

ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 9

20 September, 2018

Thought for the Week

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.



CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, 23 September – 9:30 a.m.

All is ready for our Confirmation Mass that will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 23 September at 9:30 a.m. Again, we invite everyone to attend on Sunday to support our Confirmation class and we also invite all children from St Joey's to sing in the choir. If your child is interested in singing in the choir, please see Mrs Banks upon your arrival at the church. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: **Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Thomas Dunn, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Molly Fairey, Breanna Foster, Dennis Gale, Layney Godber, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Mia Henderson, Daniel Kirsop, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylen Murray, Darcy Neeves, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Emily Ridge, Madison Riley, Oscar Spora, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Emma Westwood, Molly Wilson, Jerome Woodrow, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Emily Zell.**

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'Joey's Greatest Excursion'

Gilgandra High School Hall

TONIGHT - Thursday, 20 September

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged tonight, Thursday, 20 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. **There won't be supper at the end of the concert, so please don't worry about bringing a plate.**

POLDING ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our super athletes who competed in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships held in Newcastle last Friday. Both our relay teams, the Senior Boys, consisting of **Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Bailey Wykes and Jack Oehm** and our Junior Girls, consisting of **Lilla Oehm, Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred and Eva Bonnington** made the finals while Darcy also competed in the 11 years 200 m event and Lilla in the Junior Girls Long Jump. A fabulous achievement by all our athletes.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school next Thursday, 27 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.

DIOCESAN RELIGION TEST

Congratulations JACK OEHM – High Distinction!!

There were again some excellent results achieved in the annual Bathurst Diocesan Religion Test which is sat by all Year 6 students in the diocese. A special mention to **Jack Oehm** who received a *High Distinction*. This places Jack in the top 5% of Year 6 students in the Bathurst Diocese. Well done Jack! Other students who excelled include:

Distinction: **Emma Durrant, Molly Fairey, Isaac Grimshaw, Chloe Mudford, Oscar Spora, Kate Woollams, Emily Zell.**

Credit: **Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Jade Elsom, Layney Godber, Dylen Murray, Luke O'Neill, Madison Riley, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Emma Westwood, Molly Wilson, Jerome Woodrow, Bailey Wykes.**

NAPLAN RESULTS

The Year 3 and Year 5 students' NAPLAN results will be sent home with each child tomorrow. If any parents would like to discuss their child's results with their teacher please contact the school so we can arrange a meeting.

PURVIS FAMILY

It was very sad to hear that the house of Ken, Paula, Aliza and Henry Purvis was burnt down on Saturday. Henry is in Year 4 and Aliza attended St Joey's from Kinder to Year 6 and is currently attending Gilgandra High School. They are most fortunate that they have family to stay with for the foreseeable future. As they are all part of our St Joey's family please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

A day of prayer, reflection and discussion will be held on Monday, 15 October at 9:30 a.m. for 10:00 a.m. in the school hall. This day will be led by Sister Susan Connolly rsj and will focus on the theme from Micah as we reflect on Joseph, Patron of Universal Church and the upcoming Plenary Council. The cost of the day is \$20.00 which includes morning tea and lunch. All are welcome to attend. Please phone Sister Robyn on 6847 0608 for further information.

STARFEST 2018 - SIDING SPRING OBSERVATORY, COONABARABRAN

Many events will be held during the long weekend of 28-29 September, encouraging the general public to visit the the Siding Spring Observatory in Coonabarabran, speak with astronomers and get a look first hand at the great science that is being done at these facilities. For further information visit www.facebook.com/StarfestSidingSpring or www.starfest.org.au.

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

The Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club will be holding a registration, information and come and try point score session on Tuesday, 16 October from 6:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Pool. For further information please contact Melanie Ferguson on 0428 470 303 or email gilswimclub@gmail.com.

