



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 1

17 October, 2019

### Thought for the Week

*Break everything down into small steps. Never give up.  
Have faith in God, in yourself and always look at the glass as half full.*

#### **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 2019 at St Joey's.

#### **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.

#### **POPPIES**

The poppies are blooming. Thanks to the hard work of Year 6 we were greeted with some beautiful poppies on our return from holidays this week. The poppies were planted and nurtured by Year 6 and they grow as a reminder to us all of the great sacrifice made by many people in our armed forces – Lest We Forget!

#### **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.

#### **POLDING ATHLETICS**

We wish the following students the best of luck as they compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Homebush tomorrow: **Ryan Ferguson, Evie Peart, Grace Tancred, Lilla Oehm, Sam Dunn, Trinity Zell, Blake Fairey and Nick Tancred.** A fabulous achievement by all these 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, 17 October 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.

#### **KINDER LITURGY**

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 24 October in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

#### **OCTOBER P & F MEETING**

Thank you to those who attended the P & F Meeting on Tuesday evening. At the meeting the members decided to contribute \$4,000 towards a new bubbler system, which will be installed in replacement of the old bubblers near the amenities block and the canteen building. A big thank you to the P & F for this wonderful contribution. It was reported that our fete raised approximately \$6,000.00 which is a fantastic result considering the current climate as well as the dust storm that paid us an unwelcomed visit! Again, a big thank you to Karen Harris who took over the running of the fete this year. Our next meeting, which will be the final meeting for the year, will be held on Tuesday, 26 November at the Services Club at 7:00 p.m.

#### **NO HAT, NO PLAY**

Just a reminder that 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.

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Everyone should now be wearing full summer uniform. Just a reminder that shoes need to be all black. If you require any assistance with uniforms, please contact the office.

#### **TALENT QUEST**

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school on Wednesday, 6 November at 2:00 p.m. The Year 6 students will visit the classrooms next week to explain how the Talent Quest works and gather nominations. The Talent Quest is a fun afternoon where students from all classes can get up and sing, dance, recite, play an instrument etc. It is totally voluntary and definitely not compulsory. However the act is to be organised by the students and not the teachers. From the nominations received, auditions will be held next Monday, 28 October, Wednesday, 30 October and Friday, 1 November at lunch time before the big day on Wednesday, 6 November.

#### **SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME**

School student applications for the 2020 School Student Transport Scheme opened on Friday, 11 October. Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **DO NOT** need to reapply if they are continuing at the same school, are residing at the same address and have not received an expiry notification from Transport NSW. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019. If students need to update their information or reapply, please go to

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

#### **u-RIPPA**

Thanks to the initiative of Mel Ferguson and Gilgandra Swimming Club, all of our Years 3-6 students will be participating in the u-Rippa Swimming Program in Week 3. In groups of 15, the children will spend an hour at the pool completing water safety skills. This will be primary sport for Week 3. Many thanks to Mel and the Gilgandra Swimming Club for organising this worthwhile and fun activity.

#### **AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICE CENTRE**

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. The Mobile Service Centre will be located near the Shopping Plaza in Miller Street on Thursday, 7 November from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, go to [www.humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice).

#### **COLLIE TENNIS CLUB**

The Collie Tennis Club and the Western NSW Primary Health Network are hosting a FREE tennis day on Sunday, 3 November. The day includes kids coaching clinics for age groups: 5-8 years, 9-11 years, 12+ years from 9:00 a.m. and activities and games throughout the day. Lunch is provided and social tennis from 2:00 p.m. RSVP is essential for coaching clinic bookings and catering purposes: Camilla – 0408 488 136 or Jen – 0431 153 125.

#### **WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3 SO FAR!**

##### **WEEK 1**

Friday, 18 October - Polding Athletics – Ryan Ferguson, Evie Peart, Grace Tancred, Lilla Oehm, Trinity Zell, Blake Fairey, Nick Tancred, Sam Dunn

##### **WEEK 2**

Tuesday, 22 October - GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 to 3:05 p.m.  
Thursday, 24 October - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
- Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.

##### **WEEK 3**

Monday, 28 October - Talent Quest Auditions  
Tuesday, 29 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch  
- u-Rippa – Years 3-6 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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| Wednesday, 30 October                         | - GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 to 3:05 p.m.<br>- Talent Quest Auditions<br>- u-Rippa – Years 3-6 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.          |
| Thursday, 31 October                          | - 'Heave Ho Off We Go' Performance – 2:00 p.m.  |
| Friday, 1 November                            | - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10.30 a.m.<br>- Talent Quest Auditions   |
| <b><u>WEEK 4</u></b>                          |   |
| Monday, 5 November                            | - Kinder Orientation Day<br>- GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 to 3:05 p.m.<br>- Melbourne Cup  |
| Wednesday, 6 November                         | - PSSA Athletics<br>- Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.<br>- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.   |
| Thursday, 7 November                          | - PSSA Athletics<br>- Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.<br>- 'Puff & Blow Music Demonstration – 11.30 a.m.<br>- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge |
| Friday, 8 November                            | - Knowledge Explosion   |
| Saturday, 9 November                          | - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.  |
| Sunday, 10 November                           | - Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:30 a.m.  |
| <b><u>WEEK 5</u></b>                          |   |
| Monday, 11 November                           | - Year 5 Policy Speeches<br>- Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.   |
| Tuesday, 12 November                          | - Kinder Transition<br>- Year 5 Policy Speeches<br>- GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 to 3:05 p.m.                                      |
| Wednesday, 13 November                        | - Year 5 Policy Speeches  |
| Thursday, 14 November                         | - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials   |
| Friday, 15 November                           | - Year 5 Policy Speeches<br>- Knowledge Explosion   |
| <b><u>WEEK 6</u></b>                          |   |
| Tuesday, 19 November to Friday, 22 November   | - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion  |
| Wednesday, 20 November                        | - Kinder Transition   |
| <b><u>WEEK 7</u></b>                          |   |
| Monday, 25 November                           | - Summer Sports Trials back-up date   |
| Tuesday, 26 November                          | - GHS Year 6 Interviews<br>- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, 27 November                        | - Kinder Cooee Visit  |
| Thursday, 28 November                         | - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.<br>- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge   |
| Thursday, 28 November/<br>Friday, 29 November | - Year 4 Wellington Caves / Burrendong Dam Excursion  |
| Friday, 29 November                           | - Kinder Transition   |
| Sunday, 1 December                            | - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  |
| <b><u>WEEK 8</u></b>                          |   |
| Monday, 2 December                            | - Infants Swimming commences<br>- Year 6 PD Evening   |
| Thursday, 5 December                          | - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge  |
| Sunday, 8 December                            | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  |
| <b><u>WEEK 9</u></b>                          |   |
| Wednesday, 11 December                        | - GHS Peer Support – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Pool  |
| Thursday, 12 December                         | - Leaving Families BBQ<br>- Social  |
| Friday, 13 December                           | - Year 6 Picnic - Dubbo<br>- Infants swimming finishes<br>- Reports and Portfolios home   |
| Sunday, 15 December                           | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  |
| <b><u>WEEK 10</u></b>                         |   |
| Monday, 16 December                           | - End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.  |
| Tuesday, 17 December                          | - Pool Parties  |
| Wednesday, 18 December                        | - Last Day Term   |
| Friday, 22 December                           | - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  |

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome back to our final term of Kindergarten. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the year. This week we have been preparing for our Creation Liturgy which will be celebrated next Thursday at 10.30am. Everyone has a reading so please keep practising! We have decorated and painted some beautiful butterflies to display in our church. In English we plan to read lots of stories by Pamela Allen and complete many fun activities based on these books. In Geography we are continuing our unit 'People Live In Places'. We will be discussing our favourite place and how we can look after it. In Maths this week we have collected data based on eye colours in Kinder and recorded this on a picture graph. From our data we concluded that the most common eye colour in Kinder is blue and the least

common is green. We are all excited about the infants sports carnival next week. Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Welcome back to Term 4! Everyone certainly enjoyed the holidays. This week we've been learning how to include strong language in our persuasive writing. We wrote a variety of sentences to try and include strong words. We have also been writing questions and remembering to include question marks in our writing. In Religion we looked at the qualities of a friend and we are also discussing forgiveness and the importance of forgiving others just like Jesus did. We had fun in Maths today weighing and comparing the mass of different items on the balance scales. We are all looking forward to our infants sports carnival next Thursday and look forward to seeing you there.

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

**YEAR 2** Hello everyone, it is great to be back! A huge thank you to Mrs Colwell, Mrs Schier and Mr Langes for looking after Year 2. It has been great to hear about everyone's holiday adventures and we are ready for a busy term. Year 2 has made some great paper plate crowns in Art and worked hard in Spelling focusing on '-ion' words. Everyone is looking forward to the infants sports carnival next Thursday afternoon. Have a great weekend.

*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and are now ready for what is bound to be another busy term. Year 3 has begun a new Literature unit for the term on the author Aaron Blabey. He has written some wonderful 'Pig' books and Year 3 are very excited about reading them. While in Maths we have focused on ordering numbers, patterns on a hundreds chart and nets. During Text Types we have written a holiday recount. Sounds like some people have had a great holiday. We have also begun looking at writing an explanation which we will continue to look at during our Science unit this term on 'Earth, Space and Sun.' It's great to hear so many have started their zoo projects and we look forward to visiting the zoo later during the term. Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** Welcome back to Term 4! I'm glad to hear that everyone enjoyed their holidays! This week we have started looking at persuasive writing. We are learning how to plan for success and about different techniques we can use to convince the reader to agree with us. In Maths we have been doing 5-digit addition, data investigations and practising reading scales to measure the weight of different objects. Students are enjoying revising their times tables through songs and using Mathletics to revise the concepts taught during the week. In Geography we have been learning about the importance of plants to humans and finding out about their many different uses. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

*Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** Welcome back for another busy and exciting term in Year 5. It was great to hear everyone had a very enjoyable and restful break. This term we have a number of exciting things to look forward to including our Sydney excursion and who could forget our speeches that we are beginning to prepare. This week we have been taking time to reflect on what we think makes us a great leader as well as all the things we love about our school. In Maths we have been working at refining our multiplication skills and working with decimals. In Religion we've been discussing the Sacraments and in particular identifying the differences between Priests and Deacons within our diocese. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** I would like to welcome everybody back for Term 4! I hope you had a fantastic, fun and restful holiday! During the break some of our poppies bloomed, what a beautiful surprise! Week 1 has kicked off with plenty of excitement as we discover all of the things Year 6 are involved in this term. We have begun preparing for the Sydney excursion which has included our group interview/research activities and discussed our upcoming high school transition dates. We certainly have a lot to look forward to! In the classroom we have started reading our class novel "Hiding Edith" and are really enjoying this non-fictional based story so far. A huge congratulations to Mrs Stewart who won our class football tipping comp! Also, well done to Harry, our runner up! (I was secretly hoping someone would beat Mrs Stewart!) Mammoth effort! Please remember to bring in any leftover bottle tops you have at home. I am doing the FINAL collection this Friday!

*Miss Jess Seaman*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday, 18 October    | - Amanda Hodges & Ashleigh Mudford  |
| Monday, 21 October    | - Emma Meyers & Cassie Younghusband |
| Wednesday, 23 October | - Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas         |
| Friday, 25 October    | - Jodie Johnson & Susie Harvey      |

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 20 October - Cameron Davis & Abigail Davis

