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Term 3 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

'A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help his child.'

Happy Father's Day to all our dads on Sunday!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY - JOEY'S PRIDE AND SPIRIT LIVES ON

The Catholic Schools Sports Day was held in Gilgandra last Friday. St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St Brigid's Coonamble and St John's Baradine joined St Joseph's in a day of fun, friendship and fitness. Proceedings began with a march past down our main street. All students marched with great pride and enthusiasm with Joey's taking out the march. Well done to all the schools. It was then off to St Joey's School where all students from Kinder to Year 6 participated in war cries, running events, relays, ball games and tug-o'-wars. It was a beautiful setting at our school and all enjoyed a wonderful day. Many thanks to the staff, parents, family and friends for organising such a wonderful day and congratulations to all students on their fantastic school spirit and tremendous participation.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow, Friday, 4 September

Our Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Friday, 5 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 Danielle Diggs for organising the stall. 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 being a Bosch Combo Set consisting of a cordless drill and hand held vacuum with attachments, a screwdriver set and 3 piece torch set. All these items have been kindly donated by **GK & LH Rohr** and we thank them very much for their generosity. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall tomorrow.

CONCERT REHEARSAL

Monday, 7 September

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held on Monday, 7 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.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'Tonight's TV Night!!!'

Gilgandra High School Hall

Tuesday, 15 September – 5:45 for 6:00 p.m.

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Tuesday, 15 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. **We have decided not to have supper at the end of the concert, so please don't worry about bringing a plate.**

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, 17 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.

YEAR 3 ZOO EXCURSION – CHANGE OF DATE

The Year 3 Zoo Excursion will now take place on Friday, 16 October, which is Week 2 of next term.

RETIRED PRIESTS APPEAL

Accompanying today's About is a flyer requesting support for the retired priests of our diocese. I encourage you to read this information and urge you to give what you can as past parish priests such as Fr Dooley and Fr Kane made outstanding contributions to our school and parish and they will benefit from your donations.

GHS RESPECTFUL ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

Mrs Di Irvin, Mrs Jessica Reed and Mr Neal Reed addressed the Year 6 students last week regarding the Respectful Achievers Program at Gilgandra High School next year and I encourage all parents of Year 6 students to discuss this program with their child. Completed forms need to be returned to school by next Wednesday, 9 September.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Kaycee Bugmy** for her enthusiasm during concert practice, **Amity Chapman** for super counting skills, **Justin Coleman** for super counting skills, **Ryan Cox** for contributing questions when reading our big book.

YEAR 1: **Rachel Ryan** for fantastic improvement in spelling activities, **Sienna Horne** for great enthusiasm during marching and dance practices, **Declan Gale** for super marching enthusiasm, **Lochie Henry** for super spelling results, **Ethan Morris** for very creative art work and **Rhyan Hutchison** for great work in Maths.

YEAR 2: **Billie Allan** for fantastic work in Maths, **Paige Gilmour** for a super snowflake artwork, **Samantha Naden** for Bear's character traits. Reading the story of "King Pig" was enjoyable

a conscientious effort with her reading and **Lucas Gleadhill** for a great effort in Grammar.

YEAR 3: **Isaiah McKenzie** for an improved effort in Operations, **Dylen Murray** for writing excellent full sentence answers in Comprehension, **Sarah Temple** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 3, **Emma Westwood** for showing more confidence in reading and **Camilla Beveridge** for using her proofreading and editing skills.

YEAR 4: **Mackaylah Ross** for writing a good description of a pentagon, **Patrick Spora** for top work with decimal place value, **Skye Bui** for great work adding commas to sentences and **Tylah Anforth** for her contributions to discussions about God's creations.

YEAR 5: **Jacob Wilson** for producing excellent results in Maths extension tasks, **Thomas Durrant** for his enthusiastic approach to class discussions about our novel, **Hamish Beveridge** for a mature approach to all classwork and **Amelia Murray** for working hard to complete all Operations with speed and accuracy.

YEAR 6: **Martin Fryers** for showing enthusiasm towards all activities, **Rebecca Gaff** for enjoying challenging questions in Maths, **Lily Naden** for improvement in fluency when reading and **Aiden Ryan** for being a valuable member of Year 6.

