



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

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 2015 at St Joe's.

COOEE FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to all our students who entered poems in the Cooee Festival Poetry Competition. The standard of entries was outstanding. Special mention to the following students who received awards:

First: Hamish Beveridge **Second: Tom Eason** **Third: Lachlan Riley**
Very Highly Commended: Lachlan Fairey **Highly Commended: James Ferguson** **Commended: Emilie Hassall, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Nash Marchant, Milla Banks.**

GOOD LUCK GRACE

Grace Alchin will represent Polding at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships to be held at Homebush next week. Grace will be flying high in the Senior Girls High Jump. To reach this level of competition, where students from all schools in NSW compete, is an outstanding effort. Congratulations Grace!

YEAR 3 IS GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO!

"We're all going to the zoo, zoo, zoo – how about you, you, you." Well Year 3 is going to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo next Friday, 16 October. This excursion is part of their Science and Technology unit, 'From Little Things'. All the students are completing projects about an animal found at the zoo and when they go, they get to see their animal live. The children will also attend a lesson at the zoo's education centre. It should be a great day.

PRIMARY SPORT

Just a reminder that primary sport will be held on Thursday during Term 4. Weather permitting, all students, infants and primary, will be swimming so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of \$1.00, if you don't have a season ticket. If your child does have a season ticket, they must produce their disk, issued by the pool, to go swimming.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE VISIT

Mrs Maureen Moore, Principal of MacKillop College and Mrs Louise Daymond, Director of Boarding, will visit our school next Wednesday, 14 October at 2:00 p.m. They will address the Years 5 & 6 girls and any parents who may wish to come along regarding the benefits of boarding at MacKillop College. If you have a daughter in Years 5 or 6 and would like to attend this information session, could you please let Mrs Hodge know.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 30 October – Only 3 weeks to go!

It's time to start getting organised for the fete! **Unfortunately at this stage we have no coordinators for the 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER' (Years 5 & 6) and CRAFT Stalls!** These are both very popular stalls but unfortunately if no one puts their hand up to coordinate them by early next week we won't be able to have them.

The following are our other major stalls that need donations to be successful: **CAKE & PRODUCE STALL** (Infants) Kristy Gale is the coordinator for this stall and is asking for donations. Kristy has dropped some containers into the office. Please feel free to call in and pick them up at any time. **TOMBULI** (Years 3 & 4) The Tombuli Stall is a great favourite among the children and we are looking for donations. Just simply fill a sandwich sized ziplock bag with miscellaneous items. There could be rubbers, pencils, textas, plastic toys (army men, animals etc.), hair bands, hair clips, toy cars etc., keeping in mind that the tickets for the tombuli stall will be \$2.00 each. Please send them into school by Wednesday, 28 October. ***While these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone. For any enquires contact Rochelle Godber on***

0413223592.

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is the fete roster. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all the gaps would be easily filled. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster by next Thursday, 15 October. There is also a place on the roster for helpers to set up for the fete on the Friday from 12:00 p.m. If you can help, please put your name down and return it so we know if we will have enough helpers.

COW PAT LOTTO At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. We erect a yard with an area of 400 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for \$5.00 per square. A cow is led around the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win \$1,000.00! Tickets went home last term. **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by Friday, 23 October.**

SCHOOL BASED SWIMS SAFE LESSONS

With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in a school based swimsafe program run by Gilgandra Learn to Swim. These lessons are for children from Kinder to Year 2 and are held during school time with qualified Austswim instructors. The children will be involved in the swimming lessons for ten days from Monday, 30 November to Friday, 11 December **at a cost of \$75.00** (this does not include pool entry). Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$75.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by Monday, 2 November. We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms were given to each Infants child today.

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.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either by phone, or in writing, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. The children have been reminded to bring in notes for absences and we would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited to visit Gilgandra High School for their Open Day tomorrow, Friday, 9 October from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the school hall. Staff and students will be available to discuss any aspect of the school. See projects from across all subjects and age groups. Entry is free and coffee, cakes etc will be available to purchase.

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registrations are now open. Register online at: <http://www.active.com/swimming-team/gilgandra-nsw/summer--16-2015> Training starts Monday, 12th October. Information packs are available at all school offices. The cost is \$80 per swimmer. Contact Melissa Welsh on 0448327684 for further information or visit their Facebook page.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR CRICKET

Gilgandra Junior Cricket is set to commence on Saturday, 17th October. There will be two more registration days, this Thursday, 8th October from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10th October from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at McGrane Oval. Our cricket competition caters for children from 5 through to 16 years of age. Gilgandra has entered an under 16 team in the Dubbo Junior Cricket competition on Saturday mornings and players will need to be registered with Gilgandra prior to this. The Dubbo competition starts this Saturday so any players wishing to play in this team will need to register this Thursday. For further information please contact Dean Ferguson on 0427627472.

WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

<u>WEEK 2</u>	
Monday, 12 October	- Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, 14 October	- PSSA Athletics – Grace Alchin - MacKillop College Visit
Thursday, 15 October	- PSSA Athletics – Grace Alchin
Friday, 16 October	- Year 3 Zoo Excursion
<u>WEEK 3</u>	
Monday, 19 October	- Miss Harvey returns from LSL
Tuesday, 20 October	- Father Martin returns - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 pm - P & F Meeting
Thursday, 22 October	- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 23 October	- Knowledge Explosion - Cow Pat Lotto Selling
<u>WEEK 4</u>	
Monday, 26 October	- Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 pm
Thursday, 29 October	- Principals' Meeting - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 30 October	- Principals' Meeting - Fete
<u>WEEK 5</u> <i>Year 4 Reconciliation</i>	
Tuesday, 3 November –	
Friday, 6 November	- Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Tuesday, 3 November	- Melbourne Cup
<u>WEEK 6</u>	
Tuesday, 10 November	- Summer Sports Trials
Wednesday, 11 November	- Remembrance Day Mass – Year 4 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 12 November	- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 pm
Friday, 13 November	- Knowledge Explosion
Saturday, 14 November	- Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 am
<u>WEEK 7</u> <i>Father Martin away on Retreat</i> <i>Year 3 Reconciliation</i>	
Tuesday, 17 November	- Kinder Orientation Day - P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 18 November	- Summer Sports Trials back-up
Friday, 20 November	- Knowledge Explosion
Sunday, 22 November	- Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45 a.m.
<u>WEEK 8</u> <i>Year 5 Reconciliation</i>	
Monday, 23 November	- Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Tuesday, 24 November	- Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Wednesday, 25 November	- Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches - 'Pass the Poetry Please' School Performance Tour
Thursday, 26 November	- AEW Meeting - Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 26 & Friday, 27 November	- Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
Sunday, 29 November	- 1 st Sunday of Advent
<u>WEEK 9</u>	
Monday, 30 November	- Infants Swimming commences - Year 6 PD Night
Wednesday, 2 December	- St John's College 'Hit The Ground Running' Program - Ear Bus
Thursday, 3 December-	- Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 6 December	- 2 nd Sunday of Advent
<u>WEEK 10</u> <i>Year 6 Reconciliation</i>	
Thursday, 10 December	- Leaving Families BBQ – 5:30 for 6:00 p.m. - Social – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 11 December	- Year 6 Picnic - Infants Swimming ends - Reports and Portfolios home
Sunday, 13 December	- 3 rd Sunday of Advent
<u>WEEK 11</u>	
Monday, 14 December	- St John's College Orientation – 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. - End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 15 December	- Pool Parties
Wednesday, 16 December	- Last Day Term 4
Sunday, 21 December	- 4 th Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER . Welcome back to all the Kindergarten children and I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. This week we have been learning about the 'sh' sound. As part of our learning we made a powerpoint presentation with words starting with, or ending in, 'sh'. We have been reading the book "Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread" and have been discussing the main characters in the story and where the story is set. In Mathematics we discussed friends of ten and modelled with playdough a cube and a sphere. We have started our Science and Technology unit, 'On the Move' and as part of this unit discussed what types of transport are on land, in the air and on water. As part of our HSIE unit, 'Meeting Needs', the children were asked what types of things we need to survive and what types of things we don't need. In Art we made ships from coloured shapes and these will be displayed in our classroom. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 Welcome back to our final term of Year 1! It has been wonderful to hear all about everyone's exciting holiday adventures. In our literature unit this week we have begun reading Julia Donaldson's book, "The Gruffalo" and what a fearsome beast he is, with his "terrible horns and terrible claws and terrible teeth in his terrible jaws"! In Religion we have revised the story of Creation and discussed what amazes us in this incredible world created by God for us to enjoy. Subtraction to 20, counting coins and reading a map have been our focus in Maths this week. Thank you to everyone who has shared photos of their family, past and present, with us. This HSIE unit will continue throughout the term and we are really excited to learn all about our family history. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone! The year is just flying by and it's hard to believe we are in our final term. A special welcome to Lucy Kilpatrick who has joined our class. This week we are learning about 'articles' (a, an, the) and have enjoyed reading about a princess who rescues a prince in "Paper Bag Princess". In Religion we decorated a beautiful title page as we begin our preparation for Reconciliation this term. In Maths we investigated division and subtraction and in Art we used crayons to draw a midnight spider's web. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 Welcome back! Year 3 has many things to look forward to this term starting with our zoo excursion next Friday. I have been very impressed with the outstanding animal projects that have been handed in. Next week the children will present these to the class informing us all about their chosen animal. Our Grammar focus this week has been anagrams. We have had lots of fun rearranging letters to make different words. In writing we have written recounts about our holiday. It sounds like everyone had a wonderful break! During Maths we drew 3 dimensional shapes and are learning about links between multiplication and division. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 Welcome back to the final term of 2015. Year 4 has begun this term by identifying noun groups in sentences and learning about the 'th' sound. We have also given a short impromptu speech about our holidays before we wrote a recount of them. In Maths we have learnt about commutative property, deciphered graphs and read measurements in kilograms and grams. We have also begun our new Religion topic, 'Prayer - Being With God' and HSIE unit, 'State And National Parks'. For Art this week we have painted a Remembrance Day artwork for our Remembrance Day Mass in Week 5. Have a top weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 5. This term we are looking forward to a number of fun things that are planned including our Sydney Excursion as well as our Student Council Policy Speeches. This week we have been trying to think hard about an engaging way we could start a speech and thinking about the most memorable speeches and what makes them memorable. In Maths we have been investigating budgets and understanding how spreadsheets work. In PDHPE we have spent some time looking at safety products including helmets and how they keep us safe. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 What a wonderful first week we have had! On Tuesday we enjoyed a visit to Gilgandra High School. We will be visiting the High School several times over the next few weeks to help with our transition to secondary schooling. We are well and truly into our preparation for our excursion to Sydney – learning all about State Government and organising our interviews. During Maths we have been revising writing remainders as fractions and dividing and multiplying decimals. Our Grammar focus is the colon: and we have discovered there are many ways in which it can be used. We look forward to the rest of this busy and action packed term!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 9 October – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Altus
Monday, 12 October – Sally Temple & Emma Meyers
Wednesday, 14 October – Sophia Ibe & Belinda Murray
Friday, 16 October – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 11 October – Amber Tarrant, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead, Laura Smith