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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 - James Ferguson, Second - Nick Kirsop, Third - Amber Tarrant. Thank you to **Rohr's Timber & Hardware, Travelling Hair by Shalyn** and **Claudina Ryan** for their kind donations towards the raffles.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

"A Broadway Musicals Revue"

Gilgandra High School Hall

Wednesday, 17 September - 5:45 for 6:00 p.m.

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged next Wednesday, 17 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. A cup of tea or coffee will be available.**

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

High Distinction to Jennifer Ibe

We had some excellent results in the ICAS English Competition that was held earlier this term. Special mention goes to **Jennifer Ibe** who received a *High Distinction*. A fabulous result. Congratulations also to the following students who received their Certificates at Assembly today: **Distinction: Bradley Kilday, Lachlan Fairey, Grace Alchin, Emilie Hassall, Georgia Horan**

Credit: Skye Bui, Marshall Fairey, James Ferguson, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Michael Raglus, Rebecca Gaff, Mitchell Gaff

Merit: Kelsey Hutchison, Patrick Spora, Amelia Murray, Aiden Ryan, Liberty Barden, Matthew Ferguson, Brock Johnston

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

The Year 1 students had a fabulous visit to the Gilgandra Police Station on Tuesday. We thank Senior Constable Greg King who showed the children around the station and even organised a ride back to school in the police wagon. This excursion is part of the Year 1 HSIE unit, 'Workers In Our Community'.

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 went home with last week'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.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 31 October 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Preparations are well under way for this year's fete to be held on Friday, 31 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.

We need parents to co-ordinate the following so let us know if one of these jobs is for you:

- 'Everyone's a Winner' Stall
- Show Bags/Lucky Dips Stall
- Raffle
- Free fun activities
- Trike rides
- Zorb ball
- Vertical bungee/Sumo suits/giant boxing

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.

MOORAMBILLA

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

UNIFORMS

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

GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

COMPETITION: "THREE WORDS"

Looking for something to do these school holidays? Why not enter the Library's "Three Words Mini Book Review" competition? All you need to do is to pick up a form at the Shire Library, read a book, write on the form what the book was about and then write three words to describe it. Bring your mini book review to the Library and you will go in the draw to win one of three \$30 iTunes cards. You can enter as many times as you like, read as many books as you like. We will display the reviews around the Library, so other people see what books might suit them. This competition is open to everyone under the age of 19 years. For children under the age of eight years, only the three word description of the book is required. Children who are too young to be able to write can give their parents three words to write for them. The competition closes on Friday 31st October. For more information, phone the Library on 68178877, or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

YEAR 1 had a fantastic time at the police station on Tuesday. We give

GILGANDRA SWIMMING CLUB

Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club registration will be held on Tuesday, 7 October at the pool. Registration forms will be available at the school prior. For more details see our Facebook page or contact Melanie Ferguson on 0428470303.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Ella Mudford** for her enthusiastic participation in concert practice, **Miah Scott** for her great expression in reading, **Tahleigh Davey** for great understanding in reading, **Tia Allan** for always 'Giving Of Her Best', **Declan Gale** for great 'sounding out' in Story Writing and **Kimblee Gilmour** for trying hard in Mathematics.

YEAR 1: **Chelsea Brand** for her expressive dancing during concert practices, **Hayden Ferguson** for his super effort towards concert practices, **Ryan Ferguson** for fantastic work describing number patterns, **Paige Gilmour** for her enthusiastic participation at the Year 1 Liturgy and **Elten Walker** for top work identifying octagons and pentagons.

YEAR 2: **Oscar Spora** for a well presented news item, **Jack Oehm** for showing great enthusiasm during concert practices, **Hayley Statham** for trying hard in all areas and **Kyzack Corcoran** and **Dennis Gale** for great work in Maths Operations.

YEAR 3: **Jennifer Ibe** and **Skye Bui** for showing enthusiasm during our concert practices, **William Gaff** for working carefully in Maths, **Olivia McClelland** and **Ella Wykes** for writing fantastic Information Reports about birds and **Bob McEwen** for asking intelligent questions.

YEAR 4: **Amber Tarrant**, **Madison Hourigan**, **Olivia Ferguson**, **Billie Buckland** for great enthusiasm during concert practices, **Tyler Evans** and **Tom Eason** for creating a super 'Lion King' painting and **Amelia Murray** for beautiful neat bookwork.

