



ABOUT

St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 1

15 October 2020

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 our final term in what has been a most extraordinary year. Hopefully everyone is feeling relaxed and energized for what is sure to be an exciting and busy last term at Joeys for 2020.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- Anyone who is unwell, child or adult, should not come to school.
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted at school events or on school grounds.
- If your child arrives late, please drop off at the office.
- If you are picking up your child before 3:00 p.m., do so via the office.
- Wash hands regularly.
- No sharing drinks or food.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.
- Fill water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.
- Kinder transition activities are now permitted.
- Interschool activities may recommence.
- Excursions within NSW may recommence, without parents.
- External providers to support the delivery of curriculum are allowed.

Thanks for your understanding! I'm sure we will work through this trying time together, as we have all year, supporting and caring for one another. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything clarified.

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 your child'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. Everyone should have received a note regarding the procedure for swimming this term.

FAR WEST CRICKET COACHING

We thank the staff from Far West Cricket who will conduct coaching clinics for our students in Years 3-6 tomorrow. I'm sure they'll have lots of excellent activities for our students.

WESTERN REGION GIRLS TACKLE RUGBY LEAGUE GALA DAY

Some of our Year 6 girls will be participating in the Western Region Girls Tackle Rugby League Day to be held in Dubbo next Tuesday. Last term the girls asked if they could play tackle footy for sport and they had a marvellous time. Now they get the chance to play in a fun gala day against girls from other schools. It should be a great day. GO JOEY'S!

KINDER BUDDY PICNIC

Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies are really excited because they are going to have a picnic in the park next Thursday. The time in the park is a special way for the Kinder students to thank their Year 6 buddies for their help and friendship during the year. Kinder and Year 6 students should bring their own lunch as usual but I'm sure there will also be a little surprise to enjoy!

P&F MEETING

Due to COVID restrictions, we are still unable to hold face to face P&F Meetings, meaning that next Tuesday's meeting has been cancelled. If anyone has any items they would like raised with the P&F Association, please email

details to Toni Fuller – t.fuller@bth.catholic.edu.au and your email will be forwarded onto the P&F's executive committee.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

We've been waiting a long time but Hut Day is almost here! The huts have been coming in thick and fast and once again they look amazing. The Year 4 early settlers will present their huts next Friday, 23 October. Unfortunately due to COVID parents can't come but we will send you a link of your child presenting his or her speech at a later date.

SCHOOL FETE

Due to COVID restrictions, the school fete is unable to take place with parent helpers. We are still endeavouring to hold a fun day for the students on Friday, 6 November with the assistance of our fete coordinator, Karen Harris. Further details will be provided in due course, however this will most likely be a non-profit event.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder regarding school uniform. Our policy states that the following accessories may be worn to school: Earrings – 1 pair of sleepers or studs, worn one per earlobe.

Bracelet – 1 bracelet / bangle only (gold or silver).

Neck chain – 1 single chain (gold or silver).

Ring – 1 signet ring or plain band (gold or silver).

Also shoes need to be ALL black and hair styles should be appropriate to the school environment.

NO HAT, NO PLAY

With the hot weather school hats are an essential part of the summer school uniform. It is imperative that each child has a school hat and please don't forget to write your child's name on the hat.

HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE

There was lots happening over the school holidays with tree lopping to ensure the trees are safe and also replacing the air conditioners in the Year 2 and Year 5 classrooms and also the hall.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have now received school photos for those families that placed an order and will send these home with the children tomorrow.

2019 ANNUAL SCHOOL EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Our 2019 Annual School Education and Financial Report has been posted on the school website. This report is a requirement of the Australian Government. If any parents wish to view the report please visit www.stjosephsgilgandra.nsw.edu.au.

NAME PAVERS

As mentioned last term, we will be updating our Wrigley Street entrance path with more engraved pavers for those families who wish to purchase one. The cost is \$40.00 per paver. Order forms were sent home last term and are due back to school, together with payment, by next Friday, 23 October.

YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT – 2022

Applications are open for Year 7 selective high school placements in the year 2022 and must be made online between 13 October and 16 November 2020 by visiting <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. Late applications will not be accepted. All applicants are required to sit a Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday, 11 March 2021.

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 4 SO FAR!

