



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 8

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### Thought for the Week

*Any man can be a father. It takes someone special to be a Dad.*

*Happy Father's Day to all our Dads on Sunday*

#### CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION CLASS

A beautiful Mass was celebrated in St Joseph's Church last Sunday during which the Year 2 children received their Reconciliation Certificates. Congratulations to you all and a big thank you to Mrs Schier, Mrs Morris and Mrs Banks for preparing the children so well. Our Year 2 Reconciliation class consists of: **Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Tom Dunn, Jade Elsom, Molly Fairey, Breanna Foster, Dennis Gale, Richard Glover, Layney Godber, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Daniel Kirsop, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylen Murray, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Zahlia Proctor, Madison Riley, Oscar Spora, Hayley Statham, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Emma Westwood, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Emily Zell.**

#### EXCURSION SNIPPET

*Perisher is a fantastic place to visit and there was loads of snow on the day we visited. It was fun to throw snowballs at Mr Mus, parents, teachers and friends. We loved catching the tube lift to the top of the mountain and sliding back down. It was "boss" and we hope to go there again!*

**Matthew Ferguson, Kelly Anforth, Sebastian Jackson, John Raglus**

#### FABULOUS RELIGION RESULTS

Recently all our Year 6 students sat the Diocesan Religion Test. Congratulations to the following students who received fabulous results: **Distinction** – Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Maddie Eason, Matthew Ferguson, Mitchell Gaff, Georgia Horan, Montana McGrath, Kyle Welsh **Credit** – Charlotte Banks, Mitchell Carlow, Isaac Frost, Brock Johnston, Deklyn Lummis, Grace Lummis, John Raglus, Caitlin Spora, John Spora

#### OUTSTANDING SPELLING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results in the recent ICAS Spelling Competition:

**Distinction** – Kate Gilmour **Credit** – Alex Beveridge, Emilie Hassall, Bradley Kildey, Sophie Hassall **Merit** – Kelsey Hutchison, Will Fuller

#### FABULOUS FOUR

Our fabulous four athletes, **Noah Ryan, Mitchell Carlow, Ashleigh Carlow and Will Fuller**, will compete at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle tomorrow. We wish the fantastic four the best of luck.

#### FATHER'S DAY STALL

**Tomorrow, Friday, 5 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 prize being a large cast iron chimenea and a Stanley 16 piece screwdriver set. Both 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.

#### NAPLAN RESULTS

Accompanying today's About are the Year 3 and Year 5 students' NAPLAN results. If any parents would like to discuss their child's results with their teacher please contact the school so we can arrange a meeting.

#### INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school tomorrow, Friday, 5 September at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. We hope to see parents, family and friends of the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students come along and show their support. **All Infants students are to wear their sports uniform tomorrow.**

#### EXCURSION SNIPPET

*At the Mint we had a fabulous time. We got to see a robot named Titan lifting drums of coins. Also Titan was showing off when all the workers were on a break.*

**Chloe Godber, Zoe Welsh, Tarah Foran**

#### KINDER BUDDY LUNCH

A scrumptious meal was enjoyed in the hall on Tuesday as the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies were treated to a three course meal. The lunch was part of the Kinder Science unit, 'What's For Lunch?' Many thanks to Penny Zell, Michelle Woollams, Nicole Chapman, Jessica Whitehouse, Paula Purvis, Natalie Mudford, Katherine Gaff, Anna Mudford and Kristy Gale for ensuring we all had a beautiful meal.

#### YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

The Year 1 students are starting to get excited as their visit to the Police Station draws closer. Their excursion will be held next Tuesday, 9 September. Senior Constable Greg King will show the children around the station and maybe even organise a ride back to school in the police wagon. Sounds great! This excursion is part of the Year 1 HSIE unit, 'Workers In Our Community'.

#### CONCERT REHEARSAL – Wednesday, 10 September

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held next Wednesday, 10 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.

#### BEARDS FOR CANCER

The Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers have thrown out a challenge to Mr Keady, Mr Soares and Mr Musgrave to grow beards for the Sportsman Dinner and Auction to be held at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturday, 25 October. The beards have started growing and now we would like to raise as much money as we can for this worthwhile cause. A sponsor sheet is with today's About. Each family is asked to get as many donations as possible and all money needs to be returned to school by Friday, 24 October. On this day, we invite everyone to come to school wearing a crazy beard. There will be some special activities organised.

