



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 3

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### Thought for the Week

*The members of a family are like branches on a tree – we all grow in different direction, yet our roots remain as one.*

#### **YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION**

The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents are having a sensational time in Sydney this week. Our travellers left at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday and visited Scenic World in Katoomba including the Skyway, Railway and Cableway and then enjoyed a tour of Allianz Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground. On Wednesday they walked across the Harbour Bridge and went on the Rocks Walking tour, took a cruise on the harbour, visited the Opera House, Parliament House and the Sydney Aquarium before enjoying dinner at Darling Harbour and visiting the Sydney Tower Eye. Today they have visited Madam Tussauds, the National Maritime Museum, and Mary MacKillop Place before enjoying a swim at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. Tomorrow's itinerary includes participating in a surf safe program at Collaroy Beach and a trip to Luna Park before departing Sydney at 3:30 p.m. and stopping at McDonalds in Lithgow for tea. Our weary travellers are expected to arrive back at school tomorrow night at approximately 10:30 p.m. Wow! What a trip. We look forward to having everyone back at school next week and hearing all about their adventures.

#### **YEAR 4 LEADERS**

The Year 4 students have been doing a fantastic job as our school leaders while the Years 5 and 6 students have been in Sydney. Well done Year 4!

#### **JUNIOR RELAY TEAM – SEMI FINALISTS**

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Relay team who made the semi finals at the NSW PSSA Athletics Championships held at Homebush last Thursday. Our team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Bailey Wykes** and **Darcy Neeves** came third in their heat and seventh in the semi final. A fabulous achievement by the boys. Well done Ryan, Sam, Bailey and Darcy.

#### **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 tomorrow, Friday, 27 October. 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.

#### **PRESCHOOL VISIT**

The Friday preschool group will make another visit to St Joey's tomorrow. We look forward to welcoming them. These visits are a wonderful prelude to our Kinder Orientation Day which will be held on Tuesday, 7 November.

#### **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.

#### **KINDER BUDDY LUNCH**

The Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies will enjoy a special lunch together next Tuesday, 31 October. The lunch is a way for the Kinder students to thank their Year 6 buddies for all their help and friendship during the year. It should be a scrumptious lunch and a most enjoyable time.

#### **ALL SAINTS DAY MASS**

All children from Kinder to Year 6 will celebrate All Saints Day next Wednesday, 1 November with Mass at 10:30 a.m. This Mass is being prepared by Year 3 and it would be lovely if as many parents as possible could join us. Morning tea will follow and we would appreciate it if you could please bring a plate to share.

#### **TALENT QUEST**

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school on Wednesday, 8 November at 2:00 p.m. The Year 6 students visited the classrooms last week explaining how the Talent Quest works and gathered 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 and Thursday at lunch time before the big day on Wednesday, 8 November.

#### **YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION**

Year 2 has been busy this term 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, 14 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 18 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 26 November at 9:45 a.m. during which certificates will be presented to the Year 2 class. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

#### **UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES**

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either via our school app, 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.

#### **NEW ST JOEY'S BACKSACKS FOR SALE**

We are now selling St Joey's backsacks from the clothing pool. These backsacks are made of a waterproof material with drawstrings that can be worn on the back. They would make great swimming bags or a

spare bag for any extra-curricula activity. They are selling for just \$5.00. Feel free to come in and have a look!

## **PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL** **A SAFETY ISSUE**

Just a reminder when picking up children from school to use the Wrigley Street entrance and not the Dudley Street entrance. The Dudley Street entrance is for buses only in the afternoon and it is too dangerous for children to be ducking between buses to leave school.

## **SECOND HAND SCHOOL DESKS TO GIVE AWAY**

We still have a few second hand school desks to give away. If anyone is interested, they are stacked outside the library. Come and take a look and take away a bargain!

## **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Jeremiah Woodrow** for taking great care with his handwriting, **Clayton Wheatley** for carefully sounding out words when writing, **Ivy Murphy** for great drawings of important places in Gilgandra, **Georgia Allan** for top work sharing collections of objects equally, **Elsie Adams** for fantastic work continuing counting patterns, **Ryder Larkin** for working hard on all classroom tasks and **Amity Henry** for improvement in reading.

**YEAR 1:** **Lara Younghusband** for a beautiful picture of God's Creation, **Xanthe Gale** for always making a great effort with homework, **Kenedi Hazelton** for trying hard in Spelling groups and **Jacqueline Hutchison** for being able to identify rhombuses and trapeziums.

**YEAR 2:** **Jessica Ibe** and **Bonica Henry** for taking great pride in the presentation of book work, **Eliza Mudford** for super writing in text types, **Jonas Naden** for taking more care in Sentence A Day, **Adison Thomas** for a huge improvement in reading and **Molly Temple** for working hard in Religion.

**YEAR 3:** **Ethan Morris** for great preparation of your information report on 'Balls', **Jessie Riley** for a fabulous effort in Maths, **Beatie Davis** for fabulous work in Maths, **Henry Purvis** for excellent work in Maths Operations and **Declan Gale** for a super effort in Reading.

**YEAR 4:** **Nick Gale** for participating meaningfully in class discussions, **Lucy McIsaac** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 4, **Ben Standing** for working extremely hard in all areas of Year 4 and **Jasmine Zell** for achieving fantastic results in Mathletics.

**YEAR 5:** **Sarah Temple** for challenging herself and writing complex and interesting sentences in Spelling, **Oscar Spora** and **Emily Zell** for thinking critically about our class novel, "Tom Appleby" and **Jacob Harland** for outstanding spelling results and beautiful handwriting.

**YEAR 6:** **Zac Ferguson** and **Patrick Spora** for excellent work with semi colons, **Jennifer Ibe** for presenting her Sydney interview with enthusiasm and **Bradley Kildey** for multiplying fractions with accuracy.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 3- Year 3 Reconciliation**

Friday, 27 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion  
- Preschool Visit

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

Tuesday, 31 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch  
Wednesday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.  
- Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 2 November - Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2 and Friday 3 November - Principals Meeting  
Friday, 3 November - K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Strategies 2017-2020 Meeting

### **WEEK 5 - Fr Martin away on Retreat**

Tuesday, 7 November - Kinder Orientation Day  
Wednesday, 8 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 9 & Friday, 10 November - Coonabarabran Horse Sports  
Friday, 10 November - Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.  
- Year 1 Police Station Visit

### **WEEK 6**

Tuesday, 14 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials  
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 15 November - Year 4 Class Mass – 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, 16 November - Priests/Principals Meeting  
Friday, 17 November - Knowledge Explosion (Years 3-6)  
Saturday, 18 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** We have been reading "Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread" this week. The children have enjoyed participating in the shared reading of this story and sequencing the events of the story in a summary. As Mr McGee went to the zoo with his big bag of bread, the children wrote their own imaginary recount of a trip to the zoo. In Mathematics Kinder worked on modelling and writing numbers to thirty along with addition combinations to make ten and using a pan balance to compare masses. During Geography we looked at a globe and discussed some of its features. Our buddy lunch is next week and more volunteers are always welcome. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** This week Year 1 loved reading the Julia Donaldson book, "Room On The Broom". We recalled all the problems the poor witch encountered as she flew through the countryside. Luckily she had some very helpful friends who saved the day! Contractions have been our Grammar focus and we learnt a catchy tune to help us remember what they are. We also played a matching game that was lots of fun. In Maths we used a number line to help us add numbers to 20. We also modelled numbers using bundles of 10. We coloured and painted some very cute witches in Art and completed the Creation Story in Religion. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** It sounds like our Years 5 and 6 friends are having a fantastic excursion to Sydney. Well done to Year 4 for stepping up to be the leaders of Joey's this week. In the classroom we made colourful clowns and fancy ringmasters to add to our class circus mural. In Maths we revised division, data, subtraction and area. Mathletics continues to be an enjoyable part of our Maths activities. During Reconciliation lessons we discussed the importance of prayer time and examining our conscience when making choices – good and bad. Grammar focused around homographs and adverbs, while in Spelling we revised the 'ou', 'ow' sound. Have a terrific weekend. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Only one more sleep until our fabulous zoo excursion! The students are very excited and have presented their fantastic projects to the class. We hope they see the animals they have researched. In Maths we learnt how to read a map, whilst during writing we wrote a description of a garden gnome and a puppet. In Geography we looked at the islands closest to Australia on Google maps. We focused on New Zealand and discussed the people, flora, fauna and interesting landforms. In Religion we have been preparing for our All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday. We hope as many family and friends as possible can join us. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** Wow Year 4 has had a very busy week this week with all of our extra jobs. Well done to everyone who has shown fantastic enthusiasm and given of their best in the jobs we had to do while Years 5 and 6 are away. In class we have been spending time putting the final touches on our fairy tales and beginning to publish them using the iPads. During Maths this week we have been looking at describing paths and revising associative property. Our Religion time has been spent looking at various formal and informal prayers as well as completing a short meditation session. A reminder also that if you still have your child's portfolio at home could you please return it as soon as possible. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 27 October – Belinda Murray & Simone Fordham  
Monday, 30 October – Anna Mudford & Lib Walker  
Wednesday, 1 November – Kirstie Bugmy & Lesley Riley  
Friday, 3 November – Melissa Hanson & Sheree Staggs

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 29 October – Zac Ferguson, Aiden Walker, Rani Diggs, Emily Zell