WHAT'S ON

Friday, 4 September	-	Polding Athletics
	-	Father's Day Stall
WEEK 9 Fr Martin away		
Monday, 7 September	-	Concert Practice
Wednesday, 9 September	-	GHS RAP forms due
Friday, 11 September	-	Principals' Retreat
	-	Preschool Visit 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
WEEK 10		
Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 September	-	Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Tuesday, 15 September	-	Concert
Wednesday, 16 –		
Saturday, 19 September	-	Moorambilla
Thursday, 17 September	-	Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 18 September	-	Last day Term 3
TERM 4		
WEEK 1		
Tuesday, 6 October	-	Frist Day Term 4
	-	Miss Harvey commences Long Service Leave
	-	Whole School Communion Service – 9:00 a.m.
	-	AP Meeting
	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 October	-	AP Meeting

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been concentrating on how to write the letter 'x' and 'z'. In Story Writing we have been writing some interesting stories about what the children like to do. We have also been focusing on how to stay on one topic in our stories. Next week's sound is 'Zz' so start looking for things around the home beginning with this letter. In Religion we wrote some words to describe how we would feel if we were a slave and drew a picture and discussed the birth of Moses. In Science and Technology we discussed more about natural and manmade materials and what happens to these when they become wet. During Mathematics we learnt about time and what time it is when the long hand is on the twelve. We also discussed the concept of chances and the likelihood of an event occurring. We continue to practise for our concert, so don't forget to read everyday with expression. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 It was lovely to see so many family and friends at our special liturgy to honour our dads, pops and uncles. Last week was a fabulous day of fun and friendship at the carnival. Congratulations to everyone who marched so proudly and participated enthusiastically in all the events. During the week we looked at the properties of 3D shapes and used different strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. We've all enjoyed Nick Bland's stories and we identified lots of adjectives to describe 'Bear'. We compiled a big list of ideas to describe

and we discussed how the bossy pig treated others. Thank you to everyone who has brought in their costumes for the concert. Please have costumes ready if you can, for Monday's dress rehearsal. Happy Father's Day! Have a great weekend! *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 What a fabulous day we had at the Catholic Schools Sports Day on Friday. Congratulations Year 2 on the enthusiasm and pride you displayed. We've been busily typing our Dinosaur Information Reports on the sharecloud. We are learning how to create a Google document and insert images. These will be included in our portfolios. In Maths we've focused on subtraction, money and giving and following directions. Our concert practices are in full swing – don't forget all costumes need to be at school on Monday for our full dress rehearsal. Wishing all our dads a happy Father's Day on Sunday. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 This week in Comprehension we learnt some interesting facts about Indonesia. In Writing we continued our narrative about 'The Door', our creativity and use of adjectives have really enhanced our writing. In Grammar we have started to learn about and use alliteration. Our Maths focus this week has been on octagons, the cubic centimetre and addition. Our excursion to the zoo is now on Friday, 16th October. Year 3 is very excited! Thank you to all the boys and girls who have brought in their costumes for our rehearsal on Monday. If you are having trouble sourcing a costume for your child please let me know. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 has been revising the 'i' before 'e' except after 'c' rule in spelling this week. We have also been exploring the use of apostrophes, while in Writing we have been learning about biographies. For Comprehension we have been working hard to determine the author's purpose in a variety of texts. During Maths we have revised 4 digit subtraction, examined place value up to tens of thousands and learnt how to find the volume of rectangular prisms. In Religion we have read and interpreted the meaning from readings in the book of Genesis. We have also prepared for our concert practice on Monday - don't forget to bring your costume! Have a happy Father's Day. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 It has been another exciting week in Year 5. In Maths we have been learning to understand different information shown in graphs as well as what GST is when we purchase items. In English we have been super busy drafting our interviews to be presented next term during the Sydney Excursion - I must say they are all sounding fantastic. A reminder that costumes for our concert need to start coming into school ready for Monday for our full dress rehearsal. If you need help getting anything please let me know. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week in Maths we have focused on reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes to make patterns and using surveys to gather a sample of data. We have written recounts of the Combined Catholic Sports Day and concentrated on including complex sentences and more interesting vocabulary. In HSIE we have looked at the structure of State government and the people who represent us at Parliament House in Sydney. Our concert practices have been going well and it is great to see everyone working on their acting skills and accents! We look forward to our full dress rehearsal on Monday! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 4 September – Kirstie McKenzie & Lesley Riley
Monday, 7 September – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller
Wednesday, 9 September – Lorraine Hutchison & Sheree Staggs
Friday, 11 September – Donna Wheatley & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday 6 September – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Jett Grimshaw