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| WEEK 1 | |
| Friday, 16 October | - Far West Cricket Coaching (Years 3-6) |
| WEEK 2 | |
| Tuesday, 20 October | - Western Region Girls Tackle Rugby League Gala Day, Dubbo |
| Thursday, 22 October | - Kinder Buddy Lunch (Picnic) |
| Friday, 23 October | - Year 4 Hut Day |
| WEEK 3 | |
| Thursday, 29 October | - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - St Joseph's Day celebrations at the Pool – Sport |
| Friday, 30 October | - Year 3 Zoo Excursion |
| Sunday, 1 November | - Confirmation |
| | - All Saints Day |
| WEEK 4 | |
| Tuesday, 3 November | - Kinder Orientation Day |
| Thursday, 5 November | - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - Principals Meeting |
| Friday, 6 November | - Fete |
| WEEK 5 | |
| Monday, 9 November | - Year 5 Leadership Speeches |
| Tuesday, 10 November | - Year 5 Leadership Speeches |
| | - Kinder Transition |
| Wednesday, 11 November | - Year 5 Leadership Speeches |
| | - Remembrance Day Mass – Year 3 – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 12 November | - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials |
| Saturday, 14 November | - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m. |
| WEEK 6 | |
| Monday, 16 November to | |
| Wednesday, 18 November | - Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion |
| Thursday, 19 November | - Year 2 Class Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, 20 November | - Kinder Transition |
| WEEK 7 | |
| Tuesday, 24 November | - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials back-up date |
| Wednesday, 25 November | - Kinder Transition |
| Thursday, 26 November | - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion |
| | - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, 27 November | - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion |
| WEEK 8 | |
| Monday, 30 November | - Infants swimming lessons commence |
| Thursday, 3 December | - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - Leaving Families BBQ |
| WEEK 9 | |
| Thursday, 10 December | - Social |
| Friday, 11 December | - Last day Infants Swimming |
| | - Year 6 Picnic |
| | - Reports home |
| WEEK 10 | |
| Monday, 14 December | - End of Year Mass and Presentations |
| Tuesday, 15 December | - Pool Parties |
| Wednesday, 16 December | - Last Day 2020 |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back to our last term of Kindergarten! It was great to see everyone smiling and happy to be back after the holidays. This term our Religion unit is 'God's Creation'. We have learnt so far that God made the world for us and it took Him 6 days and He rested on the 7th! Our Literature unit will be based around Pamela Allen and her entertaining picture book characters 'Mr McGee', 'Belinda the Cow' and many more! We are working hard in Maths investigating equal rows, matching daily activities to analogue o'clock times and modeling addition number sentences to make 10. Next Thursday Kinder will join with Year 6 at the park after swimming for a buddy lunch picnic! We will take our lunch to the pool and then head over to the park for lunch and a play on the equipment. We have been practising our class item and our groovy dance moves. If your costume is organised you can bring it in a bag with your name clearly marked on it ready to wear. We hope to film our item in Week 3! Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 Welcome back to Term 4! Year 1 has been practising our class concert item. Could all children please have their concert clothes at school by Monday, 26 October (Week 3) as we will be aiming to film on Wednesday, 28th October. Thank you to those who have already brought their costume in.

We have continued learning about persuasive texts and in particular strong language. We worked in groups to rewrite sentences including strong words. I will be sending home readings next week as we begin preparing for our Class Liturgy in Week 3. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 parents are still unable to attend. We all enjoyed swimming for sport again today. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone! We are so pleased to hear that you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday. We have been getting back into the swing of things this week by writing holiday recounts. We have been focusing on using past tense and paragraphs to construct our recounts accurately. In Maths we have started trading in subtraction and revised number patterns. In Geography we are continuing on with looking at Australia's famous natural and man-made landmarks. We have been putting a lot of effort into our class item and are getting very excited to film it soon! A reminder to please bring your costumes in by tomorrow for our dress rehearsal. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are now ready for what's bound to be another busy term. Year 3 has begun a new Literature unit for the term on the author Ahn Do. He has written some wonderful books and Year 3 is very excited about reading them. In Maths we focused on ordering numbers, patterns on a hundreds chart and nets. During Text Types we have written a holiday recount. Sounds like everyone had a great holiday. Year 3 has begun researching for their zoo projects and we look forward to visiting the zoo later during the term. Year 3 would like to film their concert item next Thursday so it would be wonderful if you could ensure your child is at school so no one misses out. Please ensure all costumes are in by Monday. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Welcome back everyone. Hopefully you are all well rested and ready for an action packed Term 4. Recount writing this week has been very interesting with the sharing of our adventures over the school holidays. Year 4 is busy rehearsing our performance production and Hut Day speeches ready for next Friday. Many completed huts have arrived at school and are looking incredible. I am in awe of the detail involved and the enthusiasm of the students as they share them with the class. Swimming is underway for sport this term and will no doubt be a highlight each week as the weather starts warming up. Our Religion unit is the continuation of 'God's Creation' with many discussions relating to looking after each other and our environment. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 Welcome back. I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing holiday. We are looking forward to an action packed term as we enjoy our final weeks of Year 5. This week we began work on our 2021 Leadership Speeches and continued to practise our dance moves for our upcoming 'film' debut. The CWA country of study this year is Ecuador. Year 5 will spend time learning all about this South American country to create a class PowerPoint submission. Anyone wishing to complete an individual project may do so. In Maths we completed fraction and decimal patterns and had fun using compasses to draw perfect circles. In Grammar we applied our knowledge of clauses to create compound and complex sentences and discussed peer pressure in Personal Development & Health. This term we will be investigating the Australian artist, Sidney Nolan and using his famous paintings to inspire our own artworks. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 6 What a wonderful first week back to an action packed term! We have started work on our Saint Projects in preparation for Confirmation and have discussed ideas for our Service Project. During Maths we have been revising hectares and square kilometres and multiplying and dividing fractions. Our Grammar focus is the colon: and we have discovered there are many ways in which it can be used. We have started some research for our excursion interviews and are enjoying thinking about some creative ways to present them. We are really looking forward to our Kinder Buddy Picnic next week in Hunter Park where we will bring our own lunch and then have a play in the park! It will be a special time for young and old!

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Friday, 16 October | - Lorraine Hutchison & Craig Buckley |
| Monday, 19 October | - Helen Naef & Amy Naef |
| Wednesday, 21 October | - Donna Wheatley & Danelle Jones |
| Friday, 23 October | - Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd |

