

# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 3

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### Thought for the Week

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see  
The reward of this faith is to see what you believe"*  
St Augustine



#### **ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students who received excellent results in the recent ICAS Mathematics competition. Certificates were presented to these students on Tuesday:

*Distinction:* Eliza Mudford, Eva Bonnington, Emily Zell.

*Credit:* Hudson Duffy, Alicia Fordham, Jessica Ibe, Darcy Morris, Emily Standing, Ethan Morris, Brooke Woollams, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Harry Mudford, Nick Tancred, Rhys Bonnington, Aiden Walker.

*Merit:* Tia Allan, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Charlotte Ferguson, Millie Spora, Emma Durrant, Layney Godber, Jack Oehm, Oscar Spora. Congratulations to all these students.

#### **WHOLE SCHOOL POPPY PHOTO**

On Friday we had Mrs Maree Raglus come to school to take a whole school photo with our poppies. The poppies were a Year 6 initiative as a way to remember the Centenary of Armistice on 11 November. We hope to enter the photo in the Gilgandra Art Gallery's 'Honour Our Freedom' Art Exhibition being held at the Cooe Heritage Centre. *Lest We Forget.*

#### **KINDER BUDDY LUNCH**

A delicious meal was enjoyed in the hall on Tuesday as the Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies were treated to a three course meal. The lunch is for the Kinder students to say thank you to their Year 6 buddies for all their help and friendship during the year. Many thanks to Jade Zell, Jo Lummis, Alicia Harrison, Sarah Hickey, Lorraine Thurlow, Kristy Cosier, Danelle Jones, Nadine Hutchison, Tracey-Lee Glennister, Jodie Peart, Michael Baker, Leizl Baker and Janice Baker for ensuring everyone had a beautiful meal.

#### **YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT**

Our Year 1 students are looking forward to their visit to the Police Station **tomorrow**, Friday, 2 November. This excursion is part of the Year 1 Geography unit, 'People and Places'. We thank Senior Constable King for organising this visit.

#### **KINDER ORIENTATION DAY**

Next Tuesday, 6 November the newest members of the St Joey's family will come to school. Our 2019 Kinder class will have their first real taste of 'big school' and we are all excited about their visit.

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Thursday, 8 November**

As Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday this year our Year 5 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Communion Service to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church next Thursday, 8 November at 10:30 a.m. All are most welcome to attend. Morning tea will follow the service so please bring a plate to share. *Lest We Forget.*

#### **YEAR 3 IS OFF TO THE ZOO!**

*"We're all going to the zoo, zoo, zoo – how about you, you, you."* Well Year 3 is going to Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo next Friday, 9 November. This excursion is part of their Science and Technology unit, 'Feathers, Fur Or Leaves'. All the students have completed 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. The children will travel by bus to the zoo and a permission note was sent home last week. Please ensure the notes are returned to school by next Wednesday, 7 November.

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

Everyone is invited to come along and relive the thrills and spills of our Years 5 & 6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion at our expo to be held in the hall at 2:00 p.m. next, Friday, 9 November. You will be able to watch the DVD, peruse the photos and browse through the booklets.

#### **DIBELS TESTING**

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) testing has been taking place this week and will continue in Week 4 and Week 5. This assessment helps teachers to assess and monitor the development of the children's literacy and reading skills.

#### **YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION**

Year 2 is busy preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special time for us to admit when we have gone wrong in our lives and say sorry to God. It helps deepen our relationship with God and helps us to grow to become better people. Parents of those children making their Reconciliation for the first time can take their child to Reconciliation on Tuesday, 13 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 17 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 25 November at 9:30 a.m. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

#### **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. All nominations have now been received. 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. Auditions commenced yesterday and will continue today before the big day next Wednesday, 7 November.

#### **SCHOOL BASED SWIMS SAFE LESSONS**

With the swimming season just beginning 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, 3 December to Friday, 14 December at a cost of \$90.00 (this does not include pool entry). Enrolments forms have today been sent home with each infant student. **Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$90.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by Monday, 16 November.** We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

The 2019 St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball will be held on Saturday, 30 March 2019. Make sure you save the date for this major P & F fundraiser in your 2019 diary.

#### **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.

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER**: **Keaghan Lummis** and **Chloe Alexander** for great work sounding out 'ch' words, **Kellie Hutchison** and **Bayley Dent** for top work using the iPads in Maths and **Harrison Newton** for reading beautifully at our Liturgy.

**YEAR 1**: **Elsie Adams** for a super effort with her reading, **Caine Bugmy** for wonderful work in all areas and **David McIsaac** for being a conscientious class member.

**YEAR 2**: **Tilla Chandler** for being a settled and conscientious worker, **Sophia Peart** for being a mature and settled worker, **Sailor Ryan** and **Ava Lacy** for writing a great weekend recount, **Toby Davis** for being a kind and well mannered class member and **Jacqueline Hutchison** for working well in Maths.

**YEAR 3**: **Eliza Larkin** for improved speed and accuracy in Maths Operations, **Jonas Naden** for working hard in Maths Operations, **Lauren Thurlow** for a consistent effort in all areas and **Alicia Fordham** for dedicated application to all areas of her work.

**YEAR 4**: **Tia Allan** for reading our class novel with expression, **Nick Kirsop** for outstanding bookwork in all subjects, **Ethan Morris** for accurately identifying past tense verbs in Sentence A Day activities, **Lilla Oehm** for converting fractions to decimals with ease and **Ryder Ryan** for working hard and staying focused during Spelling.

**YEAR 5**: **Ryan Ferguson** for trying to improve the neatness of his bookwork, **Paige Gilmour** and **Mattea Purvis** for creating beautiful, detailed 'Eye' artwork, **Nick Tancred** for showing interest and enthusiasm towards a wide variety of topics and **Cameron Davis** for asking interesting questions in Comprehension Groups.

**YEAR 6**: **Jade Elsom** for excellent work with hyphens in Grammar, **Aiden Walker** for great contributions to class discussions, **Daniel Kirsop** for working well in Problem A Day and **Jacob Harland** for a top effort with decimal number patterns.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 3**

Thursday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.  
- Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, 2 November - Year 1 Police Station Visit

### **WEEK 4**

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

Sunday, 11 November - Remembrance Day – Armistice Centenary

### **WEEK 5** Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 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  
- Year 5 Policy Speeches  
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 Cooee 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

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** What a wonderful lunch Kinder shared with their buddies on Tuesday. We all loved the huge selection of food and a big thank you to all our mums, dads and nans who helped prepare and serve these delicious treats! Thank you to our Year 6 buddies too who always take good care of us and make us feel so special. In Religion this week we read the Old Testament story of 'Noah's Ark'. We discussed how Noah trusted God and followed His command to build an Ark to save all the animals on earth. We are in the process of completing a really great artwork of the story. In Maths we used calculators to add simple number sentences and subtracted numbers by counting backwards. We certainly enjoyed cooling off at the pool this afternoon! Enjoy your weekend. *Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Today we celebrated All Saints Day with a school Mass. Thank you Year 3 for preparing such a lovely celebration. In Maths we used number lines to help us solve tricky problems and we used our sense of direction to find a secret path on a pirate map. In Spelling we discovered when to use 'ck' at the end of words and are having fun with compound words in Grammar. In Library we have been discussing the emergency services – fire, ambulance and police and we are very excited to be visiting the police station tomorrow. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Schier*

**YEAR 2** It has been a busy week in Year 2 and everyone has tried very hard using the iPads during Maths testing. During the week we continued looking at dealing with conflict, anger and forgiveness as we discussed the meaning of reconciliation. We all agreed that telling the truth can sometimes be hard but it is the right thing to do and God will always forgive us when we are truly sorry. As the circus is our theme this term, we reviewed a book called 'Hey Jack'. We have begun painting tigers and elephants for the class wall mural and began paper chipping and colouring the ringmaster. Have a lovely weekend everyone. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** What a lovely Mass we had today to celebrate All Saints Day. Congratulations Year 3 on your reverent participation. During Text Types we have written an explanation about rainbows and revised common and proper nouns in Sentence A Day. We have used LucidPress to create title pages for our new Personal Development, Health & Physical Education unit. Zoo projects are being presented this week. It has been great to see the different ways students have chosen to present their information. We have also been impressed with the confidence shown when presenting the projects to the class. Congratulations to you all on your sensational projects. Only 8 more sleeps until our fabulous zoo excursion! *Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Week 3 already, who can believe it? This week in class we have been looking at conjunctions during Grammar and working at correctly converting between two words and their joined forms. In Writing we have been investigating tightening tension in expositions to add suspense and convince readers to believe our point of view. Our sizzling starts are also coming along nicely. During Maths we have worked hard on converting decimals, identifying them as being similar to fractions out of 100. In Religion we have finished researching a saint and how they taught us to pray. Yesterday we were treated to a very relaxing meditation session. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady & Miss Giffin*

**YEAR 5** In Maths this week we have learnt about spreadsheets and how they can help us calculate data quickly and easily. We created one using a formula that told the computer which cells we wanted to add together giving us a total amount. In Writing we enjoyed using Google Docs with a partner to write a narrative using a sizzling start. During Religion we focused on the lives of the people of Myanmar. We watched and reflected on a clip from the Catholic Mission website which highlighted the need to reach out to those less fortunate. This week for homework Year 5 started to work on their policy speeches. We will work on these in class tomorrow – so please don't forget to bring what you have done so far! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** This week in Maths we have been learning about negative numbers, units of measurement and how to find the mean. Our Writing activities have focused on how to keep a reader engaged in our narratives. We looked at techniques such as personification, similes, metaphors and the use of direct speech. In Grammar we learnt about and discussed the different uses of a hyphen. This week our Geography lesson focused on learning about Antarctica and what supplies you would need to survive there. Keep up the great work Year 6! We had a scrumptious lunch with our Kinder buddies on Tuesday. It was lots of fun and thank you to all the helpers for preparing and serving our meal. *Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 2 November – Sheree Staggs & Rachel McMahon  
Monday, 5 November – Ash & Lib Walker  
Wednesday, 7 November – Jade Zell & Simone Beaton  
Friday, 9 November – Simone Fordham & Tanya Hutchison

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 4 November – Molly Fairey & Marshall Fairey

