



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!*

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 23 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, 23 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, 23 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: **Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Thomas Dunn, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Molly Fairey, Breanna Foster, Dennis Gale, Layney Godber, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Daniel Kirsop, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylon Murray, Darcy Neeves, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Madison Riley, Oscar Spora, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Emma Westwood, Molly Wilson, Jerome Woodrow, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Emily 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 Wednesday, 19 September at 3:00 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

FANTASTIC FETE

A large crowd of both children and adults enjoyed all the wonderful activities and the variety of stalls at our fete last Friday. Many thanks to Fete Coordinator, Rochelle Easman 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. Congratulations to Kate Woollams who was the lucky winner of the Cow Pat Lotto.

ICAS WRITING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who received Credit Certificates in the recent ICAS Writing Competition: **Emily Zell, Kate Woollams, Jack Oehm, Camilla Beveridge, Jordan Neeves and Alison Mudford.** These students received their certificates at assembly on Monday. Well done to our wonderful writers!

POLDING ATHLETICS

We wish our Senior Boys Relay Team consisting of **Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Bailey Wykes and Jack Oehm** and our Junior Girls Relay Team consisting of **Lila Oehm, Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred and Eva Bonnington** the best of luck as they compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle tomorrow. Darcy will run in the 11 years 200 m event as well as the relay and Lilla will also compete in the Junior Girls Long Jump. A fabulous achievement by all these athletes.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school on Thursday, 27 September at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. We hope to see parents and friends of the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students come along and show their support.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'Joey's Greatest Excursion'

Gilgandra High School Hall

Next Thursday, 20 September

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged next Thursday, 20 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 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.

ASPIRE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

ASPIRE are holding school holiday programs at the Gilgandra High School on Monday, 8 and Tuesday, 9 October, being the second week of the school holidays. Programs available are 'science and engineering', 'coding and robotics', 'drama and art', 'games' and the chance to win plenty of prizes. All food will be provided. These programs are open for students in Years 4-6. Registration forms have been handed to students and if your child is interested in attending, please complete and return the registration form to the school office by the end of term. If you have not received a registration form, please see Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office.

GO4FUN ONLINE

The Western NSW Local Health District is promoting a new program for kids and their families called "Go4Fun Online". Is your child aged 7-13 years old, above a healthy weight and in need of support to improve eating and activity habits? Go4Fun Online is a FREE 10-week program that helps children and their families improve their eating and physical activity habits. There are ten online sessions and a weekly phone call from a trained and qualified coach to help keep you on track. Get involved and start collecting your weekly tokens and prizes. To register or find out more phone 1800 780 900 or visit <https://go4funonline.com.au/>.

LIVE LIFE WELL @ SCHOOL

Live Life Well @ School is a NSW Government initiative and is a whole school approach to get students 'more active, more often' and focus on healthy eating. At St Joey's we are striving towards creating a healthy eating environment by providing students with the opportunity to 'Crunch n Sip' during a fruit, vegetable and water break in class, by teaching students in the classroom about healthy eating and the school canteen is working towards meeting the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. We aim to get the students 'more active, more often' by working towards students having dedicated time each week for physical activity, by students getting active in the playground during recess and lunch and by encouraging active travel such as walking, biking or skating.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. A Social Worker will be in attendance and also a Farm Household Case Officer to assist eligible farmers affected by the drought through the expanded Farm Household Allowance measures. The Mobile Service Centre will be located near the Shopping Plaza in

Miller Street on Tuesday, 25 September from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, go to www.humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or phone 132 316.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR CRICKET COACHING CLINIC

Gilgandra Junior Cricket are hosting a coaching clinic during the school holidays, on 4 & 5 October at McGrane Oval. For further information, please visit the Gilgandra Junior Cricket Facebook page or phone Dean Ferguson on 0427 627 472.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Isabelle Peart** for a great effort in concert practice, **Oli Chandler** for an improved effort in concert practice, **Jessie O'Connor** for a great dragon artwork and **Bella Ferguson** for top work comparing the mass of objects.

YEAR 1: **Mia Mudford** for being a hardworking and conscientious student, **Anna Walker** for fabulous reading, **Isla Volkofsky** for fantastic general knowledge and class participation and **Joe Staggs** for super spelling.

YEAR 2: **Evie Peart** and **Toby Davis** for being thoughtful and caring class members, **Vaughan Zell** for great work in Science, **Riley Hutchison** for a big improvement in Grammar and Sentence A Day, **Alex Cosier** for being a good leader during concert practices and **Alyssa Ferguson** for great expression in Reading and concert practices.

YEAR 3: **Emma Mills** and **Tom Staggs** for fabulous effort and enthusiasm during concert practice, **Adison Thomas** for dedicated application to all areas of your work and **Hope Jones-Copelin** for always 'Giving Of Your Best'.

YEAR 4: **Tahleigh Davey** for using Dynamic Dialogue successfully to create entertaining texts, **Beatie Davis** for consistently producing bookwork in a neat and well organised manner, **Charlotte Ferguson** for displaying fabulous organisational skills and completing all learning tasks in a timely manner, **Declan Gale** for a consistent effort with morning reading and **Sienna Zell** for participating enthusiastically in concert practices.

YEAR 5: **Paige Gilmour** for greeting us with a beautiful smile each day, **Lucas Gleadhill** for an improvement in accuracy in Problem A Day and Operations, **Alana Elsom** and **Billie Allan** for accuracy when measuring angles and **Samantha Naden** for your detailed answers in Comprehension Groups.

YEAR 6: **Camilla Beveridge** for a consistent effort towards all class activities, **Breanna Foster** for improving her reading fluency, **Kate Woollams** for working through tricky maths problems with a positive attitude and **Bailey Wykes** for great enthusiasm during concert practice.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8 Year 6 Reconciliation

Friday, 14 September - Polding Athletics

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 18 September - Polding Athletics back-up date

Wednesday, 19 September - Junior Joey's visit Cooe Lodge
- Working bee to clean the church for Confirmation - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, 20 September - Annual Concert

Friday, 21 September - Bishop Michael visit

Sunday, 23 September - Confirmation - 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 26 September

- Saturday, 29 September - Moorambilla - boys and girls

Thursday, 27 September - Infants Sports Carnival - 2:00 p.m.

Friday, 28 September - Last day Term 3

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER really enjoyed the concert dress rehearsal yesterday. Thank you to everyone who helped provide their childrens' costume, it is greatly appreciated. We can't wait to perform our fabulous dances and acts for everyone next Thursday night. This week we wrote fantastic recounts of the Joey's Fete. We agreed that the dunking machine, hula hoop dancing and pony rides were the best fun ever! In Maths we counted and modelled numbers to 30, solved subtraction problems and tried to follow and give directions...that was tricky!!! On Tuesday we enjoyed seeing our preschool friends again and showing them around our fabulous school. We loved reading 'Meg's Eggs' and trying to guess what was going to come out of each egg and we wrote some great stories about dinosaurs too. We hope everyone has a great weekend.

Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 What a fabulous day we had yesterday at our concert rehearsal and we cannot wait to perform to you next Thursday. In Text Types we have continued working on expositions. This week's topic is "Is Outside Better Than Inside?". In Maths we used a jump strategy to complete addition sums and we were introduced to rounding off. We have enjoyed reading 'The Stickman' by Julia Donaldson and have listed all the things that the Stickman was used for (a mat, a bat, a bag holder, etc). During Personal Development & Health we finished pasting our skeletons together and are happy to have a special visitor, Stewy the Skeleton, spending time with us in our classroom. In Art we are finishing off our puzzle picture for our portfolios. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Schier

YEAR 2 We have been very busy fine tuning our concert item. Our performance is sure to be memorable. In Grammar we have continued to revise the use of speech marks as well as the correct usage of exclamation marks. Maths Warm-Up has taken the form of mini-quizzes with students undertaking challenging questions. It has been pleasing to see the number of students attempting the extra Problem A Day - always a challenge. In Religion we have continued our 'Bounce Back' activities. During Text Types we started writing descriptions and sharing with each other what makes a good description. Science has seen us studying the eye, particularly the components that make up an eye. The class spent time walking around the playground noting "what can I hear" and "what can I see". In Geography we have been looking at 'Features Of A Place' including natural, managed and constructed features. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Langes

YEAR 3 What a fantastic week Year 3 has had this week. Today we celebrated Roald Dahl Day with some fun activities which included making and eating some delicious Willy Wonka ice cream that never melts! During our Literature unit we wrote a procedure for a Tasty Twit Pie and then we made our very own Twit Pies using spaghetti, sour worms, apple, chocolate and ice cream. Don't they just sound absolutely delicious? We have also looked at the life of Roald Dahl in more detail, created our own flip books about our favourite Roald Dahl memories and written 'sizzling starts' based on pictures from Roald Dahl stories. During Maths we have completed our Diagnostic Review as well as looked a little more about the types of triangles, by watching a great YouTube clip. Excitement is building with our Annual Concert next week, it is bound to be a fun night and we look forward to everyone watching. Thank you to everyone for bringing in your costumes for our rehearsal yesterday. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Morris & Mrs Colwell

YEAR 4 Wow, what a fantastic job Year 4 did at our whole school concert rehearsal yesterday! Students should be really proud of themselves, our act has come a long way! We are looking forward to the performance next Thursday night and hope to see plenty of families and friends there. In Writing this week we have been learning how to write exciting endings for our narratives. We have also been learning about the correct use of apostrophes in Grammar and in Maths we have focused on multiplication and division. We have also been busy working on our portfolio tasks to take home at the end of term. A reminder that if anyone still has their portfolio at home to please bring it in as soon as possible. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Keady & Miss Giffin

YEAR 5 Well done Year 5 on your enthusiasm during our concert rehearsals - your dance moves and singing are sensational! Speeches were presented this week and Year 5 are to be congratulated on their eye contact, expression and timing. In Maths we have been working on number patterns using fractions and decimals and targeting individual areas for development using the data from Essential Assessment. Our Word of the Week is "convey" and we have been trying to use it in everyday conversation. Our mould cultivation experiment has been amazing and it has been interesting to observe how germs can grow and spread. Yuck!!! We thought about how we could use emojis to convey our feelings about mould and germs!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 It sounds like everyone had a great day during our dress rehearsal for the concert yesterday. All the students looked amazing in their costumes! In Maths we have been learning about reflecting, rotating and translating two-dimensional shapes. Our Grammar and Sentence A Day activities have focused on direct and indirect speech. This week we have also completed our geography portfolio task, which focused on rainforests. We have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Religion this week. Only 10 days to go!

Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 September - Jodie Johnson & Tracey Glennister

Monday, 17 September - Ash Mudford & Katherine Gaff

Wednesday, 19 September - Sophie Ibe & Ade Kuku

Friday, 21 September - Nat Mudford & Sheree Staggs

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 16 September - Cameron Davis & Mason Fryers

