



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 7

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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.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow, Friday, 4 September

Our Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, **Friday, 4 September**. It's not too late to drop in some pre-wrapped gifts if you haven't already done so. Just send them with your child tomorrow morning or drop them into the office yourself before 9:00 a.m. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$5. **Please send a plastic bag with your child to take home their gifts.** It would be wonderful if we could have enough gifts for the children to purchase 2 gifts each. A big thank you to Mrs Fuller for her wonderful work in the absence of parent helpers due to COVID. I'm sure all the children appreciate her effort enabling them to purchase something unique for a special person in their lives.

FATHER'S DAY STALL RAFFLE

There is a raffle running in conjunction with the Father's Day Stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each with prizes including a Capino Coffee Capsule Machine, a 10-Piece Car Detailing Kit and an Arctic Air Evaporative Air Cooler. Make sure your raffle tickets and money are returned to school tomorrow morning. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall.

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next **Thursday, 10 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.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school next **Thursday, 10 September** at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. Unfortunately adults are not permitted on the school grounds, however you can still get a good view from outside the school fence. Please adhere to physical distancing guidelines. **GO JOEY'S!!**

HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are counting down the days to First Holy Communion which will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on **Sunday, 13 September**. Please keep our Year 3 students in your thoughts and prayers during this special time. Attendance at the First Holy Communion Mass this year is invitation only due to COVID restrictions.

GILGANDRA LITTLE ATHLETICS

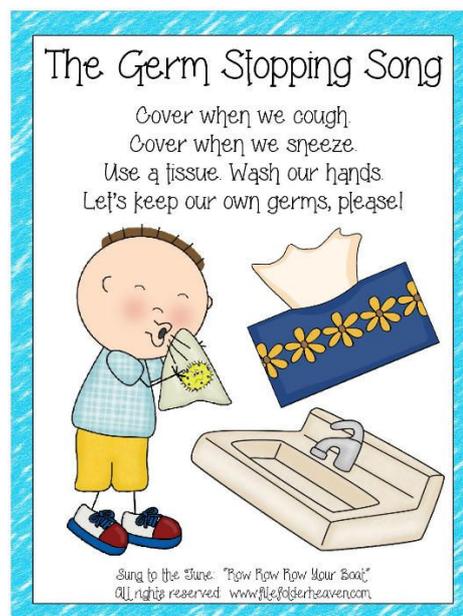
Gilgandra Little Athletics is taking registrations for the upcoming season and will be holding two trial afternoons on 17 and 24 September from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at McGrane Oval. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions you must register online as a 'Trial Member' by visiting www.lansw.com.au or email gilgandrallittleathletics@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to a great season.

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.

Children should not attend school if they are unwell.



Just a reminder that no parents are to go to the bag stands, into the classrooms or on the playground. 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 or playground.

NOTE:

1. **If your child has flu like symptoms please get them 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 before your child returns to school.**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Katie Colwell** for great work counting backwards from 20, **Maci Lomax** for super dance moves during musical statues, **William Luckie** for a great illustration of his dad, **Pearl Mudford** for a fantastic description of what he wants to be when he grows up, and **Alice Peart** for fascinating information about a shark's egg during News.

YEAR 1: **Caitlin Younghusband** for writing imaginatively during Story Writing, **Estelle Hazelton** for great work in Comprehension Groups, **Elijah Newton** for improved sounding out of tricky words and **Hannah Meers** for being a kind and caring class member.

YEAR 2: **Ella Murphy** for an improved effort to set work out neatly, **Oliver Peart** for writing a great acrostic poem about a dinosaur, **Lucy Profke** for writing neatly and setting out her book work in a tidy manner, **Lucas Riley** for sharing useful insights in Geography and **Bill Ryan** for always bringing a positive attitude to our class.

YEAR 3: **Elsie Adams** for working diligently in Maths, **Nikola Riley** for always greeting us with a warm and friendly smile, **Baxter Whitehouse** for consistent effort in all areas and **Tilly Tancred, Mia Mudford, Cooper Lummis** and **Jagger Hazelton** for fantastic comic strips of Chapter 7 of "The Good Guys".

YEAR 4: **Scarlett Chandler** for her positive approach to all tasks, **Kenedi Hazelton** for her increased effort in contributing to class discussions, **Vaughan Zell** for sharing some interesting facts across a broad range of topics and **Georgia Tancred** for her excellent explanation of different mathematical strategies.

YEAR 5: **Brody Heffer** for an impressive parachute construction in Science, **Maddi Peart** for a fantastic attitude and persistence when completing mathematical equations, **Adison Thomas** for conscientious work in completing our times tables challenge and **Stella Valler** for being a quiet and diligent class member.

