



ABOUT

St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

Live now. Make 'now' always the most precious time.

'Now' will never come again.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome everyone back to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we now look forward to an exciting and busy final term for 2017 at St Joey's.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

HIGH DISTINCTION TO EVA BONNINGTON!

Congratulations to **Eva Bonnington** who gained a High Distinction in the recent ICAS English Competition. This means Eva's results placed her in the top 1% of all participants in Australia. Well done Eva! Other fantastic results included: *Distinction*: **Hayden Ferguson, Bradley Kildey**.

Credit: **Ethan Morris, Lilla Oehm, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams, Sienna Zell, Lucy Melsaac, Nick Tancred, Dylan Tobin, Rhys Bonnington, Jack Oehm, Emily Zell, Marshall Fairey, Jennifer Ibe, Samantha Miller**.

Merit: **Tia Allan, Alex Gaff, Rhyan Hutchison, Michael Ibe, Billie Allan, Cameron Davis, William Spora, Emma Durrant, Kate Woollams, Heidi Ferguson**. Congratulations to all these students.

FR MARTIN'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Everyone is invited to a special Mass this **Sunday, 15 October** at 9:45 a.m. to help celebrate Fr Martin's 80th birthday! It would be wonderful to have as many people there as possible to help with the singing. We look forward to making Father's special birthday a memorable one!

ROSARY IN HUNTER PARK

This Saturday, 14 October in Hunter Park at 2:00 pm. All Welcome!

MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL

BAND

Marist College North Shore Concert Band is a 35 piece performance group consisting of woodwinds, brass and percussion. The musicians are high school aged boys from Year 7 to year 11. For the last 15 years they have travelled to a NSW country region and performed a live 40 minute performance show in primary schools. They feature a fun action packed show with well known kids TV and movie themes, pop songs and audience participation. The Marist College North Shore Band will perform at our school next Monday, 16 October at 2:00 p.m. We look forward to welcoming them to our school and hearing their performance.

STAFF CPR AND FIRST AID SKILLS UPDATE

All staff will participate in a CPR and First Aid Skills Update course next Monday, 16 October from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. This inservice will be conducted by Geoff and Barb Kiehne and is a vital part of our staff's professional development each year. We thank Geoff and Barb for giving their time to update our skills.

OCTOBER P & F MEETING

The October P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 17 October at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

The Wednesday preschool group will make another visit to St Joey's next week. We look forward to welcoming them and see these visits as a prelude to our Kinder Orientation Day which will be held on Tuesday, 7 November.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

'PUFF & BLOW' MUSIC DEMONSTRATION

Next Wednesday, 18 October at 11:30 a.m. staff members from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music will conduct a 'Puff & Blow' music demonstration at school. They will demonstrate a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2-5. Parents are also welcome to attend. Those students who may be interested in attending lessons next year are able to have a trial of the instruments that may interest them.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR AMAZING JUNIOR BOYS

RELAY TEAM

We wish our Junior Boys Relay Team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Bailey Wykes** and **Darcy Neeves** the best of luck as they represent our school and Polding at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships to be held at Homebush next week. To reach this level of competition, where students from all schools in NSW compete, the boys won the event at the Western Region Athletics Carnival (and set a new regional record), came first at the Diocesan Athletics and then won silver at the NSW CPS Athletics Championships in Newcastle. Go Joey's!

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

The excitement is certainly building in Years 5 and 6 since we have returned from holidays, as they prepare for their major excursion to Sydney. They will head off early on Tuesday, 24 October and return on Friday, 27 October. Following is a sneak peek of their activities: Scenic World Katoomba - Skyway, Railway and Cableway, Allianz Stadium and Sydney Cricket Ground Tour, after dinner movie in Collaroy Centre Theatre, walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge, Rocks Walking Tour, Captain Cook cruise, Opera House Tour, walk to Parliament House, Parliament House Role Play activity, Sydney Aquarium, dinner at Darling Harbour, Sydney Tower Eye, Madame Tussauds, Australian National Maritime Museum, Mary MacKillip Place Tour, leisure swim at Sydney International Aquatic Centre, Surf Safe program at Collaroy Beach and unlimited rides at Luna Park. Wow – no wonder the excitement levels are rising!