YEAR 5: **Milla Banks** for a mature approach to class work, **Marshall Ryan** for always contributing to class discussions and **Olivia Newstead** for fantastic involvement in our concert practices.

YEAR 6: **Spencer McIntosh**, **Grace Lummis**, **Brock Johnston** and **Tobey Creenaune** for sensational clay creations.

WHAT'S ON

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
	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 p.m.
Friday, 10 October	-	Year 3 Zoo Excursion

WEEK 2

Sunday, 19 October	-	Confirmation
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AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week the Kinder children were very excited to perform their concert item in front of the whole school. A big thank you to Mrs Foran who made some amazing head pieces for us and also all the parents who helped organise their child's costume. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. We are really enjoying working in our literacy and numeracy groups. We are working on our stories making sure they flow and make sense. We are remembering to add four important parts when writing so the reader knows when and where the story takes place, who is in the story and what happens. In Maths we enjoyed modelling 3D shapes with play dough and comparing objects to see which one was lighter or heavier. In HSIE we talked about the special places we like to go to and what we do when we get there. Our portfolios are looking good and we can't wait to share all our hard work with our family and friends. Have a good weekend. *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

a big thank you to Senior Constable King who took time out of a very busy day to show us around. Year 1 really enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot. In the classroom this week we learnt about the 'i-e' as in 'kite' sound in Spelling while in Grammar we focused on common nouns by identifying and transforming the nouns in Pamela Allen's "Daisy All-Sorts". For Maths this week Year 1 has furthered their work on subtraction and have been working hard to count coins. Our Religion focus has been on using our manners. Have a top weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 2 We all enjoyed watching the concert acts yesterday. We now have a week to polish and perfect our item. Thank you to everyone for organising your costumes so promptly –they all looked great! What a fabulous afternoon we had at the Infants Sports Carnival last Friday. Congratulations to all the children on their enthusiastic participation. In Maths we've learnt about parallel lines, calculating with money and arrays of five. In Comprehension we are learning how to identify key words in the text and interpret information. We've continued writing expositions and this week discussed "Would a Dinosaur Make a Good pet?" *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 What a fantastic day we had yesterday practising our concert item. It looks like everyone has been working really hard! In the classroom we have completed a test in Grammar which covered all the topics we have learnt this term. In Maths we have been learning about octagons, cubic centimetres and multiplication strategies. Our Science lesson focused on learning about our national and state emblems. We identified different parts of each emblem and discussed their meaning. Year 3 was very excited about getting their animal projects this week. It's great to hear that many of us have started already! Keep up the hard work. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 The count down is on to the big night! Yesterday's rehearsal went well, the costumes and masks looked fabulous. A HUGE thank you to Elaine Foran for her creative talents to make the masks for our concert item. We really appreciated the hard work that has gone into them. Year 4 has continued to show great enthusiasm in dance practices and can't wait to showcase "The Lion King" – with a twist! During the week, in Maths, we explored tricky problem solving questions, division with remainders and the cubed centimetre in working out the volume of 3D objects. Have a fantastic weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 5 It's less than one week until Year 5 cut loose! Yesterday we were able to do our dress rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall and it looked great so now all we are going to do is some last minute polishing before you all get to see our great performance. In class we have spent some time looking at number lines using negative numbers as well as revising our adding of times. In Religion we have looked closely at a past Pope, Pope John Paul II, and his writings on social justice. If you still have your portfolio at home can you please send it in ASAP so we can start putting them together. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week in Maths we have focused on negative numbers, telling the time and using surveys to gather a sample of data. We have begun writing explanations of objects we are familiar with like sharpeners, scissors and hair straighteners. In Religion we have looked at the Nicene Creed, which is a statement of our beliefs. We compared the creed to our Baptismal promises that we will renew during Confirmation. In HSIE we learnt about the four layers of the rainforest and the types of plants and animals that exist in each layer. We thoroughly enjoyed our concert practice yesterday and can't wait for the big night next week! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 12 September	–	Mel Philips & Leanne Glover
Monday, 15 September	–	Katherine Gaff
Wednesday, 17 September	–	Rachel Kirsop & Kylie Carlow
Friday, 19 September	–	Melissa Ryan & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 14 September	–	Martin Fryers, James O'Neill, Lachlan Fairey, Montana McGrath
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