#### EXCURSION SNIPPET

*On the second day of the excursion we visited the Snowy Hydro-Electric Scheme. We liked the scale model of the complex because it gave us a good perspective of all the features of the scheme. We enjoyed the experience and now understand the importance of this historic operation.*

**Brock Johnston, Spencer McIntosh, Jack Bonus-Straub, Daimon Horne**

#### PUPIL FREE DAY

The first day back next term, Tuesday, 7 October, will be a pupil free day. The purpose of this day is for the staff to update the school's English Scope & Sequence and Implementation Document so it complies with the National English Curriculum. Therefore the children will return to school for Term 4 on Wednesday, 8 October.

#### MRS SCHIER ON LEAVE

Mrs Schier is on Long Service Leave for the rest of the term. While she is away Mrs Kilby will be teaching Year 2 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

## GHS RESPECTFUL ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

Mrs Di Irvin and Miss Nikke Henry addressed the Year 6 students last week regarding the Respectful Achievers Program that will begin 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 Tuesday, 9 September.

### UNIFORMS

Due to the varying weather conditions at the moment, the children are permitted to wear either summer or winter uniforms.

### 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.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

As part of their drought assistance funding Centacare has organised Mr Craig Hamilton to be guest speaker at the Feetham House Men's Breakfast this Saturday, 6 September. This event, which includes breakfast, is free. For catering purposes please RSVP to Louise Hennessy at Centacare Dubbo on 68850277 or email: [louise.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au](mailto:louise.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au).

### JUNIOR LEAGUE AND NETBALL PRESENTATIONS

The Gilgandra Junior League and Netball Presentations will be held this Sunday, 7 September at McGrane Oval commencing at 10:30 a.m. All players are encouraged to attend.

### MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Michael Ibe for writing an amazing story about the land of Troy, Molly Nichols for being a great classroom helper, Ryder Ryan for a great effort with his sight words, Charlie Zell for his enthusiastic participation in concert practice and Beatie Davis for great work with her numbers from 1 to 20. **YEAR 1:** Will Spora and Alana Elsom for writing great recounts of the Catholic School Sports Day, Jasmine Zell for fantastic marching at the Catholic Schools Sports Day, Lucy McIsaac and Ava Meyers for great work in our Maths Assessment and Ben Harland for completing fantastic work with Mrs Stewart. **YEAR 2:** Ry Heffer for a fantastic diary about his holiday, Tom Dunn for great work in Comprehension, Emily Zell for sensational work in text types and Isaac Grimshaw for working hard in Maths. **YEAR 3:** Tylah Anforth and Sophie Hassall for showing enthusiasm during our concert practices, Patrick Spora for working carefully in Art, Kelsey Hutchison for being a kind and considerate member of Year 3, Marshall Fairey for trying hard to improve his standard of book work and Rani Diggs for a top effort in Maths. **YEAR 4:** Heidi Purvis and Charlie Banks for improved neatness in all book work, Mike Raglus for using great problem solving skills in Maths and Laura Smith for terrific work in Sentence A Day and Spelling. **YEAR 5:** Ryan Carter for working hard to develop understanding in Maths, Martin Fryers for his enthusiastic approach to our concert practices, Tarah Foran for outstanding bookwork, Aiden Ryan for a consistent effort in all Maths activities and Lucy Davis for creating an amazing title page in Religion. **YEAR 6:** Jack Bonus-Straub for well planned and interesting sentences during Spelling activities, Isaac Frost for asking intelligent questions to clarify understanding of concepts, Kayla Bonus-Straub for improvement in accuracy and fluency when reading "I Am David" and Montana McGrath for an enthusiastic approach to her Confirmation preparation.

