



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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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.*

#### **CONFIRMATION**

**Sunday, 19 October – 9:45 a.m.**

Only one more week before we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 19 October at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church next Sunday to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: **Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Jack Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creenaune, Maddie Eason, Matthew Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Mitchell Gaff, Shari Grimshaw, Georgia Horan, Daimon Horne, Sebastian Jackson, Brock Johnston, Deklyn Lummis, Grace Lummis, Montana McGrath, Spencer McIntosh, James O'Neill, John Raglus, Noah Ryan, Caitlin Spora, John Spora, Kyle Welsh.**

#### **CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION**

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held next Saturday, 18 October at 9:00 a.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

#### **COOEE FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION**

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

**First: Grace Alchin Second: Emilie Hassall Very Highly Commended: Rebecca Gaff Commended: Lauchlan Bash**

#### **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS**

Just a reminder that Active After Schools recommenced at our school this week and will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:20 – 4:30 p.m. for seven weeks. The children are given a light afternoon tea followed by the playground activities. The program will conclude this term in Week 7. There is no obligation to attend all days, the children may attend one day or as many as they like. The Tuesday activities include lawn bowls and the Wednesday activities include golf.

#### **MISS HARVEY ON LEAVE**

Miss Harvey is currently on Long Service Leave. Mr Langes will be teaching Year 4 until Lisa's return in Week 4.

#### **SCHOOL BASED SWIMSAFE 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, 1 December to Friday, 12 December at a cost of \$65.00 (this does not include pool entry). We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms will be given to each Infants child next week.

#### **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 tomorrow. This excursion is part of their unit of work titled 'Our Australia'. All the students are completing projects about an animal found at the zoo and when they go to the zoo 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, we will be swimming so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of 80¢, if you don't have a season ticket.

#### **ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE**

**Friday, 31 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 SAMPLE BAGS 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. If someone from Years 5 or 6 would rather coordinate a different stall, please let us know.

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, 29 October. ***While these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone. For any enquires contact Mel Ferguson on 0428 470303.***

**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, 16 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.

**FETE POSTERS** We have a number of posters advertising the fete which need to be delivered to the various business houses around town. If someone could deliver these, could you please let us know.

**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, 24 October.**

#### **TRANSITION TO GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL**

As part of the Year 6 transition into Year 7, Gilgandra High School has invited us to participate in a 5 week program. For one afternoon per week this term the Year 6 students will be involved in activities from the different faculties, meeting head teachers and learning about the expectations of that subject. We thank Gilgandra High School for organising this program.

#### **CRAZY BEARD DAY**

It's not long now until the big shave off for Mr Keady, Mr Soares and Mr Musgrave. The beards will be shaved on Friday, 24 October and all the sponsor sheets need to be returned by this date. All money raised will then be donated to the Gilgandra and District Cancer Fundraisers. The children are invited to come to school on this day out-of-uniform wearing their own beards. There will be prizes in each class for the craziest beard and the most colourful beard. The beard parade will be on at 11:20 a.m. followed by the shave off.

#### **YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION EXPO**

On Friday, 24 October at 2:00 p.m. we get the opportunity to relive all the thrills and spills of the Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion. There will be a DVD, photos and booklets on display. Therefore all family and friends of the Years 5/6 students are invited to join in the fun of the expo.

## WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

<b><u>WEEK 1</u></b>		
Friday, 10 October	-	Year 3 Zoo Excursion
<b><u>WEEK 2</u></b>		
Sunday, 19 October	-	Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 3</u></b>		
Tuesday, 21 October	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm P & F Meeting
Thursday, 23 October	-	Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 24 October	-	Crazy Beard Day – Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers
	-	Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Expo – 2:00 p.m.
	-	Cow Pat Lotto Selling
<b><u>WEEK 4</u></b>	<b>Year 4 Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday, 29 October	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday 30 and Friday, 31 October	-	Principals' Meeting
Thursday, 30 October	-	St John's College Band – 9:00am
	-	Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 31 October	-	Fete
Saturday, 1 November	-	All Saints Day
Sunday, 2 November	-	All Souls Day
<b><u>WEEK 5</u></b>	<b>Year 5 Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday, 5 November	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 6 November	-	Years 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
<b><u>WEEK 6</u></b>	<b>Year 2 Reconciliation</b>	
Monday, 10 November	-	'Beating Around The Bush' Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11 November	-	Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 13 November	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
<b><u>WEEK 7</u></b>	<b>Father Martin away on Retreat</b>	
Tuesday, 18 November	-	Kinder Orientation Day
	-	Summer Sports Trials
	-	P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 19 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	-	Final Active After Schools
Thursday, 20 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Friday, 21 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Sunday, 23 November	-	Christ the King
<b><u>WEEK 8</u></b>	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>	
Monday, 24 November	-	Student Council Voting
Tuesday, 25 November	-	Summer Sports Trials back-up
Wednesday, 26 & Thursday, 27 November	-	AEW Meeting
Thursday, 27 & Friday, 28 November	-	Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
Thursday, 27 November	-	Year 2 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 30 November	-	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b><u>WEEK 9</u></b>		
Monday, 1 December	-	Infants Swimming starts
Wednesday, 3 December	-	St John's Orientation Day
Thursday, 4 December	-	Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 7 December	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b><u>WEEK 10</u></b>		
Monday, 8 December	-	The Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, 10 December	-	Year 6 to GHS – Peer Support 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, 11 December	-	Leaving Families BBQ – 5:30 for 6:00 p.m.
	-	Social – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 12 December	-	Year 6 Picnic
	-	Reports and Portfolios home
	-	Infants swimming ends
Sunday, 14 December	-	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
<b><u>WEEK 11</u></b>		
Monday, 15 December	-	End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 16 December	-	Pool Parties
Wednesday, 17 December	-	Last Day Term 4
Sunday, 21 December	-	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** Welcome back everyone as we begin our last term of Kindergarten! This term we are looking forward to visiting the computer room, using iPads, going swimming and many more action packed activities. We all wrote some fabulous recounts about our holidays. In Maths, making groups that add up to 9 and sharing objects evenly has been our focus. 'Meeting Our Needs' is our HSIE topic this term and we have discussed all the things we need and all the things we want! In Art we coloured and painted some amazing armadillos. Did you know they can swim and hold their breath under water for up to 6 minutes! We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our buddies next Sunday, so we hope to see you all there. Enjoy your weekend.

*Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Welcome back for the final term of the year! Year 1 has settled back into work well and our spelling focus this week is the 'or' sound. For comprehension we have begun exploring Julia Donaldson's "Room on the Broom" by sequencing events from the story. This week we have written a recount of our holiday and explored rhombuses and metres. In Religion we have begun our new topic 'Creator God' by exploring the playground and illustrating God's wonderful creations. Our HSIE unit this term is 'Families Past and Present' and we have begun this topic by defining past and present and exploring ways we can find out about the past. Have a nice weekend.

*Miss Smith*

**YEAR 2** Welcome back to Term 4. We've heard many stories about some wonderful holiday adventures. It seems everyone enjoyed their break and are excited to see their school friends again. We've read and discussed the story of the Exodus in Religion, when Moses led the Israelites to freedom. We've written a recount about our holiday and during Maths have worked on division and subtraction strategies. In HSIE we are continuing with our transport unit and will be using the computers to create transport collages. We've also created title pages for our Science unit, 'Back to Nature' using the computers.

*Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3** Welcome back! Year 3 has many things to look forward to this final term starting with our zoo excursion on 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 on articles. We have had lots of fun rearranging letters to make different words. In writing we have written recounts about our holiday. It sounds like we all had a wonderful break! In Maths we have been learning different strategies on how to check our answers.

*Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4** Welcome back! Everyone is looking refreshed and eager to learn. It is going to be a busy term. In Maths our focus started with revising 5 digit addition and metric conversions. We looked at problem solving strategies, interpreting what the question actually requires and seeing that there may be more than one way to approach a problem and obtain the answer. It is an exciting time ahead with the Wellington Caves/Burrendong Excursion in Week 8. In HSIE we are looking at National Parks – why they were established and their present and future roles. Writing saw a quick review and writing of a Recount and then we moved on to writing a Discussion. This week we have looked at the various types of nouns and where to use them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Year 6 class they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Mr Langes*

**YEAR 5** Welcome back to another busy and exciting term in Year 5. This term we have a number of exciting things to look forward to including our Canberra excursion expo and our student council policy speeches that we are busily preparing. This week we have been taking time to reflect on what we think makes a great leader as well as what we have seen leaders doing that is positive. In Maths we have been working at refining our multiplication skills. During Religion we discussed the sacraments and in particular the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation which our Year 6 friends will be celebrating. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** What a wonderful first week we have had! We are well and truly into our preparation for Confirmation and can't wait until the big day at the end of next week... 10 more sleeps! In Text Types we have been writing recounts of the holidays and 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, 10 October – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Altus  
Monday, 13 October – Anna Mudford & Sally Oehm  
Wednesday, 15 October – Sophia Ibe & Claudina Ryan  
Friday, 17 October – Paula Purvis & Toni Tarrant

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 12 October – Kyle Welsh, James O'Neill, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis