



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

*Before you talk....listen, Before you react....think, Before you criticise....wait,
Before you pray....forgive, Before you quit....try!*

FANTASTIC FETE

Despite a rather windy, dusty day on Friday our fete went ahead and proved to be extremely successful. A large crowd of both children and adults enjoyed all the activities and the variety of stalls. Many thanks to Fete Coordinator, Karen Harris who did a great job bringing it all together. Thank you also to the stall coordinators who organised the various stalls, the families from our school who donated so many goods and their time to ensure such a successful fete and to the Gilgandra community for attending the fete, purchasing tickets and supporting our school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY **Tomorrow, Friday, 13 September**

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 **tomorrow, 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. *A change has been made to the assembly point. Would all children now please assemble at the marching assembly area at the eastern end of Wellington Street by 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m.* The march will conclude at Baradine Oval. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. **A note was sent home on Tuesday with travel arrangements.** We will contact the school office when we depart Baradine and an alert will be placed on the School App with our estimated arrival time in Gilgandra. If anyone has any queries relating to the arrival time in Gilgandra, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Hodge in the office.

GOOD LUCK GRACE!

We wish **Grace Tancred** the best of luck as she competes in the Polding Girls Rugby 7s in Sydney next Monday, 17 and Tuesday, 18 September. It is a wonderful achievement to gain selection in this team and we hope Grace enjoys this experience.

ICAS ENGLISH & MATHS COMPETITIONS

The ICAS English Competition will be held next Tuesday, 17 September and the ICAS Maths Competition on Wednesday, 18 September for all students in Years 3 - 6. Thank you to our P & F who generously pay the entry fee for each child for these competitions.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'A Million Dreams' **Gilgandra High School Hall** **Next Wednesday, 18 September**

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged next Wednesday, 18 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 costume 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.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 22 September - 9:30 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 22 September at 9:30 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church on Sunday, 22 September to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. **It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.** We would also like to invite all children from St Joey's to attend the Confirmation Mass to sing in the choir. If your child is interested in singing in the choir, please see Mrs Banks upon your arrival at the church. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: **Billie Allan, Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Casey Gaff, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Lucy Kilpatrick, Lucy McIsaac, Ava Meyers, Harry Mudford, Samantha Naden, William Spora, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell.**

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR **CONFIRMATION**

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held next Thursday, 19 September from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either via our school app, by phone or by note, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

CANTEEN – MEAT PIES

Just a reminder to our canteen workers that on **Mondays**, frozen meat pies are to be used, however on **Wednesday** and **Fridays**, please order all meat pies from **The Next Grind**.

LITTLE ATHLETICS SCHOOL VISIT

On Thursday, 19 September Mick Gardiner from Little Athletics will be visiting the school from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. to speak with the children about joining Little Athletics in the upcoming 2019 season as well as involving all students in 4 x 30 minute sprint sessions.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Mack Hutchison** for sounding out tricky words in Phonics, **Parker Leven** for trying hard in concert practice, **Abhijot Singh** for always having beautiful manners and **Hannah Meers** for being a great helper during concert practice.

YEAR 1: **Bill Ryan** for writing a great narrative about a wish, **Lucas Riley** for showing great enthusiasm during concert practices, **Claudia Harrison** for working hard and improving her letter formation and **Archie Valler** for being punctual and setting a good example.

YEAR 2: **Max Fiddes** for working well in Spelling and Sentence A Day, **Ashley Gilmour** for being a fluent reader, **Chloe Harris** for fabulous working out in Maths, **Jagger Hazelton** for listening well and answering questions in Comprehension Groups, **Amity Henry** and **Mia Mudford** for a fabulous effort in concert practices and **David McIsaac** for a great effort in marching practices.

YEAR 3: **Poppy-Grace Newton** for fabulous expression during concert rehearsal, **Georgia Tancred** for fabulous work with division in Maths and **Jemima Harrison** for a more focused and settled approach towards her learning.

YEAR 4: **Hudson Duffy** for enthusiastically completing challenging tasks in Maths, **Eliza Larkin** for treating others with care and respect, **Emily Standing** for consistently displaying a strong work ethic and **Jordan Wighton** for putting outstanding effort in our concert practices.

YEAR 5: **Abigail Davis** for great results in our weekly spelling tests, **Alex Gaff** and **Nick Kirsop** for improved expression during our concert practices and **Henry Purvis** and **Trinity Zell** for using expression when reading with Mr Pearce.

YEAR 6: **Alana Elsom** for an excellent Saint presentation – well done, **Ryan Ferguson** for improved concentration and ability to complete tasks diligently, **Nick Gale** for a consistent effort in Comprehension Groups and **Jett Tarrant** for a consistent effort in Reading Groups, adding expression and tone to his reading.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

Friday, 13 September - Catholic Schools Sports Day

WEEK 9

Monday, 16 & Tuesday,

17 September - PSSA Rugby 7's – Grace Tancred

Tuesday, 17 September - ICAS English Competition

Wednesday, 18 September - ICAS Maths Competition

- Concert

Thursday, 19 September - Little Athletics visit – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (4 x 30 min sessions)

- GHS Market Day – Year 6 - 12:05 – 12.45 p.m.

- Working bee to clean church for Confirmation – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, 20 September - Preschool Visit

Sunday, 22 September - Confirmation – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 25 September

- Saturday, 28 September - Moorambilla – boys and girls

Thursday, 26 September - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge

Friday, 27 September - Last day Term 3

- Portfolios home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Another busy week has flown by in Kinder. We had a fantastic concert rehearsal yesterday and a big thank you to everyone in Kinder who gave of their best. We can't wait until next Wednesday night to perform in front of our family and friends. This week in Maths we have completed our portfolio task and practised take away and ordering numbers to 20. In Geography we sorted pictures from our environment into 3 groups; natural,

managed and manmade and discussed how we could categorise them. We are all looking forward to our day of fun and friendship in Baradine tomorrow. Remember to pack your smiles and we shall see you there! Have a great weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 During Maths this week we have been counting coins, subtracting numbers to 20 and learning how to read a map whilst our Grammar focus has been adverbs. We are looking forward to the Catholic School Sports Day tomorrow. Everyone has been giving of their best during marching, practising their ball games and are ready to have a fun day! We also enjoyed our concert rehearsal yesterday where the children watched the other classes perform as well as perform on their own. We have just a few more practices to polish our performance. A huge thank you to Michelle O'Brien for making the Gruffalo costumes they look amazing! Don't forget to come to the concert dressed in your costume by 5:45pm on Wednesday 18 September. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 It has been a huge week at Joey's and we are all looking forward to a great day of fun and friendship at Baradine tomorrow – go Joey's! In class we looked at “ph, ff, gh” in Spelling and Phonics and revised exclamation marks and speech marks in Sentence A Day and Grammar. Well done everyone for your enthusiasm during marching and concert practices. I wish you all the best of luck next week during concert night. The dress rehearsal went well and your costumes look terrific. Thank you to everyone who bought or made them. I am away for the last two weeks of term and Year 2 will be in Mrs Schier's capable hands. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Excitement is building with our Annual Concert next week, it's bound to be a fun night and we look forward to everyone watching. Thank you to everyone for bringing in your costumes yesterday for our rehearsal. During Text Types this week we wrote a recount of the fabulous fete we had last Friday. It certainly sounded like everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our sound this week in Spelling has been “air” and we have revised our plural rules. In Maths we have focused on checking work, the commutative property and drawing objects as well as completing our diagnostic review for the term. We look forward to a fun day tomorrow in Baradine. Best of luck Joey's. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Year 4 did a fantastic job at the whole school concert rehearsal yesterday! Students should all be very proud of themselves. Not long now until the big performance! Thank you parents for helping with your child's costumes, they all looked wonderful. We are looking forward to showing you all our hard work next week! On Monday we attended a whole school science show which the students really enjoyed. We got to see some great experiments and were entertained by plenty of jokes! We are all travelling to the Catholic Schools Sports Day tomorrow in Baradine where we will get to show off our marching skills, play some fun games and sing our hearts out in the war cries! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 Well done Year 5 on your enthusiasm during our concert rehearsals – your dance moves and acting is sensational! Speeches seem to be progressing well and we are looking forward to hearing them on Tuesday, 24 September. In Maths we have been focusing on division with zeros, data surveys, calculating GST and understanding budgets. We have continued to publish our diary entries for a character from “The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe” ready for our portfolios. During History we have been researching a convict, British officer or aboriginal person and creating a profile of their life, focusing on their achievements, struggles or impact on society. We are all pumped and ready for our big day in Baradine tomorrow! Go the mighty Joey's!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 What an exciting and eventful week we have had. On Monday we had the pleasure of joining in with the NAIDOC celebrations at the Park. We enjoyed many fun activities, grouped with other students from the High School and Gilgandra Public. Our favourites were NFL and the Fun Run! Our concert rehearsal was a success and we are really looking forward to the big night next week! We look forward to seeing you there. Students are super excited to head to Baradine tomorrow and are especially looking forward to the novelty games. Don't forget your footy tips and stay tuned for a DOUBLE bottle cap count next week!

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13 September – Catholic Schools Sports Day - Baradine

Monday, 16 September – Toni Fuller & Janine Ferguson

Wednesday, 18 September – Jade Zell & Simone Beaton

Friday, 20 September – Lorraine Hutchison & Lo Lummis

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 15 September – Millie Spora, Emmie Peart & Lilla Oehm

