



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 3 Week 9

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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 FATHER'S DAY STALL

Another successful Father's Day Stall was held at school last Friday. There was a great variety of gifts and a huge vote of thanks to Danielle Diggs who coordinated the stall and to all her helpers who helped wrap the presents and man the stall on Friday. A big thank you to all the families who donated gifts. The lucky winners of the raffles were:

First – Darron Mulligan, Second – Indi Murphy, Third – Isabelle Mudford.

Thank you to **Rohr's Home Timber & Hardware** for their kind donation of the raffle items.

#### 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.**

#### ICAS WRITING COMPETITION SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Emilie Hassall, Sophie Hassall and Kate Woollams** who all achieved a Distinction in the recent ICAS Writing Competition. Congratulations also to **Laura Smith** who received a Credit. These are wonderful achievements – well done Emilie, Sophie, Kate and Laura.

#### GRACE WINS GOLD AT NSW CPS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to **Grace Alchin** who won the gold medal in the Senior Girls High Jump at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships held in Newcastle on Friday. Grace will now compete at the NSW PSSA Championships to be held at Homebush next month. Well done Grace. Also congratulations to **Ashleigh Carlow** who finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 11 years Girls Long Jump and **Isaiah Gleadhill** who finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Boys Shot Put. A great effort by Grace, Ashleigh and Isaiah.

#### MOORAMBILLA

Best of luck to **Heidi Purvis, Mackaylah Ross and Jack Oehm**, who attend the second Moorambilla camp next week. During this time Heidi, Mackaylah and Jack will perform with other talented singers from across the north west region of NSW. A marvellous experience for our talented performers.

#### PRESCHOOL VISIT

We look forward to another visit from the preschool tomorrow, Friday, 11 September at 10:45 a.m. We hope all the preschoolers enjoy their visit.

#### 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.

#### ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 30 October 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Preparations are well under way for this year's fete to be held on Friday, 30 October. We are very open to new ideas so if there is something you would like to organise at the fete please let us know. A quick overview so you can start planning:

- Infants - Cake/Produce Stall.
- Year 3 and 4 - Tombuli (small items in snap lock bags).
- Year 5 or 6 - 'Everyone's a Winner'. Start looking out for prizes from small to big.

There will also be a Craft Stall at this year's fete so you might like to start thinking of ideas to contribute to the craft stall. In future Abouts we will be asking for coordinators for various stalls, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please let us know.

#### PRIMARY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS

Many thanks to Rob Murray who fixed one of platforms on the primary playground equipment on the weekend.

#### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BARADINE HORSE SPORTS

St John's School Baradine will host their Horse Sports on Friday, 23 October. This event is open to all students from K – 12 and will be held at the Baradine Showground. For further information including nomination forms, please contact Mrs Hodge. Nominations close on Monday, 12 October.

#### GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registration for Gilgandra Swimming Club is now open. Register online at: <http://www.active.com/swimming-team/gilgandra-nsw/summer--16-2015> or in person at the pool before the first pointscore session on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30 p.m. for registration, 6:00 p.m. start. Information packs available at the office. Cost is \$80 per swimmer. Contact Melissa Welsh on 0448327684 for further information or visit our Facebook page.

#### FAR WEST ACADEMY LONE STAR TALENTED ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Far West Academy Lone Star Program is looking for talented athletes in various local government areas, including Gilgandra. If you compete at a regional, state or national level in your sport you may be eligible to apply. The program is open to athletes aged between 13 and 18 years of age in 2016 (ie born between 1998 and 2003). For further information contact Mrs Hodge. Applications close 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### MERIT AWARDS

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

**KINDER:** **Emma Mills** for fantastic drawing in her sound book, **Brody Heffer** for his efforts in 'sounding out' words in Story Writing, **Bonica Henry** and **Hudson Duffy** for being enthusiastic during concert practices, **Lucas Fong** for great expression during reading and **Alicia Fordham** for her captivating stories.

**YEAR 1:** **Carter Chapman, Kimbalee Gilmour** and **Emilia Peart** for great enthusiasm during concert practices, **Henry Purvis** for super 'sounding out' in reading, **Sam Dunn** for thinking mathematically to solve tricky problems and **Eva Bonnington** for brainstorming great adjectives to describe 'King Pig'.

**YEAR 2:** **Jett Chandler** for a great effort in Story Writing, **Lucy McIsaac** for working diligently in Comprehension, **Will Spora** for fantastic enthusiasm during concert practice and **Ben Standing** for an improved effort in Handwriting.

**YEAR 3:** **Kyzack Corcoran** and **Aiden Walker** for great participation in concert practices, **Rhys Bonnington** for showing confidence in recalling times tables, **Dennis Gale** for showing excellent creativity in his narrative writing, **Jacob Harland** for taking care in handwriting and **Emma Durrant** for tackling tricky Maths problems with confidence.

**YEAR 4:** **Jack Purvis** for creating a lovely artwork of a peacock, **Skye Bui** for expertly completing contracted multiplication algorithms, **Patrick Spora** for top work identifying the author's purpose in texts and **Will Fuller** and **Finn Marchant** for working well in pairs to complete writing tasks.

**YEAR 5:** **James Ferguson** for excellent use of voice during class reading, **Heidi Purvis** for working hard to improve knowledge of Maths facts and **Laura Smith** for enthusiastic involvement in our concert practices.

**YEAR 6:** **Lauchlan Bash, Lachlan Fairey, Emilie Hassall** and **Will Sandford** for great enthusiasm during concert practices.

### WHAT'S ON

#### WEEK 9 *Fr Martin away*

Friday, 11 September - Principals' Retreat  
- Preschool Visit 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

#### WEEK 10

Tuesday, 15 September - Concert – 5:45 for 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, 16 –  
Saturday, 19 September - Moorambilla – Heidi Purvis, Mackaylah Ross, Jack Oehm  
Thursday, 17 September - Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.  
Friday, 18 September - Last day Term 3

#### TERM 4

#### WEEK 1

Tuesday, 6 October - First 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

#### WEEK 2

Monday, 12 October - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, 14 October - PSSA Athletics – Grace Alchin  
Friday, 16 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

### AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** In Kindergarten this week we have been reading "No One Likes Me". We wrote what the story could be about and discussed the beginning, the middle and the end of the story. In our story writing we have been trying to focus on where a new sentence should start and making sure our full stops and capitals are in the right place. We continue to review our sight words each day and put them into sentences. Next week we will revise all the single sounds that we have learnt so far. During Mathematics we compared volume by experimenting with water in containers of different size and shape. We also did some work on subtraction by counting backwards. The students were exposed to pictures that demonstrated subtraction stories and we were shown how we could work out the answer. In Science and Technology we discussed the difference between man made and natural environments. We wrote down lots of examples of each. In Religion we have been revising who is in the Holy Family and what a promise is. The students gave some

great examples and we said a special prayer for our families. Kindergarten has been practising really hard for their concert next week and we hope to see you there. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

**YEAR 1** On Monday Year One had a great practice at the high school hall for the concert next week. Everyone looked terrific dressed in their costumes and we can't wait for next Tuesday night! In Religion we read the story of "Moses and the Burning Bush" and sequenced the event. We wrote great recounts about Father's Day and it sounds like lots of dads and pops were spoilt! During writing sessions we read "When Henry Caught Imaginitis" and then looked at the structure of a narrative. We wrote some super stories. In PDHPE we identified the muscles we use to play tug-o-war and talked about keeping fit and active. Have a wonderful weekend! *Miss Harvey & Mrs*

#### *Newstead*

**YEAR 2** This week we went on a 'Dino Dig' in our school playground. Using palaeontologist tools (spoon and brush) we were amazed to find dinosaur skeletons scattered in the infants sandpit! We also found some strange eggs that we have kept in our classroom to see if they will hatch! To complete our unit on dinosaurs we will be watching the movie "Walking With Dinosaurs" next week. In Grammar we began work on compound words and continued work on homophones in Spelling. In Maths we reviewed our five times tables with a contest to see who could recite them in less than 30 seconds! We enjoyed our concert practice on Monday and hope many of our family and friends will come to see us perform on Tuesday night. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3** has been busy adding the final touches to our concert item. We can't wait until our performance on Tuesday night! In Comprehension we read an Aboriginal fable titled 'The Flies and the Bees'. Our Maths activities have focused on giving directions and chance. In Writing we had lots of fun writing an alliteration poem. Our Science activity led us to learn about how plants grow – we discussed what a plant needs to grow and survive. Year 3 has enjoyed examining examples of animal projects. It sounds like many of us have made a great start already. Keep up the great work Year 3! *Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4** showed on Monday that they are prepared for a great performance at the school concert next week. In the classroom we have been working on the 'ph', 'ff', 'f', and 'ft' sounds in Spelling while in Grammar we are revising conjunctions. In Writing we have continued our work on biographies and are researching Edmund Barton and Alfred Deakin this week in order to gather information to write a biography on these important people in Australia's history. During Maths we have been completing a variety of assessments along with revising our skills in contracted multiplication, division and using a scale when reading a map. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 5** Well done to everyone on a fantastic concert practice on Monday – the Year 5 act looked great! In class this week we have been finishing off our Sydney interviews as well as investigating the role of abbreviations in writing. In Religion we have completed our portfolio task where we looked back on the life of Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Maths has seen us become masters of the memory function on calculators as we identify the functions of the different memory buttons. If you still have a portfolio at home can you please bring it in as soon as possible. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** It has been another wonderful week in Year 6 as we prepare for our concert next Tuesday. The acting and dancing are being polished and Year 6 is as enthusiastic as ever with their groovy moves. We can't wait to perform for all our family and friends! It is great to see everyone getting organised to present their discussion speeches. Don't forget, these need to be three minutes long, on palm cards and ready to present next Monday! In Science we have revised what we learnt with Mr Hassall. We wrote an explanation of how an electric circuit works remembering to include technical language such as electrons, voltage, current, energy, pathway and switch. We have really enjoyed learning all about electricity and electronics with Mr Hassall this term and we thank him very much for sharing his time and expertise with us. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 11 September – Alicia Heffer  
Monday, 14 September – Suzie Campion & Alicia Heffer  
Wednesday, 16 September – Trish Henry & Rosemary Larsen  
Friday, 18 September – Jessica Whitehouse & Sarah Hickey

#### ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday 13 September – Amber Tarrant, Kate Gilmour, Jacob Wilson, Charlie Banks