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL COONABARABRAN

HORSE SPORTS DAY

We have received information, including nomination forms, for the St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran Horse Sports Day to be held at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday, 9 and Friday, 10 November. Please see Mrs Hodge if you would like your child to enter. Entries close on Thursday, 26 October.

THANK YOU AMANDA

Thank you to Amanda Shalhoub-Purvis who washed all the footy jumpers that the boys wear at lunch time, during the holidays. As always, your efforts are much appreciated Amanda!

PORTFOLIOS

All children took home their portfolios at the end of last term with samples of their Term 3 work. Hopefully you have been able to look at and enjoy all the children's work. All portfolios need to be returned to school as soon as possible so the Term 4 work can be placed in them.

PRIMARY SPORT

Sport for primary students will revert back to Thursday this term. Therefore, all students should wear their sports uniforms on Thursdays and weather permitting, we will be swimming, so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of \$1.00 if you don't have a season ticket. However, **there will be no swimming next week as the pool is unavailable.**

SECOND HAND SCHOOL DESKS TO GIVE AWAY

As a result of our clean up on Monday we have a number of second hand school desks to give away. If anyone is interested, they are stacked outside the library. Come and take a look and take away a bargain!

GILGANDRA JUNIOR CRICKET

Gilgandra Junior Cricket registrations will be taken on Saturday 14 October from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at McGrane Oval. The cost is \$60.00 per child with a maximum of \$120.00 per family. For further information contact Dean Ferguson on 0427627472.

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

The new season opens with Pointscore next Tuesday, 17 October 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Training starts on Monday, 23 October 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Training days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons). Cost is \$85.00 per swimmer. Registration is now available online.

New members: <https://connect.swimming.org.au/sal-wrap-public/workflows/MEMBER.JOIN?subdomain=NSW> Renewing

Members: <https://mylane.swimming.org.au/login.php>

If you require any further information contact Club Registrar, Melissa Welsh on 0448 327 681 or bmwelsh1@bigpond.com

KIDS HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY

A fancy dress Halloween Disco Party will be held on Friday, 27 October from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Gil Sporties Club for children aged 3 – 12 years. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Contact the club on 68472105 to register your child and pay at the door on the night. Cost includes light meal and treats. Adult supervision required. Parents to remain on the premises for duration of event and sign out children at the conclusion.

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 4

WEEK 1

Sunday, 15 October - Parish Luncheon – Sporties

WEEK 2

Monday, 16 October - Marist College North Shore High School

Concert Band – 2:00 p.m.
- Staff CPR & First Aid Skills Update – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 17 October - Puff & Blow Music Demonstration – 11:30 a.m.

- P & F Meeting

- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 18 October

Wednesday, 18 and

Thursday, 19 October

- PSSA Athletics

WEEK 3 -

Year 3 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 24 – Friday, 27

October

- Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion

Friday, 27 October

- Year 3 Zoo Excursion

- Preschool Visit

WEEK 4 -

Year 5 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 31 October

- Kinder Buddy Lunch

Wednesday, 1 November

- All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 2 and Friday 3

November

- Principals Meeting

Friday, 3 November

- K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Strategies 2017-2020 Meeting

WEEK 5 -

Fr Martin away on Retreat

Tuesday, 7 November

- Kinder Orientation Day

Wednesday, 8 November

- Talent Quest

Thursday, 9 & Friday, 10

November

- Coonabarabran Horse Sports

Friday, 10 November

- Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 14 November

- Diocesan Summer Sports Trials

- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 15 November

- Year 4 Class Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 16 November

- Priests/Principals Meeting

Friday, 17 November

- Knowledge Explosion – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, 18 November

- Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 7

Monday, 20 November

- Year 5 Policy Speeches

Tuesday, 21 November

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Wednesday, 22 November

- Year 5 Policy Speeches

Thursday, 23 November

- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 24 November

- Knowledge Explosion 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- 'One Stop Rock Shop' Performance – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, 26 November-

Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 8 -

Year 4 Reconciliation

Monday, 27 November

- Voting for Student Council

Tuesday, 28 November

- Summer Sports Trials Back-Up date

Wednesday, 29 November

- Ear Bus

Thursday, 30 November & Friday

1 December

- Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam

Excursion

Thursday, 30 November

- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 3 December

- 1st Sunday of Advent

WEEK 9 -

Year 6 Reconciliation

Thursday, 7 December

- Leaving Families BBQ

- Social

Friday, 8 December

- Reports and Portfolios home

Sunday, 10 December

- 2nd Sunday of Advent

WEEK 10

Monday, 11 December

- Year 6 Picnic

Wednesday, 13 December-

End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00

Thursday, 14 December -

Pool Parties

Friday, 15 December -

Last Day Term 4

Sunday, 17 December -

3rd Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Term 4 is going to be a busy term for Kinder. A note went home with your child today regarding our Buddy Lunch in Week 4. We are looking for parent volunteers to help prepare the meal. Please return the slip if you are able to help out. It would be very much appreciated. In English this term we will be reading a variety of Pamela Allen books. We read "Clippity-Clop" this week and completed a variety of activities about the book. The children also enjoyed sharing their holiday adventures with the class by writing a recount. During Mathematics the children counted and modelled numbers to thirty and subtracted small numbers by taking away. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 Welcome back to everyone for another fun filled term in Year 1. We began our Julia Donaldson Literature unit by reading "The Gruffalo". What a great story filled with lots of unexpected surprises! We can't wait to read more of Julia's fantastic books. Our Grammar focus this week is homophones. These are words that sound the same but are spelled differently, eg, meat and meet, for and four. We tried really hard not to get tricked when we matched the word to its meaning. We wrote some excellent recounts about our holiday and began our new Science unit called 'Water Works'. In Religion we are learning all about the Rosary as October is the month of the Holy Rosary. I hope to see you all at Mass on Sunday to help celebrate Fr Martin's 80th birthday. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone, it sounds like you all had a great holiday. We also welcome Stella to our class and hope she enjoys her time at St Joey's. It's been a busy week of revising sounds in phonic work and spelling. In Maths we explored chance, data and multiplication. 'The Circus' is our new Literature unit for Term 4 and we are very excited to be reading and completing activities about some amazing and cheeky circus animals and acrobats. We wish Fr Martin a happy 80th birthday on Friday and hopefully there will be a great roll up of people at Mass on Sunday. Have a fantastic weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fantastic and relaxing holiday. This week we finished reading "Matilda" by Roald Dahl and will start our new Literacy unit on 'The Wizard Of Oz'. During Spelling we learnt the rule of adding suffixes to base words and we started to write a recount of our holidays. In Geography we discussed the many languages that are not around today and learnt some of the names of the first languages used in Australia. During Religion we read the story of how Jesus heals the man with leprosy. We then discussed how Jesus loves us no matter what we do or look like. Just a reminder to bring in your portfolios and to keep going with your projects. We look forward to working hard again in Term 4. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Welcome back! It's hard to believe we are already in Term 4 and only have 10 weeks to go in Year 4. This term is sure to be a big one as we begin getting ready for our Wellington Caves/Burrendong Excursion towards the end of the term which is really exciting. This week in class we have been looking at proper nouns and identifying them within our new novel "The Magician's Elephant". During Maths we have been revising contracted multiplication as well as finding out tricks and cool ways to remember decimal place value. We have also started our new Religion unit where we are looking at 'Prayer: Being with God'. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 What a wonderful first week we have had in Year 5! The countdown is on for our Sydney excursion. We are busy working on our interviews, booklet covers and learning our fast facts. During Maths we have learnt how to calculate GST, divide using zeros and calculate area using hectares as a unit of measure. We have started our new class novel "Tom Appleby, Convict Boy" by Jackie French. This story is about an eight year old chimney sweep who was convicted of stealing and sent to Australia on the First Fleet. This novel compliments the work we are doing in History as well as our preparation for our visit to The Rocks in Sydney. We are all looking forward to the rest of this busy and action packed term! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 Welcome back! I've heard many stories about lots of holiday fun and it sounds like everyone is excited to start the term. In Maths this week we have learnt about sample data, decimal remainders and integers. We have focused on learning about the colon in Grammar. Year 6 examined different uses of the colon in text. Our Sydney interviews sound great, with continued practice they will be polished! We have learnt about the Blue Mountains in preparation for our Sydney excursion. Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13 October – Penny Zell & Janine Ferguson

Monday, 16 October – Justin Fuller & Toni Fuller

Wednesday, 18 October – Katherine Gaff

Friday, 20 October – Rees Gilmour & Sussane Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 15 October – Pat Spora, Oscar Spora, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