YEAR 6: **Declan Gale** and **Grace Tancred** for always showing great school spirit and encouraging others to do the same, **Kimblee Gilmour** for great enthusiasm when making announcements to the whole school and **Ella Mudford, Jordan Neeves** and **Henry Purvis** for accurately measuring adjacent angles in Maths.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

Friday, 4 September - Father's Day Stall
Sunday, 6 September - Father's Day

WEEK 8

Thursday, 10 September - Ear Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, 11 September - Year 6 Religion Test
Sunday, 13 September - First Holy Communion

WEEK 10

Friday, 25 September - Last day Term 3
- Portfolios home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER The term is flying by in Kindergarten. We have been learning about commas and apostrophes in our daily reading activities and continue to focus on hearing the beginning, middle and end sounds of short words. We wrote some interesting facts about dragons and also wrote about why our dads are so special. In Maths we have been working on sharing objects into equal groups, graphing information and comparing the length of objects. We are looking forward to our Liturgy next week and have enjoyed visiting the church to spend some time with Jesus. In Geography we have discussed why we need shelter and what our homes are made of. We are also trying really hard to remember our address! We would like to wish all our dads, granddads and special people in our lives a very happy Father's Day! Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 During Religion we've been learning about Moses. To finish our unit we watched "The Prince of Egypt" which is a Disney film based on Moses' life. The children really enjoyed watching the animated version and it helped them see what a special person Moses was. In Maths we've been working in groups to complete our differentiated Essential Assessment activities. We've also worked on subtraction to 20, counting coins and map reading skills. We have written cards to our dads for Father's Day and drawn a fabulous picture for them. We hope all our dads, pops and special people have a wonderful Father's Day!
Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 Today we celebrated our Year 2 Liturgy based on the golden rule 'Treat Others How You Want to be Treated'. The readers did a beautiful job and the whole class joined in with the actions to our lovely hymns. Well done Year 2! We have been doing revision work in Maths this week on time, symmetry and division and it has been wonderful to see the students making progress. In Geography we've been looking at natural, managed and constructed features in our environment and we have continued to work hard on our Phonics and Spelling. In Art we have been busy creating some Father's Day surprises! Happy Father's Day to all of our dads, stepdads, uncles and grandpas. We hope you have a great day on Sunday!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 The countdown is on until Year 3 celebrates their First Holy Communion. There are only 10 more sleeps to go! Everyone has been given some special readings. Would you please ensure your child is practising the reading each night. Our liturgical movement is looking lovely and we can't wait to perform our reflection for everyone. This week has seen Year 3 complete a number of portfolio tasks in order to showcase our fantastic work to everyone at the end of the term. In Text Types we have been concentrating on how we can make our sentences more interesting and engaging for our readers. We have tried hard to change a simple sentence into a more complex sentence using a range of challenging words. In Maths we focused on multiplication mental strategies, division, giving directions and chance. Year 3 has also completed some special gifts to spoil our dads this Sunday. Happy Father's Day for Sunday dads!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 The class novel, "Paper Planes" has Year 4 excited with the news that Dylan is off to Tokyo for the World Championships. I am very proud of the students who have already seen the movie and maintained a 'spoiler free' environment for the rest of us. Our week has been busy with Father's Day activities. Maths has involved consolidating our knowledge of tessellating patterns, extended multiplication and 4-digit subtraction. Science has seen us learning about gravity and forces. With the anticipation of Pen Licences being introduced, a noticeable effort is being made to improve our handwriting. Have a fantastic Father's Day weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week we are looking at hyperboles in Grammar. We identified these in sentences, discussed how they are used in advertising and created a brain bank of all the hyperboles we have heard our parents use! In Maths we measured and marked a hectare with our school boundaries and calculated the GST on shopping items. In Geography we listed the similarities and differences between tropical and temperate rainforests on a Venn Diagram and read the history of St Joseph's Church, Convent and School in Religion whilst in Art we have created a card and special 'gift' to celebrate Father's Day this Sunday. We hope all the dads have a happy and relaxing day.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 During Maths this week we participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition as well as focusing on adjacent angles, perimeter of polygons and addition of five and six digit numbers. Our Writing task is information reports and we have started researching information about frogs and toads, identifying differences and similarities. This overlaps nicely with our Geography unit as we are learning about rainforests and their importance in maintaining a clean and healthy atmosphere for our planet. During Religion Year 6 completed a portfolio task in which they had to demonstrate their ability to locate specific biblical references. We have also been putting the finishing touches on our Father's Day gifts and cards and we wish all the dads, grandfathers and special people a very happy day on Sunday!

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 4 September - Craig Buckley & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 7 September - Helen Naef & Amy Naef
Wednesday, 9 September - Alicia Harrison & Anna Peart
Friday, 11 September - Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs

