



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!

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'Joey's Australian Vacation'

Gilgandra High School Hall

Tonight, Thursday, 31 August

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged tonight, 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. **There won't be supper at the end of the concert, so please don't worry about bringing a plate.**

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow, Friday, 1 September

Our Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Friday, 1 September. 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, Mrs Jessica Whitehouse for organising the stall and all those who helped out this week with the wrapping. If anyone can come in tomorrow to help run the stall it would be appreciated. Helpers can come anytime from 9:00 a.m. to help wrap any last minute donations. There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each with the prizes including 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 tomorrow.

NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TESTING

Our Year 3 and Year 5 classes will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests next Monday and Tuesday. As reported in an earlier About, these tests are not an assessment of the students' ability but a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology capabilities ahead of NAPLAN Online in the future.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again next Friday, 8 September to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 7 September in the Church at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

POLDING ATHLETICS

We wish Darcy Neeves, Dylon Murray, Luke O'Neill, Will Fuller and our Junior Boys Relay Team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Bailey Wykes** and Darcy Neeves the best of luck as they compete in the

NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle next Friday. Darcy will compete in the Junior Long Jump as well as the relay, Dylon in the Junior Shot Put, Luke in the Junior High Jump and Will will compete in the 11 years Long Jump. Congratulations to Darcy, Dylon, Luke, Will, Ryan, Sam and Bailey for reaching this level of competition.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 15 September – Only 2 weeks to go!

There is only two weeks to go until one of our major school fundraisers, the St Joey's Annual 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) 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.***

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

ROSTER The roster went home with last week's About. We still have lots of gaps to fill! **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 the 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 Thursday, 7 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! Tickets went home with the About two weeks ago. **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by next Friday, 8 September.**

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night, 8 September to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

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.**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Ruby Ryan** and **Cooper Lummis** for great work reading time to the hour, **Mia Mudford** for enthusiasm towards concert practice, **Brodie Nichols** for speaking with expression in all concert practices, **Elsie Adams** for super work adding and **Chloe Harris** for writing an entertaining free choice story.

YEAR 1: **Toby Davis** for trying hard to complete his homework, **Tilla Chandler** for great imagination in Story Writing, **Te Mana Diamond** for recalling interesting facts about polar bears and **Hayden Nichols** for recalling interesting facts about butterflies.

YEAR 2: **Will O'Connor** for great 'Elvis' moves during concert practice, **Bonica Henry** and **Abbie Skinner** for terrific enthusiasm during concert practice, **Hudson Duffy** for fabulous expression in the speaking role for the concert and **Alicia Fordham** for learning concert lines quickly and with enthusiasm.

YEAR 3: **Emilia Peart** and **Will Younghusband** for their enthusiasm towards concert practice, **Rhyan Hutchison** for fluent and expressive reading, **Indi Murphy** for a more consistent application to all work and **Michael Ibe** for a great effort to solve mathematical algorithms.

YEAR 4: **Hayden Ferguson** and **Casey Gaff** for fantastic enthusiasm towards concert rehearsals, **Mattea Purvis** for improved results in our weekly spelling test and **Dylan Tobin** for correctly identifying verb tense in our grammar activities.

YEAR 5: **Emma Durrant** for contributing thoughtfully to class discussions, **Jade Elsom** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Bailey Wykes** for a great effort and enthusiasm during concert practice and **Aiden Walker** for great results in Comprehension.

YEAR 6: **Jack Purvis** and **Jessica Scholte** for great work with past, present and future tense, **Rhys O'Neill** for a top effort in Maths Operations and **Harrison King** for writing a very persuasive discussion.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

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 – Portfolios home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has written a recount of their weekend this week. They have also read the book "Meg Up The Creek" and have completed a variety of activities. During Maths they have worked on describing equal rows, counting backwards and forwards to 20 from various starting points and naming and describing 2D shapes. During Geography we located St Joseph's School on a street map of Gilgandra. We then labelled and described the location of features of our school using an aerial view from Google Maps. A huge thank you to everyone for organising your child's costume for the concert. Kinder

are very excited to perform for you this evening. Happy Father's Day to all the dads and pops on Sunday.

Miss Smith

YEAR 1 What an exciting night ahead! Year 1 is ready to entertain everyone with their spectacular concert item. A big thank you to Madie Buckland, Mrs Elaine Foran and Mrs Lorraine Hutchison for helping us to make our concert item such a success. In Maths this week we have been solving addition and subtraction problems, modelling 3D shapes and comparing the volume of different shapes. We read our last Nick Bland book in the bear collection titled "The Very Sleepy Bear". We wrote about all the places the sneaky fox tried to convince Bear to sleep in, from a train tunnel to a seaside cave. In PDHPE we cut out and glued together a skeleton and tried to remember what each important part of the skeleton was called. We were amazed at how many bones make up our skeleton! Have a great weekend and don't forget on Sunday to spoil those special men in your lives – Happy Father's Day!

Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 Bring it on Joey's! Everyone is very excited about the concert tonight. Everyone has worked hard during all the practices and hopefully the superstars of Joeys will shine on the stage tonight. A big thank you to everyone who has helped get costumes ready. In the classroom we revised Grammar concepts of synonyms and antonyms and punctuation marks. We've been working on our information texts about a favourite dinosaur. In Maths we explored multiplication, two step word problems and subtraction patterns. We wish all the dads, pops and special uncles a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. Have a great weekend.

YEAR 3 We all had great fun on Monday as we prepared for the concert on the 'big stage' and watched the other classes perform. On Tuesday we enjoyed the school performance 'Get To Know Asia' and loved the New Years Eve Chinese dragon and lion. In Maths we practiced strategies of multiplication and division and wrote instructions on how to get somewhere in text types. In Spelling we are applying the rule, *when adding the suffix 'ing' to a word ending in 'y' do not change the 'y'* and this week we are revising the Grammar concepts of Term 3. In Art we continued to work on our winter landscape and our colourful parrots. We can't wait to perform for you at the concert tonight and we hope you enjoy 'Joey's Australian Vacation!' Enjoy your weekend and we wish all the dads a very happy Father's Day.

Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris

YEAR 4 Tonight is the night! We hope you are all as excited as we are for our concert – it is looking fantastic. In class this week we have been looking at becoming more persuasive with our exposition writing, choosing examples that strengthen our arguments clearly. In Maths we have been refining our division skills as well as looking at using scale. "Paper Planes" has taken us on a journey as Dylan prepares for the upcoming national championships. In class we held our own championships with the best plane landing just short of 15 metres! Our Term 3 portfolio tasks in Religion and Geography are well underway, if anyone is yet to bring back their portfolio can you please do this as soon as possible. We wish all the dads and granddads a happy Father's Day on Sunday. Have a great weekend.

Mr Keady

YEAR 5 is very excited about the concert tonight! Our dance moves are looking slick and we can't wait to perform for our family and friends on the big stage! All speeches were presented this week and Year 5 students are to be congratulated on their eye contact, expression and timing. We have completed a mini unit on perspective drawing in Art and created beautiful cityscape pictures as a result. In Science we have recorded information about our rotting food items and have classified the mould based on colour, size and characteristics. We have made some lovely cards for our dads and granddads and we wish them a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 We had a wonderful concert rehearsal on Monday, it was great to see everyone's enthusiasm and well practised dancing, singing and acting! Year 6 can't wait to perform tonight. In Maths this week we have learnt about chance, tree diagrams, coordinates and division. During Grammar we have continued to work on past, present and future tense. In History we have been creating PowerPoints titled 'British Colonisation'. Keep up the hard work Year 6! We would also like to wish all the dads a Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 1 September – JB & Ali Tancred
Monday, 4 September – Amy Spora & Anna Peart
Wednesday, 6 September – Nicole Brand & Rachel Kirsop
Friday, 8 September – Jo Lummis & Lorraine Hutchison

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 3 September – Oscar Spora, Aiden Walker, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

