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## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 4

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### Thought for the Week

*How you make others feel about themselves says a lot about you.*

# St Joseph's School Fete

Tomorrow, Friday, 31 October  
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**WORKING BEE** Friday - 12:00 p.m. to set up stalls, put up tents, tidy playground etc. *Many hands make light work!*  
**FETE ROSTER** is again with today's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. There are still a few gaps, particularly the food preparation, car wash, fete games, jumping castle, sumo boxing, bungee run and trike rides. If you can help out on the day, please do so. Our fete is one of our major fundraisers and one where everyone can help in some way. So while the children enjoy all the activities, maybe Mum or Dad could help out on a stall for an hour or so.

**CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULI, 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER'** We are still looking for donations for these stalls. All donations go towards a successful fete.

**NO CANTEEN TOMORROW** The canteen will be closed for school tomorrow due to fete preparations.

**TRIO OF MEAT AUCTION** Keep in mind the auction at the fete. It will include half a beast, 1 lamb, 3 kg breast fillets, 2kg thigh filets, 2 kg drumsticks, 2 kg wings and 4 No. 18 chickens. The winning bidder can make arrangements with 3D's Butchery as to how they would like the meat prepared and collect it in the week following the fete.

**OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY** Tomorrow is an out-of-uniform day.

#### **CRAZY BEARD DAY**

Again the wonderful generosity of our school community was highlighted on Friday when \$3,521.10 was raised for the Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers. An amazing contribution! Congratulations and thank you to all the students and staff for raising so much money and coming to school in their beards. A special thank you to our Year 6 leaders for deciding on this very worthwhile fundraising activity.

#### **BACKYARD LEAGUE**

Backyard League is an initiative of the NRL that makes rugby league fun for both boys and girls by developing skills in a non-competitive environment. Our Years 3-6 students will have three forty minute lessons starting next Thursday. We thank the NRL for inviting us to participate in the backyard league program.

#### **WRITING EXCELLENCE**

Congratulations to the super sisters, **Emilie and Sophie Hassall** who have both been successful in having their works published. Sophie entered a short story in the Sydney Youth Writing Competition this year and she has been chosen as a finalist and is therefore going to have her story published in their annual book, "Drop, Wind, Keep". She will attend the awards night on Tuesday, 25 November at Parliament House in Sydney. Emilie also entered a poem in the 2014 Write4Fun Competition and it has also been chosen to be published in their upcoming book, "The Next Generation". Well done Emilie and Sophie.

#### **YEAR 4 MASS**

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 6 November at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

#### **SCHOOL COUNSELLOR**

The Catholic Education Office has provided a counsellor for each of the schools in the Bathurst Diocese. Our counsellor is Miss Brittany Ward, an employee of Centacare. Brittany will spend one day a fortnight at our school and will provide support for teachers, students and parents. Her role within the school will involve working closely with teachers and staff to assist students as well as working with students one on one. Some of the services Brittany will be offering the school include; promoting positive mental health strategies, providing school staff, parents and students with information regarding mental health and well-being, communicating with school staff and parents regarding specific needs of particular students, face to face counselling and small group programmes for students. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Brittany on [brittany.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au](mailto:brittany.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au)

#### **KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION**

The Knowledge Explosion for all children in Years 3 to 6 will commence next week on Friday, 7 November at 2:00 p.m. It will be held over three weeks and will continue on Friday, 14 November and Friday, 21 November. The children were surveyed as to what special activity they

would like to learn more about and these include: Calligraphy, Welding, Maths, Scrapbooking, iPads, Mosaic Tiling, Woodwork, Cooking and Christmas Decorations. A special thank you to our community volunteers, Michael O'Neill, Harry Langes, Joe & Judy Shalhoub and Roy Duncan, for giving up their time so the children can experience these wonderful activities.

### **CANTEEN TEA TOWELS**

If anyone has any tea towels that they may have taken home to wash, could you please return them. The canteen is a short of tea towels at the moment.

### **WELCOME MISS WALLACE**

We welcomed Miss Kate Wallace back to our school this week. Kate is completing her practicum with CSU. Kate will be in Year 4 for three weeks.

### **ST JOHN'S COLLEGE YEAR 7 2015 INFORMATION EVENING**

The above evening will be held on Wednesday, 19 November in the Barbara Amos Hall at St John's College from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. For further information contact Miss Belinda Dempsey (Year 7 Coordinator) on 68415141. There will be a number of different presenters on the evening with time also allocated for questions. Both parents and students are welcome.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b><u>WEEK 4</u></b>	<b><u>Year 4 Reconciliation</u></b>	
Friday, 31 October	-	Fete
<b><u>WEEK 5</u></b>	<b><u>Year 5 Reconciliation</u></b>	
Wednesday, 5 November	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 6 November	-	Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
	-	Backyard League – Years 3-6
Friday, 7 November	-	Brittany Ward–School Counsellor
	-	Knowledge Explosion
<b><u>WEEK 6</u></b>	<b><u>Year 2 Reconciliation</u></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
	-	Backyard League – Years 3
Friday, 14 November	-	Knowledge Explosion
<b><u>WEEK 7</u></b>	<b><u>Father Martin away on Retreat</u></b>	
Tuesday, 18 November	-	Kinder Orientation Day
	-	Summer Sports Trials - Dubbo
Wednesday, 19 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	-	Final Active After Schools
Thursday, 20 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	-	Backyard League – Years 3-6
Friday, 21 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	-	Brittany Ward–School Counsellor

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: **RyDAH Whitehouse** for thinking mathematically, **Indi Murphy** for writing a super story about a baby cheetah, **Millie Spora** for sharing very interesting and cute news, **Carter Chapman** for trying hard in Mathematics and **Miah Scott** and **Taylor Statham** for trying hard with their sight words. **YEAR 1**: **Billie Allan** and **Harry Mudford** for writing great character descriptions of 'Stick Man', **Nick Tancred** for painting a fantastic 'Stick Man' artwork, **Mattea Purvis** for being a very helpful member of Year 1, **Nick Gale** for working hard to solve addition problems and **Samantha Naden** for wonderful participation in our class Liturgy. **YEAR 2**: **Madison Riley** for great work in Maths Operations, **Camilla Beveridge** for a sensational effort in Comprehension, **Dylen Murray** for being a super speller and **Chloe Mudford** for a great exposition about 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang'. **YEAR 3**: **Skye Bui** for neat work in Handwriting, **Anton Davis** for carefully writing an explanation, **Breanna Foran** for asking questions to clarify her understanding, **Rhys O'Neill** for an amazing effort in all set tasks and **William Fuller** for working hard to produce outstanding work. **YEAR 4**: **Tyler Evans** and **Emily Skinner** for improved neatness in book work, **Mary Westwood** and **Jett Grimshaw** for super work on 'National Parks' in HSIE and **Amelia Murray** for using good problem solving skills in Maths. **YEAR 5**: **Alex Beveridge** for her mature approach to all classroom tasks, **Kate Gilmour** for fabulous images of religious sacramental symbols and **James Kildey** for improved expression when reading our class novel. **YEAR 6**: **Daimon Horne** for working hard to master the skill of long division, **Mitchell Gaff** for providing the class with interesting spider facts and **Grace Lummis** and **Shari Grimshaw** for working hard to create interesting wire sculptures.

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Well done Kindergarten for your reverence and enthusiastic participation in our Liturgy today. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends there to support you. This week Kinder enjoyed writing interesting facts about cats and in HSIE we discussed what kinds of pets we all had and how we should look after them. In Maths we investigated further the concept of sharing equally into groups and telling the time. We are all very excited about our school fete tomorrow. Thank you to all our infants families for baking lots of goodies for the cake stall. Have a great weekend. *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** It has been a lovely week in Year 1. We have learnt about the 'gr' sound in Spelling and have brainstormed a number of homographs in Grammar. For writing we have written some very impressive narratives about 'Stick Man'. We have also helped Year 5 illustrate some narratives they wrote for us. During HSIE this week we looked at the human life cycle and for Art we have painted 'Harry O'Hay' from Julia Donaldson's, "The Scarecrows' Wedding" using watercolour paints. I hope to see you all at the fete tomorrow. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 2** What a "hair-larious" day we had for Crazy Beard Day last week. Thank you to everyone for your wonderful participation, creative creations and generous donations. In Maths we investigated volume with cubes and found out about adverbs in Grammar. As part of our PDH topic we have been discussing safety on wheels. To illustrate the importance of wearing a helmet, we dropped an egg on a hard surface. The students were then asked to think of different ways to protect the egg when dropped – some ideas were successful, but some were not – poor egghead! We are all very excited about the fete tomorrow and we hope to see you there! *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3** This week in Writing we have written a narrative. The children got to choose their own 'fictional place' to set their narratives and it was wonderful to see all the students' creativity! In Grammar we have been working on adjectives and how we can use them to make our writing more interesting. In Comprehension we completed an interactive activity about cross country. We have started a new topic in Religion this week, 'Advent to Christmas' whilst in Maths we have been learning about fractions and measurement. A big thank you to everyone for your efforts in raising money for the Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers. It was great to see everyone wearing crazy beards for such a great cause! Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4** Set the date ... it's our school fete this Friday, 31 October. A big thank you to everyone who has brought in tombuli bags for the Years 3/4 stall. We welcome Miss Wallace who will be teaching in Year 4 for the next few weeks. During the week we focused on reconciliation and how respecting the opinions of others enables us to be more understanding with our friends. Maths challenged our thinking using tricky decimal and fraction conversions and multiplication. In Spelling we revised words that contain the 'ay', 'a\_e', 'eigh' sounds and used the dictionary to search for similar meanings of list words. The Discussion text type is our writing and comprehension focus. Have a great time at the fete – don't be late!! Enjoy your weekend. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 5** has begun working on their public speaking in class as we trial ideas to start our policy speeches. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Canberra Expo last week, we had a great time showing you what we got up to. In HSIE we are investigating how relationships with other countries support us in times of trouble as well as what makes our country unique. During PDHPE we had a class discussion on what actually being 'healthy' means to us and how it is not always about just what we eat. Our class novel for the term "Japan Diary" has been a hit as we look at an account of one girl's adventure to another country as an exchange student. We hope to see you all at the fete tomorrow. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 6** We have enjoyed another wonderful week in the Year 6 classroom. Yesterday we visited Gilgandra High School for our transition program and experienced a high school Science lesson. During HSIE we have looked at how we are globally connected not only as individuals but also as a nation. In Maths we worked in groups to investigate how many tiles we needed to cover a wall and then had to explain the process we used. "Hiding Edith" is our class novel and as we read aloud we are focusing on the way the author uses imagery to give us a vivid picture of the story and its setting. We are really looking forward to all the fun of the fete tomorrow! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 31 October – FETE – CANTEEN CLOSED  
 Monday, 3 November – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller  
 Wednesday, 5 November – Belinda Murray & volunteer required  
 Friday, 7 November – Roslyn Zell & Sussane Gilmour

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 2 November – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis