone. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 What a busy week! Year 3 has been busy practising for the upcoming concert and we are enjoying dancing to our finale song. Please let us know if you are still having trouble finding the correct clothing. During English this week we have revised homophones during Sentence A Day, while in Text Types we have made a six pointed snowflake and written our own procedures on how to do, make or play something. We have also begun reading our new Roald Dahl novel titled "The Magic Finger". In Maths we have looked at 3-digit subtraction, 4-digit numbers and octagons. Mrs McIsaac has been teaching Year 3 how to create databases during Digital Technology and has surveyed the class so a class database can be created. Happy Father's Day to all of our dads this Sunday. Have a wonderful weekend! *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 Wow, who would have thought it was Week 6 already? Time flies when you're having fun practising for the concert and getting ready to march at the Catholic School Sports Day! Students have been revising Tightening Tension and Dynamic Dialogue this week in their Writing. We have been practising editing our writing for simple spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors as well. In Maths we have been revising strategies to use for addition and division. Costume notes for the concert were sent home last week, please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions. We hope all of those students attending Horse Sports are having a fantastic time! Happy Father's Day to our wonderful dads, we hope you all have a relaxing day and get spoilt! *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 What a lovely celebration we had last Sunday at our Year 5 and Kinder Mass. Thank you to the wonderful readers, singers and computer operator! It was also great to be there to support Year 6 as they continue their preparations for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This week in Maths we have revised adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and comparing percentages and decimals. Our Grammar focus is similes and metaphors and we have started work on our Explanation speeches which are due in Week 10. Remember if you are having any difficulty we encourage you to ask us for help. We have made some lovely cards for our dads and granddads and we wish them a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday. *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 Firstly, thank you to all the families who attended the Right of Commitment Mass last Sunday to support our 2019 Confirmation class. Year 6 has continued preparing for Confirmation this week with a focus on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and our personal letters to the Bishop. Students have also begun completing their Service Projects outside of school with a vision of 'doing' as Jesus would do. During class we have also been busy reciting out concert lines and learning our dances. What great fun! In Maths we have focused on fractions and revised how fractions can be added, subtracted and multiplied. Don't forget your footy tips and keep collecting bottle lids! Bottle lid count is: K – 125, Yr 1 – 170, Yr 2 – 304, Yr 3 – 340, Yr 4 – 471, Yr 5 – 558, Yr 6 – 216, office – 387, making a total this week of 2,461 and a GRAND TOTAL of 13,760. This means that potentially St Joey's has collected enough bottle lids to make 18 small hands OR 9 arms. Thank you to everyone who is up-cycling!! Keep up the good work. *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 30 August – Jodie Johnson & Susie Harvey
Monday, 2 September – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford
Wednesday, 4 September – Ash Mudford & Alicia Heffer
Friday, 6 September – **Canteen Closed – Fete**

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 1 September – Nick Gale & Declan Gale

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