



# 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!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**

Two beautiful Masses were celebrated on Sunday in St Joseph's Church with our First Holy Communion class. Due to COVID-19, the Mass was by invitation only and to adhere to the restriction on numbers in the church we split the class and had two special Masses. Special thanks to Fr Greg who always makes First Holy Communion memorable. Congratulations to the parents, Mrs Colwell, Mrs Haling and Mrs Banks for preparing the children so well, to our staff members for being on hand on Sunday to clean the church between Masses and usher the families to their respective seats and to Miss Harvey for her beautiful singing. A special celebration was held at school on Monday for our Year 3 class and we thank all the other classes for the spectacular decorations. Congratulations to our 2020 First Holy Communion class: **Elsie Adams, Georgia Allan, Caine Bugmy, Max Fiddes, Jacob Fordham, Ashley Gilmour, Chloe Harris, Jagger Hazelton, Amity Henry, Ryder Larkin, James Lesslie, Cooper Lummis, David McIsaac, Jock Mills, Ben Mudford, Elsie Mudford, Mia Mudford, Brodie Nichols, Nikola Riley, Ruby Ryan, Joe Staggs, Tilly Tancred, Isla Volkofsky, Anna Walker, Clayton Wheatley, Baxter Whitehouse, Jeremiah Woodrow.**

#### **NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS** **"Always Was, Always Will Be"**

Next week we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. See the timetable below:  
Monday, 21 September - Flag Raising and Welcome to Country at front gate - 9:00 a.m.

##### **NAIDOC Activities:**

Monday, 21 September - Kinder - 12:00 p.m., Year 6 - 2:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 22 September - Year 2 - 12:00 p.m., Year 5 - 2:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, 23 September - Year 3 - 12:00 p.m., Year 1 - 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 24 September - Year 4 - 12:00 p.m.  
Friday, 25 September - Come dressed in something red, yellow or black

During the week Mr Pearce has organised lots of exciting activities to help us celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people culminating with an out of uniform day on Friday, 25 September (last day of term) when the children may attend school wearing something that has red, yellow or black on it. We thank Mr Pearce for organising this wonderful celebration.

#### **PRIMARY STUDENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

The recommended age for being on social media sites such as TicTok, Snapchat, YouTube, Instagram, etc. is 13 but obviously many of our children are accessing and using these sites at a much younger age. We strongly recommend that if your child is on these sites, you are on the same sites and able to monitor what your child is seeing, liking and sharing. Excellent parent resources can be found at [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au). Other useful tips include:

- Engage in your child's online activities. Ask what apps, sites and games they are using and make sure they are age appropriate.
- Use parental controls on devices to help limit what your child is exposed to.
- Help them report and block upsetting content they see on social media sites or apps.
- Let them know they can come to you about anything they see online.

#### **NEW COMPUTERS AT JOEY'S**

Yesterday we took delivery of a new set of iPads. This means that we are now in the very privileged position here at Joey's of having an electronic device for every student from Kinder right through to Year 6 and all students have access to a device without having to share with other classes. This has enabled us to use devices daily, opening up many more learning opportunities facilitated online and electronically.

#### **HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS COMMUNITY DAY**

The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus will be available to check children's hearing at the Gilgandra CWA Rooms during the school holidays on Thursday, 8 October from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. for children aged 6 months to 18 years. If you would like your child's hearing checked, please phone 6884 8751 to make an appointment.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands;
- not sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

Children should not attend school if they are unwell.

Just a reminder that no parents are to go to the bag stands, into the classrooms or on the playground. If your child arrives at school late please attend the office to advise us or if you are collecting your child early, please also attend the office and we will happily collect your child from his/her classroom or playground.

##### **NOTE:**

1. **If your child has flu like symptoms please get them COVID-19 tested.**
2. **Do not return to school unless you can provide a negative test result for COVID-19 and your symptoms have resolved.**
3. **Parents will receive testing results via SMS. Please screenshot the results and email them to [stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au) before your child returns to school.**

#### **GILGANDRA LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Gilgandra Little Athletics is taking registrations for the upcoming season and will be holding two trial afternoons, with the first taking place today from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at McGrane Oval and the second next Thursday, 24 September. Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions you must register online as a 'Trial Member' by visiting [www.lansw.com.au](http://www.lansw.com.au) or email [gilgandalittleathletics@gmail.com](mailto:gilgandalittleathletics@gmail.com) for more information. We look forward to a great season.

#### **GILGANDRA YOUTH SERVICES** **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM**

Gilgandra Youth Services is running some fantastic activities during the school holidays for children aged 10 years and over, including weaving on a loom, Warrumbungle walk, basket weaving, ceramic painting, tenpin bowling in Dubbo and Japanese Gardens. We shared the full program on the School Stream App yesterday. Please note that the Youth Centre is enforcing the building capacity of 20 people at any one time and as such bookings are essential. For further enquiries please contact the Youth Centre on 6817 8798 or email [gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gys@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

#### **3D PRINTING WORKSHOP**

Gilgandra Shire Library and Gilgandra Youth Services invites you to a special FREE workshop with Sydney artist, Andrew Christie, designing 3D models, printing and live 3D scanning on Sunday 27 September at Gilgandra Youth Club. The workshop times are 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. for children aged 10-12 years and 2:45pm - 4:45 p.m. for 13-21 year olds. Places are limited therefore bookings are essential. Booking forms have been sent home with children in Years 4, 5 and 6 today. If you would like your child to participate in the workshop, you must be return the

completed form to Gilgandra Shire Library. For more information, please contact the Library on 6817 8877 or email: [library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Mia Buckley** for a super effort in Story Writing, **Tiaki Diamond** for fantastic work in Maths, **Laycee Hazelton** for always having interesting and well prepared news and **Charlie Jones-Coplin** for making a big effort to complete his work neatly and carefully.

**YEAR 1:** **Sophie Lacey** and **Clancy Larkin** for showing great knowledge of adding coins to make a total, **Jakirah McKenzie** for great accuracy completing number patterns and **Roxy Zell** for reading with great expression.

**YEAR 2:** **Akhiro Baker** for great listening and working hard in Comprehension Groups, **Oli Chandler** for a huge improvement in reading fluency, **Mitchell Cosier** for completing challenging work with a positive attitude, **Claudia Harrison** for confidently reading a wide range of texts with accuracy, **Kellie Hutchison** for adding extra detail to illustrations in Geography and **Milla Morris** for thoughtful contributions when writing a class exposition.

**YEAR 3:** **Ryder Larkin** for an enthusiastic approach to Maths tasks, **Chloe Harris** for reading beautifully at our First Holy Communion Mass, **Jock Mills** for fantastic work in Problem A Day and Operations and **David McIsaac** and **Isla Volkofsky** for reading beautifully at our First Holy Communion Mass at short notice.

**YEAR 4:** **Sophie Gilmour** for persistence with keeping on task, **Jemima Harrison** for her increased contributions to class discussions, **Makynli Hazelton** for her impressive persuasive writing task and **Sailor Ryan** for a continued effort to improve his handwriting.

**YEAR 5:** **Mitchell Fuller** for outstanding results in our Spelling and Vocabulary tests, **Emma Mills** for a conscientious attitude in Mathematics, **Stuart Wheatley** for more responsible application to completing homework and **Bonnie Henry** for great work changing direct speech to indirect speech.

**YEAR 6:** **Abigail Davis** for reading each morning with beautiful expression and fluency, **Lochie Henry** for working diligently in Maths, **Grace Jones-Coplin** for trying to be more organised each day and **Ethan Morris** and **Brooke Woollams** for their thoughtful contributions during Comprehension Groups.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 10 NAIDOC Week**

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| Friday, 25 September    | - Last day Term 3  |
|                         | - Out of Uniform Day – dress in red, yellow or black                   |
|                         | - Portfolios home  |

### **TERM 4 - WEEK 1**

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| Monday, 12 October | - First Day Term 4 |
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## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week in Kindergarten we have been working on our portfolios and we can't wait to show our family and friends a sample of our hard work. In Religion we have been talking about important people from the Old Testament and our focus this week has been Moses. We wrote a great ending to our book "Meg's Eggs" and were very excited to find out there were dinosaurs in the eggs! In Maths we explored 'groups of' and telling the time using analog and digital clocks. We are also trying to recall and understand the mathematical terms - capacity, length, area and mass. We are working on our spring display and discussing what spring means to us. Finally, it was wonderful to join with our Year 3 First Communion class on Monday morning in our beautifully decorated square to congratulate them and share in their celebration! Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Another busy week in Year 1! During Religion we read the bible story "Jesus Has Breakfast at the Beach with His Friends" and we discussed the qualities of a good friend. This week's exposition is our Text Type focus. We discussed reasons for and against 'Fish Are the Best Pets' and we read the book "Hey Little Ant" and brainstormed reasons why Little Ant should and should not be squashed. In Maths Groups we have been working on different strands within whole numbers. We've been skip counting by 2's, 5's and 3's in ten numbers and even hundreds! We've also practised the jump strategy and

rounding to the nearest ten. In Grammar we are revising nouns, verbs and adjectives and trying to use these to expand our sentences. I have sent a note home today regarding the concert. Have a great weekend!

*Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 2** This week, we have started our Reconciliation unit in Religion. Year 2 has continued grooving along to our dances for our class item and we are really looking forward to filming our finished product in Term 4 and show off our performance! In English we have been studying homophones to improve our use of these in our writing. We have been working hard on our comprehension and fluency during Reading Groups and in Maths we have been revising number patterns, 3D objects and fractions. We have created fantastic dinosaur artworks for our portfolios which will be coming home next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

*Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 3** What a beautiful celebration we had last Sunday for First Holy Communion. It was lovely to have our families celebrate with us in the church and thank you to those parents, grandparents and friends who came along to witness this important celebration with Year 3. The celebrations didn't stop on Sunday however as Year 3 arrived at school on Monday to the school square being decorated by the other classes. Year 3 was treated to a cake, drink and chocolate and had a wonderful day. We wrote lovely recounts of our special day on the Chromebooks so that we will always remember this occasion. In Maths we have focused on 3-digit addition with trading, division problems, parallelograms and chance as well as focusing on whole number during Essential Assessment. We have begun learning our finale dance for our small class item which we are preparing and there is lots of excitement. A note will go out next week regarding costumes, if anyone has trouble locating an item then please let us know. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling*

**YEAR 4** Congratulations to Year 3 on your Holy Communion on Sunday. The celebrations on Monday were filled with joy and it was lovely to be able to share them with you all. During Art this week Year 4 has drawn Koi fish and finished them with watercolour - they look fantastic. Maths lessons have included place value and rounding to thousands and tens of thousands. Our Sentence A Day and Grammar focus has been conjunctions and how they enhance our sentence structure. During Science we have been learning about magnetism and experimented with different objects to test their magnetic properties. Have a fantastic weekend everyone. *Mrs Jacquie Clark*

**YEAR 5** This week we have continued to practise direct and indirect speech with a focus on the correct way to punctuate direct speech. In Maths we investigated nets and added and subtracted decimal numbers. During Geography we packed our scarves and beanies as we begin to learn all about Antarctica and continued coding with Mrs McIsaac using microbits to program a simple game. During Religion we completed our portfolio task about the history of our school and church and took a little tour around the school to look at the commemoration plaques and put these dates on a timeline. We continue to work on our explanations in Text Types and will present these to the class next week. Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 6** Congratulations Year 3 on your First Holy Communion last Sunday! It was a beautiful celebration and we hope you all enjoyed your day! In Year 6 everyone has been working hard on their information reports. Next week each pair of students will present their report to the class. There are some impressive Google Slides and the children are organising what they are going to say to ensure it is an entertaining and informative presentation. During Maths we have been focusing on dividing decimals, rounding numbers and solving multistep problems as well as working on our Essential Assessment worksheets. We continue to enjoy our class novel "Hiding Edith" and in our individual novels we are focusing on unfamiliar words in order to broaden our vocabulary. Keep up the great work Year 6!

*Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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| Friday, 18 September    | - Laura Jordan & Catherine Neeves |
| Monday, 21 September    | - Janine Ferguson & Toni Fuller   |
| Wednesday, 23 September | - Shiree Ryan & Jill O'Connor     |
| Friday, 25 September    | - Rachel McMahon & Rebecca Medd   |

