

# 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 2018 at St Joey's.

#### **PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENT - YEAR 6**

Next Monday, 22 October our Year 6 class will be travelling to Dubbo after receiving an invitation to attend a Praise and Worship event with Fr Rob Galea in celebration for this Year of Youth. Fr Rob is a young Catholic priest serving in the Sandhurst Diocese in Victoria and his ministry to young people nationally and internationally is well known. Permission notes were sent home with the Year 6 students this week. Please ensure completed notes are returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, 19 October.

#### **THE POPPIES ARE FLOWERING!**

Everyone was very excited on Monday when they arrived at school to see our poppies flowering! They make quite a show in our school square. Make sure you pop in at some stage to have a look. The poppies were an initiative of our Year 6 leaders and were planted to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice.

#### **MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC 'PUFF & BLOW' MUSIC DEMONSTRATION**

Next Tuesday, 23 October at 1:30 p.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. A note was sent home on Monday containing details of the demonstration and a permission note for completion in the event that your child is interested in learning an instrument next year. Only those students who return the permission note to school will be attending the demonstration, so please ensure notes are returned no later than tomorrow, Friday, 19 October.

#### **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. *In the event that the pool has not reopened by next Thursday, we will inform the children in this regard.*

#### **KINDER LITURGY**

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 25 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**

It was another productive P&F Meeting on Tuesday evening. Thank you to those who attended. At the meeting members decided to contribute \$5,000 towards upcoming refurbishments. The proposed renovations include extending the undercover area of the library, providing a sheltered walkway from the library to the weather shed, laying of synthetic turf in this area, re-roofing the resource room and upgrading the staffroom. All very exciting projects, I'm sure you all agree. Also, funds were made available for an air conditioner in the support room and a donation to Little Athletics to assist with the cost of new high jumps mats, which are used by St Joey's at our primary athletics carnival each year. A big thank you to the P&F for these wonderful contributions. It was reported that our fete raised approximately \$7,100.00 which is a wonderful result. Again, a big thank you to Rochelle Easman and all those who contributed to the fete this year. Our next meeting,

which will be the final meeting for the year, will be held on Tuesday, 20 November at the Services Club at 7:30 p.m.

#### **TALENT QUEST**

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school on Wednesday, 7 November at 2:00 p.m. The Year 6 students will visit the classrooms on Tuesday 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 Wednesday, 31 October and Thursday, 1 November at lunch time before the big day on Wednesday, 7 November.

#### **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.

#### **JOEY'S STAR ON TV**

We were thrilled to see Stella Valler on the Today Show with her mum yesterday. Well done Stella! This comes on top of many of our students featuring on Sunrise earlier in the year at the Armatree Hotel and also Eliza and Ryder Larkin with big sister Madison being interviewed by Karl Stefanovic. Joey's starring on national TV!

#### **GILGANDRA WEEKLY YOUNG SPORTSPERSON**

You may have seen recently in the Gilgandra Weekly profiles on Gilgandra's young sports people. If you would like your child's story to appear in the Weekly, forms are available from the office.

#### **IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)**

We have had a few cases of impetigo (school sores) reported at school. If your child develops symptoms of school sores, your family doctor should be consulted. Children can attend school if they are being treated and are properly covered by a clean dressing.

#### **WORLD MISSION MONTH**

As part of World Mission Month Pope Francis is calling us to learn more about issues of mission and justice. Therefore as part of our Religion lessons in October we are learning about the children of Myanmar, encouraging us to be aware of how we can follow Jesus' call to reach out to others especially those who are marginalised. There will be Mission Boxes in every classroom - maybe the children could donate some of their canteen spending money to help those less fortunate.

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

School student applications for the 2019 School Student Transport Scheme open from Monday, 15 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 2018. If students need to update their information or reapply, please go to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

#### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - PARENTS & TUTORS**

As you are aware, it is a legal requirement for adults who work with children in the course of their employment to have a valid Working With Children Check. This also includes **coaches** and **tutors**. Many parents do not realise that it is okay for a parent to check that their child's tutor or coach has a valid WWCC. To verify if your child's tutor or coach has a valid WWCC, the following steps should be followed:-

1. Visit <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au>.
2. Click on "I am a parent" then click on "Verify a tutor or someone you have engaged to work with your child".
3. Follow the prompts.

## **PARENTING SEMINAR**

A parenting seminar will be held on Saturday, 27 October from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dubbo Christian School, Sheraton Road, Dubbo at a cost of \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Morning tea will be provided and a kids program will be available for children aged 2 years and above. Speakers include Dr Chas Gullo and Ps Fran Gullo who will empower parents in a disciplined fashion to bring out the beauty of their parent/child relationship. Further information on the speakers can be obtained by visiting [www.chasandfran.com](http://www.chasandfran.com). If you are interested in attending, please register at [www.parentingseminar.com.au](http://www.parentingseminar.com.au).

## **COOEE LODGE – GRANDPARENTS DAY**

The residents of Cooe Lodge will be celebrating Grandparents Day on the front lawn of the hostel on Sunday, 28 October from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a BBQ lunch and a tea/coffee van available. Events to be held on the day include CWA markets, social media stall, all-abilities dance class, Cooe rummage sale, painting workshop. There will also be historical displays, family photography/photo booth, face painting and a jumping castle.

## **CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKETS**

Christmas Twilight Markets will be held at the Curban Community Hall on Saturday, 27 October from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be a BBQ, jumping castle, kids activities and amazing stalls.

## **WHAT'S ON IN TERM 4**

### **WEEK 2** Year 3 Reconciliation

- Monday, 22 October - Year 6 to Dubbo for Praise and Worship event with Fr Rob Galea  
Tuesday, 23 October - Puff & Blow Musical Instrument Demonstration 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 25 October - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

### **WEEK 3** Year 5 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 30 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch  
Wednesday, 31 October - Talent Quest Auditions  
Thursday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.  
- Talent Quest Auditions

### **WEEK 4**

- Tuesday, 6 November - Kinder Orientation Day  
Wednesday, 7 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 8 November - Principals Meeting  
- Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 9 November - Principals Meeting  
- Year 3 Zoo Excursion  
- Canberra Excursion Expo – Years 5 & 6 – 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 November - Remembrance Day – Armistice Centenary

### **WEEK 5** Year 4 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 13 November - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 15 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials  
- Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 16 November - Knowledge Explosion  
Saturday, 17 November - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

### **WEEK 6**

- Tuesday, 20 November - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, 23 November - Knowledge Explosion  
Sunday, 25 November - Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:30 a.m.

### **WEEK 7** Year 6 Reconciliation

- Monday, 26 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
Tuesday, 27 November - Summer Sports Trials back-up date  
- Year 5 Policy Speeches  
Wednesday, 28 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
- Kinder Cooe Visit – 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday, 29 November - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, 29 November/  
Friday, 30 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion  
Sunday, 2 December - First Sunday of Advent

### **WEEK 8**

- Monday, 3 December - Infants Swimming commences  
- Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, 7 December - Ear Bus  
Sunday, 9 December - Second Sunday of Advent

### **WEEK 9**

- Thursday, 13 December - Leaving Families BBQ  
- Social  
Friday, 14 December - Year 6 Picnic  
- Infants swimming finishes  
- Reports and Portfolios home  
Sunday, 16 December - Third Sunday of Advent

### **WEEK 10**

- Monday, 17 December - End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 18 December - Pool Parties  
Wednesday, 19 December - Last Day Term 4

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome back to everyone as we prepare for our final term of Kindergarten. We are busily preparing for our Creation Liturgy and we hope lots of our family and friends can join us for this celebration next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Our Literature unit is going to be based around the author Pamela Allen. This week we read 'Clippity Clop' and discussed exclamation marks and how important it is to use expression when we read out loud. In Maths we have been sharing collections of items equally, copying and continuing number patterns to 20 and recognising coins and identifying their value. Our Science topic this term is 'On the Move' and we are looking forward to doing lots of fun and exciting activities. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with our Kinder buddy lunch. Have a great weekend!  
*Mrs Smith & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Welcome back to our last term – the year has just flown by! This week we are revising all the different plural rules and in Grammar we are looking at articles. In Maths we investigated fractions and used a metre long streamer to measure objects around our school. Our Literature unit focus is on the story by Robert Munsch 'The Paper Bag Princess'. We have sequenced the story and completed a multiple choice comprehension based on this book. We are also making crowns to continue this 'royal' theme. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Mrs Schier*

**YEAR 2** Welcome back everyone – where did the holidays go? Thank you Mr Langes for looking after Year 2 while I was away. During the week we have revised a mix of spelling sounds and covered anagrams in Grammar (eg. ape ⇒ pea). Sentence A Day focused on proper nouns and punctuation marks. In Maths we looked at division, subtraction and 3D shape properties. We wrote about our holiday adventures in writing time and everyone seems to have had a great break. In Art we began holiday pictures and also designed some surfboards as the weather is heating up. Remember to bring hats to school next week so as to protect our skin when we are on the playground. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Miss 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 Wizard of Oz.' We look forward to reading the novel and comparing the novel to the movie. Our grammar focus this week has been on anagrams. We have come up with a creative list of anagram words. In Maths we have focused on ordering numbers, patterns on a hundreds chart, nets and the gram. During Text Types we have written a holiday recount. Sounds like some people have had a great holiday. It is 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 Morris & Mrs Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 4. This week we have begun looking at persuasive texts during Writing and will be working on including the 7-Steps program into these over the coming weeks. In Maths we have spent time revising addition facts using both mental strategies and calculators. We completed a lesson investigating temperatures around our school and recording our results. During Religion we started looking at our new unit 'Prayer - Being with God'. During Geography we looked at how we care for our environment and have begun working in small 'communities' as we research and plan our own town to live in, looking at what we need versus what we want. With lots of exciting things happening in Year 4 this term we are definitely in for a busy 10 weeks. Have a great weekend.  
*Mr Keady & Miss Giffin*

**YEAR 5** What a wonderful first week we have had in Year 5! We reflected on our Term 1 goals and wrote some new ones to help keep us focused on what we are striving for. During Maths we have learnt how to record remainders as decimals, use the memory function on the calculator and find the area of a circle. 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. In Geography we have continued to focus on rainforests and the impact that agriculture and industry can have on local and global environment, habitat and community. We are all looking forward to the rest of this busy and action packed term!  
*Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** It sounds as though Year 6 had a happy and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to attending the Praise and Worship event with Fr Rob Galea next Monday in Dubbo. In Maths we have been learning about the multiplication of fractions, square kilometres and division. Our Writing activities have focused on writing an information report about ourselves for the yearbook - they are looking magnificent so far. In Grammar we have concentrated on learning about the colon and its various uses. It is great to see lots of photos coming in this week for the End of Year Mass slideshow! Enjoy your weekend.  
*Mr Soares*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Friday, 19 October – Nikki Church  
Monday, 22 October – Penny Zell & Min Morris  
Wednesday, 24 October – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas  
Friday, 26 October – Lorraine Hutchison & Jo Lummis

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

- Sunday, 7 October – Oscar Spora & Nick Gale