### WHAT'S ON

#### WEEK 8

Friday, 5 September - Polding Athletics  
- Father's Day Stall  
- Infants Sports Carnival - 2:00

#### WEEK 9

Tuesday, 9 September - GHS RAP forms due  
- Year 1 Police Station Visit  
Wednesday, 10 September - Concert Practice - GHS Hall

#### WEEK 10

Wednesday, 17 September - Concert - Gilgandra High School Hall - 5:45 for 6:00 pm

Thursday, 18 - Saturday, 20 September - Moorambilla - Heidi Purvis  
Friday, 19 September - Last Day Term 3  
- Whole School Mass - 9:00 am

#### TERM 4 WEEK 1

Monday, 6 October - Public holiday  
Tuesday, 7 October - Pupil Free Day  
Wednesday, 8 October - First day for students Term 4  
Friday, 10 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** What a fabulous week Kinder is having! A big thank you to all our mums who helped make our Kinder buddy lunch such a wonderful occasion. We really enjoyed the food and having the opportunity to say thank you to our amazing Year 6 buddies. We are all looking forward to our Infants Sports Carnival tomorrow afternoon, so remember everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun. Our concert item is looking good and it is wonderful that so many costumes have arrived. Please bring them in as soon as possible. In Maths this week we have been concentrating on numbers from 1 to 20 and making patterns with 2 or 3 objects. We are planning our information report about whales and writing some fabulous recounts. We would like to wish all our Dads, Pops and Granddads a very Happy Father's Day. Have a great weekend! *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*  
**YEAR 1** This week has been very busy for Year 1. We celebrated a fabulous Liturgy today and I must congratulate the students on their reverent participation. In Spelling we have been working on the 'zz' sound and in Grammar we have found a variety of verbs in Pamela Allen's "Daisy All-Sorts". During writing the students have planned and written a narrative about a monster coming to their house. In Maths we have focused on addition, number patterns, pentagons and octagons. We have prepared for our excursion to the police station next week by reading about police officers and answering a variety of questions about them. See you tomorrow at the Infants Sports Carnival. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 2** It was wonderful to see so many family and friends at Mass on Sunday to celebrate our Reconciliation. We received our certificates from Fr Martin and then shared a delicious cake with our Year 2 classmates. Our concert practices are well underway and we are looking forward to our dress rehearsal next Wednesday. We can't wait for our Infants Sports Carnival tomorrow. We'll be commencing our activities at 2:00 p.m. so we hope to see as many there as possible to cheer us on. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3** has had another busy week! In Maths we completed a diagnostic review of all the topics we have investigated this term. In text types we have completed an information report about birds. We learnt about their habitats, beaks, wings and other interesting facts. We have learnt about national parks and botanical gardens in Science. In PDH we examined the ways smoking can harm different parts of our body. It's great to see Year 3 so excited about our concert item. We are starting to bring in some of our costumes and they look great! If you are having trouble sourcing anything for your child please let me know. Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4** There are not many days until the rehearsal for the concert next Wednesday - please send in your child's costumes if it is ready. Practices are going well and everyone has been very enthusiastic when performing. In the classroom we've explored expanding notation and four digit trading in Maths and revisited words with the sound combination of 'ch' and 'tch'. In HSIE we've looked at Australia's landmarks and famous icons and we read through the words of the National Anthem and discussed it at length in conjunction with our literature unit which focuses on refugees, as told by Anh Do. Have a fabulous weekend everyone! *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to Year 2 on celebrating their Reconciliation Mass on Sunday. This week in Year 5 we have been working hard to learn and polish off our concert performance for the dress rehearsal next Wednesday. Just a reminder that once you have your costume organised you can send it into school so its ready for Wednesday. If you need help sourcing any item please let me know by tomorrow. In English we have been focusing on information reports and have prepared a digital text that will hopefully be published early next week. Maths has seen us looking closely at the percentages of whole numbers as well as investigating GST in our world. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** enjoyed a magnificent lunch on Tuesday with our buddies. We thank Kindergarten for inviting us and the Kinder mums who came along to prepare this lovely meal. It has been fantastic listening to the discussion speeches this week. Year 6 is to be congratulated on their efforts. In Maths we have been practising long division, creating tree diagrams to calculate probability and understanding coordinates on a map. Preparation for the concert is progressing well with everyone learning their parts enthusiastically. Please let us know if you need any help with costumes. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

#### Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 5 September - Lara Zell & Amy Spora  
Monday, 8 September - Anna Peart & Kristy Gale  
Wednesday, 10 September - Michelle Woollams & Jessica Whitehouse  
Friday, 12 September - Mel Philips & Leanne Glover

### ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 7 September - Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newstead