GILGANDRA ALIVE! COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION

Gilgandra Alive invites you to participate in their biannual art exhibition **Honour our Freedom** commemorating the Centenary of Armistice that ended the hostilities for the First World War. The exhibition will be held in the Gilgandra Art Gallery located in the Coo-ee Heritage and Visitor Information Centre from 31 October to 16 December. Entries are encouraged from Gilgandra Shire businesses, groups, schools, individuals, artists and community members alike. The cost is \$10 per entry for adults and \$5 per entry for children under 18. Artworks should be delivered to the Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage Centre on Monday, 29 October between 9:00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Entry forms are available to collect from the school office, MH Thomas & Gilgandra Real Estate or the Visitor Information Centre. For further information please phone Alison Thomas on 0428 472 582 or Kylie Moppett on 0447 481 036.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR CRICKET

The Gilgandra Junior Cricket Club will be holding cricket registration days on Thursday, 4 and Friday, 5 October from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at McGrane Oval. These dates coincide with the cricket coaching clinic. Registration and payment for the cricket coaching clinic is due tomorrow, Friday, 21 September. A further cricket registration day will be held on Thursday, 18 October from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. For further information, please visit the Gilgandra Junior Cricket Facebook page or phone Dean Ferguson on 0427 627 472.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Harry Thurlow for writing a fantastic story about a dinosaur, Lucy Zell for writing a super story about a dinosaur, Connor Jones-Copelin for independently writing a fantastic dinosaur story, Ella Murphy for trying hard in concert practice and Olamide Kuku for good work giving directions in Maths.

YEAR 1: Georgia Allan for super fluency when reading, Finn Chapman for great work in rounding off numbers, Max Fiddes for perseverance with challenging tasks and Amity Henry for fantastic participation in concert practice.

YEAR 2: Kenedi Hazelton for beautiful handwriting, Scarlett Chandler and Georgia Tancred for a positive attitude in all areas, Jacqueline Hutchison for excellent problem solving skills, Angus Johnson for a consistent effort in all areas, Lachlan Profke for improvement in mathematical operations and Lara Younghusband for being a good role model for her peers.

YEAR 3: Darron Mulligan, Emily Standing, Stella Valler and Bonnie Henry for writing sensational 'sizzling starts'.

YEAR 4: Shane Estens and Jessie Riley for the fantastic effort they have been putting into their concert practices, Taylor Hayes and Trinity Zell for thinking creatively to complete 'Show Don't Tell' activities in Writing and Grace Jones-Copelin for being a friendly and cheerful member of Year 4.

YEAR 5: Jett Tarrant and Ryan Ferguson for their enthusiasm towards our concert and Alana Elsom and Lucy Kilpatrick for persevering with difficult Maths topics.

YEAR 6: Chloe Mudford for accurate work with direct and indirect speech, Jack Oehm and Dylon Murray for excellent enthusiasm during concert practices and Luke O'Neill for asking questions in Maths to clarify his understanding.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 9

Thursday, 20 September - Concert – 5:45 p.m. for 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 21 September - Bishop Michael visit – Year 6
Sunday, 23 September - Confirmation – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 26 September
- Saturday, 29 September - Moorambilla – boys and girls
Thursday, 27 September - Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 28 September - Last day Term 3
- Portfolios home

TERM 4

WEEK 1

Monday, 15 October - First day Term 4
- Day of Prayer, Reflection & Discussion –
Sr Robyn – School Hall
Tuesday, 16 October - P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

WEEK 2

Thursday, 25 October - Kinder Liturgy

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Tonight is the night!! Kindergarten are so excited and ready to entertain you with our fantastic acting, singing and dancing. We hope you enjoy our performance. This week we have loved reading Mog at the Zoo and writing some great information reports about zebras. Talking marks and commas have been our grammar focus this week and we have tried really hard to use expression when reading exclamation statements. In Maths we have explored the volume of 3D shapes, completed our portfolio task and made a bar graph about zoo animals. In Religion we read and discussed the story of baby Moses and wrote a prayer to thank God for special people in our own lives. We are looking forward to celebrating Confirmation with our buddies this Sunday. Have a great weekend! *Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 1 The excitement is building for our concert performance tonight and we hope everyone has a fantastic night. In Text Types we have written an exposition on how summer is better than winter and in Grammar we are

investigating homographs. During Science we visited a virtual playground and learnt about our muscles in Personal Development & Health. We are reading 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson this week and began an artwork entitled "Who's Looking Through The Window?". May God bless our Year 6 Confirmation class. See you all at the concert tonight. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier*

YEAR 2 What a busy and important week with Year 6 receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and the whole school concert taking place tonight. We are all keen to show everyone our concert item. We will dazzle everyone with our dance moves! In Grammar we have investigated making and using compound words and the use of the apostrophe to show ownership. The class completed activities on where to use the apostrophe and edited sentences using the apostrophe. In Geography we looked at early photographs of Gilgandra to identify natural, managed and constructed features. This week we started to look at the features of the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Flags and the meaning and significance of the colours used. Maths has seen the continuation of number patterns, the use of money and ordering money in size and various subtraction strategies. Students have responded positively to doing an extra challenge 'Problem of The Day' question daily and sharing their strategies with the class. In Religion we looked at actions which reflect God's goodness. Our thoughts and prayers of support are with Year 6 on their Confirmation Day on Sunday. Have a wonderful and safe weekend. *Mr Langes*

YEAR 3 It's concert night!! Everyone is pumped and ready to perform for our families and friends tonight. We know you will enjoy watching the superstars of 'The Greatest Excursion'. This week in Geography we have been researching about our near neighbours, New Zealand. We identified its location, interesting landforms and bodies of water that surround it. We have continued with our narrative writing in Text Types and are learning how to improve the complication of our story by building tension and using our senses to describe the scene and character's feelings. We have completed an umbrella artwork and have also completed samples of work for inclusion in our portfolios. Some children need to bring their portfolios back to school so they can be updated, ready to go home next week. We look forward to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Year 6 leaders on Sunday. *Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell*

YEAR 4 In Writing students have been using their imagination to construct narratives which include the use of 'Seven Steps'. During Grammar and Sentence A Day we have been studying conjunctions and clauses to help students improve their sentence structure in their written work. Maths has seen us learning about inverse operations and how we can use them to double check our answers. We have started creating posters in Geography to inform people about endangered animals and how we can help them. We have also been busy rehearsing for our concert tonight and can't wait to see you all there! We hope you enjoy our performance. We are looking forward to celebrating Confirmation with Year 6 on Sunday. It would be great if you could all come along to support them. *Mr Keady & Miss Giffin*

YEAR 5 Yesterday we had a lovely visit to Coo-ee Lodge and entertained the residents with our concert item. Afterwards we chatted and they seemed to enjoy our performance. During Geography we have been completing our portfolio task on rainforests. We identified the layers, the importance and the impact humans have on this precious environment. In Maths we have practised multiplying by 2 digit numbers and looked at the place value of decimals. In Science we have closely examined our mouldy foods and we have been getting creative designing our own bacteria board game! Year 5 is very excited about the concert tonight! Our dance moves are looking slick and we can't wait to perform for our family and friends on the big stage! We are also keeping our Year 6 Confirmation class in our thoughts and prayers and we look forward to a wonderful celebration. Thank you to the Year 5 parents who are able to help with the morning tea on Sunday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 are very excited about Confirmation on Sunday - only 3 sleeps to go! We are honoured that Bishop Michael will be visiting our classroom tomorrow. In Grammar this week we have continued to learn about direct and indirect speech. Our Maths activities have focused on multiplication, dividing decimals and rounding numbers. In writing we have started to learn about explanations and their purpose. It sounds like all the Joey's students can't wait for our annual concert tonight. I'm sure we will have a great time singing and dancing the night away! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 September – Nat Mudford & Sheree Staggs
Monday, 24 September – Suzanne Profke & Danelle Jones
Wednesday, 26 September – Karen Harris & Alicia Heffer
Friday, 28 September – Simone Fordham & Tanya Hutchison

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 23 September – Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier, Will Spora, Nick Tancred, Charlie Banks