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Term 4 Week 10

11 December, 2014

Thought for the Week

Rejoice in the Lord!

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

May Christmas be a time of peace and love for all families.

Merry Christmas



HAPPY, HOLY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

As this is the last About for the year I would like to wish you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has supported our school during the year. School resumes for all students on Wednesday, 28 January, 2015.

K-6 SCHOOL SOCIAL – Tonight, Thursday, 11 December

Gilgandra High School Hall 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

All students are invited to our school social to be held at the **Gilgandra High School Hall** tonight from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Parents are most welcome to stay or to leave their children at the social and collect them at 9:00 p.m.

SCHOOL REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

The children's end of year reports and portfolios will be sent home tomorrow, Friday, 12 December.

YEAR 6 PICNIC – Tomorrow, Friday, 12 December

Our Year 6 students are sure to have lots of fun at the Dubbo Waterslide and tenpin bowling tomorrow. This outing is the school's way of saying thank you to our Year 6 student leaders for leading our school so well this year. We thank you for 'Giving Of Your Best' and may God bless you.

LIBRARY NEWS

Next week I will be conducting the library stocktake. If your child has outstanding books could you please ensure they are returned. *Mrs Kilby*

LAST DAY OF TERM – Wednesday, 17 December

CLEANING! CLEANING! CLEANING!

As next Wednesday is the last day of term for the students there will be lots of cleaning. If any family or friends are able to help it would be great. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and finish by 2:00 p.m. If you can spare any time between 5 minutes and 5 hours, come along! Jobs include scrubbing desks and chairs, dusting and general cleaning.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL YEAR BOOK

Just a reminder that the school year books will be available after Mass next Monday evening. All Year 6 students will receive a book as a farewell gift and there will be a book available for each family in the school. A huge thank you to Michelle Woollams and her helper, Mel Phillips for the tremendous amount of work that has once again gone into the year book.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

Monday, 15 December – So the children's uniforms are clean for the Mass and Presentations.

Wednesday, 17 December – Last day of school.



END OF YEAR MASS AND PRESENTATIONS

MONDAY, 15 December

Children are to wear full summer uniform and the format will be as follows:

5:45 p.m. Students assemble in school square.

6:00 p.m. Mass and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in St Joseph's Church

7:00 p.m. Supper in St Joseph's School grounds. *Please bring a plate*

8:00 p.m. Presentations at Gilgandra High School Hall.

All students are expected to attend **both** the Mass and Presentations.

POOL PARTIES – Tuesday, 16 December

All classes will have their annual pool party next Tuesday, 16 December.

Children should bring a plate of party food to share and those children in Years 3-6, their Kristkindle present. Children from Kinder to Year 2 will be having a special Christmas visitor who I'm sure will brighten their day. They may even receive a little gift. **CHILDREN SHOULD WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM AND BRING THEIR SWIMMERS NEXT TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER.**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, 22 December	Penitential Rite	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 24 December	Tooraweenah Gilgandra	6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, 25 December	Gulargambone Gilgandra	8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN HUNTER PARK

A wonderful evening was enjoyed on Sunday night singing Christmas Carols in Hunter Park. A terrific group of children from our school performed two songs, "It's Christmas Time" and "The Irish Blessing". They certainly 'Gave Of Their Best' and sang beautifully. Thank you to the organisers for inviting our school to participate in such a lovely community event.

NO CANTEEN NEXT WEEK

There will be no canteen next Monday or Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our canteen volunteers who have manned the canteen this year. It is a wonderful service our P & F provides for the families of our school and it couldn't happen without your help.

mature so much. A big thank you to all the Kinder parents who have

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

KINDER: **Blake Fairey** for writing a fabulous Christmas story, **Sienna Horne** for writing an interesting letter to Santa, **Grace Jones-Copelin** for writing a fantastic Christmas story, **Jessie Riley** for her beautiful singing, **Grace Tancred** for always 'Giving Of Her Best', **Taylor Hayes** for beautiful art work and **Ella Mudford** for trying hard in reading and story writing.

YEAR 1: **Chelsea Brand** for writing a thoughtful letter to Santa, **Lucy McIsaac** for great participation in swimming lessons, **Mattea Purvis** for lovely presentation of book work, **Ben Standing** for his enthusiastic attitude towards swimming lessons and **Elten Walker** for top work in spelling activities.

YEAR 2: **Dennis Gale** for writing a great narrative, **Jacob Harland** for wonderful work in Grammar, **Hayley Statham** for great work in Spelling, **Emily Zell** for working diligently to complete tasks and **Oscar Spora** for writing a terrific dragon adventure.

YEAR 3: **Breanna Foran** for working well with her classmates, **William Fuller** and **Ella Wykes** for using their problem solving skills in Maths, **Patrick Spora** for careful work in Comprehension, **Mackaylah Ross** for neat work in Handwriting and **Bradley Kildey** for a sensational effort in Operations.

YEAR 4: **Charlie Banks** for trying hard in Maths, **James Ferguson** for terrific work in HSIE, **Madison Hourigan** for beautiful handwriting, **Aliza Purvis** for thoughtful contributions to class discussions and **Heidi Purvis, Oli Schier** and **Abby Tate** for great enthusiasm during dance practices.

YEAR 5: **Harry Spora** for a mature approach to all classwork, **Sinead Sutton, Aiden Ryan** and **William Sandford** for fabulous expression when reading our class novel, **Milla Banks** for always completing tasks with enthusiasm and **Darren Doherty** for going out of his way to help others.

YEAR 6: **Georgia Horan, Harriet Beveridge** and **Maddie Eason** for providing detailed answers to comprehension questions.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

Thursday, 11 December	-	Year 6 to GHS – Peer Support 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
	-	Leaving Families BBQ – 5:30 for 6:00 p.m.
	-	Social – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 12 December	-	Year 6 Picnic
	-	Years 3/4 - Windmill Cottage – 10:00 a.m.
	-	Reports and Portfolios home
	-	Infants swimming ends
Sunday, 14 December	-	3 rd Sunday of Advent

WEEK 11

Monday, 15 December	-	NO CANTEEN
	-	St John's College Orientation Morning
	-	End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 16 December	-	Pool Parties
Wednesday, 17 December	-	Last Day Term 4
	-	NO CANTEEN
Sunday, 21 December	-	4 th Sunday of Advent

2015 TERM 1 WEEK 1

Tuesday, 27 January	-	Staff Resume
Wednesday, 28 January	-	Students Resume

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" was just one of the songs we sang as we spread Christmas cheer to the residents of Cooe Lodge on Tuesday. A big thank you to all the Kinder mums and nans who came along to help us. We are all very excited about our social tonight and can't wait to dance the night away! We will be very sad to farewell our Year 6 buddies next week but we thank them for all their love and friendship and wish them good luck for the future. It is hard to believe that this year is coming to an end. It has been a privilege being part of Kinder's first year at Joey's. We have seen you all grow, learn and

supported us and helped us this year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe, happy and blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in 2015!

Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 It has been a fantastic year in Year 1. The children have been a lovely group to work with and I wish them all the best of luck in Year 2. We have been revising sounds in Spelling and revising adverbs and adjectives in Grammar. In Writing this week we have written a Christmas narrative and for comprehension we have answered questions about Nikki Greenberg's "The Naughtiest Reindeer." During Maths we have a revised addition, subtraction, adding money and reading calendars. We have also been busy practising our dances for the social tonight. Hopefully I will see everybody there. Have a super Christmas and a happy new year.

Miss Smith

YEAR 2 We have thoroughly enjoyed our swimming this week with everyone showing great improvement. In Grammar we had fun with anagrams and in Maths we played a game of bingo and cracked a secret code. We also have had a wonderful time with our Christmas craft. We are so excited about the school social tonight and all the activities happening next week. We would like to thank all our families, friends and of course our wonderful Year 2 students, for a fantastic year. Your hard work has been greatly appreciated. We wish everyone a happy, holy and safe Christmas. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has written a cinquain poem about each of our favourite sports. In Grammar we have reviewed nouns and in Spelling we have been learning about singular and group possession. During our PDH lesson we learnt about bus safety and the importance of bus rules. We have also written interesting narratives using the iPads this week; we were able to incorporate pictures and recordings to enhance our writing. We have had lots of fun working on our Christmas art, our stockings look great! Year 3 is very excited about our school social tonight. We are looking forward to dancing the night away (well some of it anyway). I hope everyone has a safe and peaceful holiday. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 Ho, ho, ho – where did the year go? Well it's that time of year again - and what a year it has been. Year 4 has worked so hard and should be commended for their terrific enthusiasm and effort in 2014. I've had a wonderful time (although I'm slightly exhausted!) and hope Year 4 has enjoyed their year. A HUGE thank you to all the parents for your support throughout the year. Have a fantastic holiday and a lovely Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2015!

Miss Harvey

YEAR 5 Where has the year gone? It only seems like yesterday Year 5 were starting their journey and in 4 days time they will be the leaders of our school. To say I am proud of all that Year 5 has achieved this year would be an understatement. From their eager approaches to all activities to their dedication and maturity as they prepare for leadership in 2015, they have done a great job! Before the year ends I would just like to thank the parents and families for all their support both in and out of the classroom as well as the students for making our year one to remember. It has been a pleasure to work with you this year and I wish you well as the Year 6 class of 2015. Have a safe, holy and memorable break and all the best for the new year. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 is enjoying their final days at St Joseph's and the students are to be congratulated on the way they have continued to work hard and give of their best. In Maths we have looked at percentages, revised our long division skills and discussed various strategies to justify solutions to problems. This morning we had an excellent morning at the Peer Support session at Gilgandra High School. We thank the Year 10 students for organising the activities that will help us next year. A big thank you to all Year 6 for such a wonderful year and we wish you all the best as you take the next step in your life journey. Have a happy, holy and safe Christmas!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 12 December – Deanna Ferguson & Leanne Glover

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 14 December – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creanaune, Deklyn Lummis