



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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### Thought for the Week

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

#### **YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION**

Yesterday Year 2 students received 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. To celebrate this special Sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass this Sunday, 10 November at 9:30 a.m. Our whole school family is invited to join with Year 2 on this special occasion. Please keep our Reconciliation class in your thoughts and prayers: **Elsie Adams, Georgia Allan, Caine Bugmy, Max Fiddes, Jacob Fordham, Ashley Gilmour, Chloe Harris, Jagger Hazelton, Amity Henry, Ryder Larkin, James Lesslie, Cooper Lummis, David McIsaac, Jock Mills, Benjamin Mudford, Elsie Mudford, Mia Mudford, Brodie Nichols, Nikola Riley, Ruby Ryan, Joe Staggs, Tilly Tancred, Isla Volkofsky, Anna Walker, Clayton Wheatley, Baxter Whitehouse and Jeremiah Woodrow.**

#### **KINDER ORIENTATION DAY**

It was fantastic to be able to greet our 2020 Kinder class and their parents, family and friends for Orientation Day on Tuesday. The children enjoyed lots of fun activities in the classroom with Mrs Newstead while the parents attended an information session and morning tea in the hall. It was a wonderful morning and we look forward to these new students being part of the Joey's family in 2020. In addition to the orientation day there will be three Kinder Transition Days held this month to assist the children's transition from preschool to Kindergarten.

#### **TALENT QUEST**

St Joey's certainly has some talented performers and this was evident to all at the Talent Quest held at school yesterday. The children sang, danced, played the piano, performed gymnastics, performed magic tricks, entertained us with comedy and TV skits. They were all magnificent. Congratulations to all our performers and thank you for a great afternoon's entertainment. A big thank you to our Year 6 leaders and the staff for ensuring such a successful show. Well done! Our talented performers included: **Molly Nichols, Jessie Riley, Brooke Woollams, Taylor Hayes, Alex Gaff, Rani Diamond, Grace Jones-Copelin, Ashley Gilmour, Paige Gilmour, Bella Ferguson, Eva Mulligan, Arabella Chandler, Heidi Colwell, Indy Thomas, Claudia Harrison, Ivy Zell, Chloe Alexander, Grace Winter, Kimbalee Gilmour, Tom Staggs, Riley Fiddes, Lucas Fong, Stuart Wheatley, Isabelle Mudford, Eliza Larkin, Adison Thomas, Chloe Heffer, Clancy Larkin, Isabelle Peart, Alana Spora, Lottie Duffy, Lucy Zell, Jacqueline Hutchison, Brooke Beaton, Alexia Riley, Violet Whitehouse, Ben O'Brien, Emily Standing, Kaycee Bugmy, Jessica Ibe, Maddi Peart, Mollie Spora, Sienna Zell, Emilia Peart, Alison Mudford, Scarlett Chandler, Poppy-Grace Newton, Lara Younghusband, Evie Peart, David McIsaac, Eliza Mudford, Molly Temple, Bonnie Henry, Alicia Fordham, Emma Mills, Hope Jones-Copelin, Joe O'Brien, Tilly Tancred, Abigail Davis, Dakotah Gilmour, Tahleigh Davey, Ella Murphy, Mackenzie Skinner, Kellie Hutchison, Jordan Neeves, Eva Bonnington, Beatie Davis, Ella Mudford, Trinity Zell, Chloe Harris, Amity Henry, Mia Mudford, Elsie Mudford, Toby Davis, Billie Allan, Lucy McIsaac, Lucy Kilpatrick, Alana Elsom, Alyssa Ferguson, Sophia Peart, Georgia Tancred, Jemima Harrison, Grace Tancred, Nick Tancred, Tilla Chandler.**

#### **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

**Monday, 11 November**

Our Year 5 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Communion Service to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Monday, 11 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. Year 6 will attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Gilgandra Cenotaph as a sign of respect for all brave men and women who have served our country in all wars. Lest We Forget.

#### **ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at Assembly on **Monday** for their achievements in the ICAS Digital Technologies Competition held last term:

**DISTINCTION:** Jessica Ibe

**MERIT:** Alyssa Ferguson, Vaughan Zell

**CREDIT:** Eliza Mudford, Michael Ibe.

#### **YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES**

We wish all our 2020 Student Leaders the best of luck as they present their policy speeches. All at St Joey's look forward to hearing what these wonderful people are going to do for our school next year. Following is a timetable of the speeches and all are invited to come along and listen:

##### **Monday, 11 November**

9:00 a.m. Will Younghusband, Blake Fairey, Molly Nichols, Ryder Ryan, Grace Jones-Copelin

11:45 a.m. Charlotte Ferguson, Michael Ibe, Lilla Oehm, Brooke Woollams, Jessie Riley

2:00 p.m. Tahleigh Davey, Rhyan Hutchison, Ella Mudford, Dakotah Gilmour, Abigail Davis

##### **Tuesday, 12 November**

9:00 a.m. Charlie Zell, Grace Tancred, Eva Bonnington, Tia Allan, Sam Dunn

##### **Wednesday, 13 November**

9:00 a.m. Ethan Morris, Jordan Neeves, Alison Mudford, Beatie Davis

11:25 a.m. Millie Spora, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes

2:00 p.m. Nick Kirsop, Lochie Henry, Alex Gaff, Trinity Zell

##### **Friday, 15 November**

9:00 a.m. Emilia Peart, Declan Gale, Rydah Whitehouse, Rani Diamond

11:25 a.m. Henry Purvis, Shane Estens, Sienna Zell

#### **KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION**

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will be held tomorrow Friday, 8 November and the following Friday, 15 November. The Knowledge Explosion exposes the children to new activities that they may not otherwise have the chance to experience. This year the activities include: Woodwork, Cooking, Drama, Photography, Robotics, Welding, Art, Sewing, Bracelet Making, Mixing Music, Mandarin (language). A special thank you to Mr Roy Duncan (woodwork), Amy Naef (art), Barbara Scott (photography) and Greg Larkin (welding) for giving up their time and sharing their expertise in these activities. Also, thank you to Craig Gilmour for allowing us to use his shed for welding.

#### **FOOTY FRIDAY**

Our Years 5 and 6 boys will be having a friendly footy match against Gilgandra Public School tomorrow, on our oval, at 12:00 p.m. Good luck to all the players and have fun!

#### **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 Thursday, 14 November. This excursion is part of their Science and Technology unit, 'Living World Animals'. 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.

#### **DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS**

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in our Summer Sports Trials held over the past few weeks. All the children were so enthusiastic and it made the selection process very difficult. Well done! The following students will now compete in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials to be held in Dubbo next Thursday, 14 November. Best of luck to: **Ethan Morris, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Darcy Morris, Jessie Riley (Basketball), Lochie Henry, Rhyan Hutchison, Nick Kirsop, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Ella Mudford, Jordan Neeves (Cricket), Will O'Connor, Henry Purvis, Brody Heffer, Blake Fairey, Mitchell Fuller, Mac Lesslie, Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred (Touch).**

#### **MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC**

##### **'PUFF & BLOW' MUSIC DEMONSTRATION**

We had members from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music visit our school today to conduct a 'Puff & Blow' music demonstration. They demonstrated a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2-5. We have a number of children already learning a musical instrument through the

weekly visits by Mr Nick Evans from the Conservatorium and today's demonstration was to give anyone else who may have been interested a try.

### **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, 2 December to Friday, 13 December at a cost of \$80.00 (this does not include pool entry). Enrolment forms were sent home last Thursday. Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$80.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by next Friday, 15 November. Payment may also be made via B-Pay using your school fee reference. We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

### **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 by note, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

### **GILGANDRA BLUE PHONE BOOK**

We are excited about the cover of the Gilgandra Blue Phone Book this year as it has a picture of some of our Pony Club students including **Isabelle Mudford, Ruby Ryan, Indy Thomas, Elsie Mudford, Jock Mills and Emma Mills** with other members of the Pony Club. What a great cover!

### **MERIT AWARDS**

**KINDER:** **Parker Leven** for a big improvement in Handwriting, **Darcy Adams** for super skip counting by 5's and 10's, **Mitchell Beaton** for working well in Phonics and **Estelle Hazelton** for an impressive drawing of a crocodile.

**YEAR 1:** **Alana Spora** for a beautiful drawing of a castle in Art, **Oliver Peart** for a fantastic effort in Writing, always "Giving Of His Best" and **Lucas Riley** and **Lucy Profke** for a fabulous drawing of a castle.

**YEAR 2:** **Joe Staggs** for a super effort in Writing and Spelling activities, **Cooper Lummis** for always trying his best in Maths, **Ben Mudford** for clever work using the chromebooks, **Tilly Tancred** for an enthusiastic approach to free writing, **Elsie Mudford** for great progress in Reading and **Ruby Ryan** for careful setting out of all bookwork.

**YEAR 3:** **Riley Hutchison** for looking out for his mates when participating in the u-Rippa program, **Georgia Tancred, Sophie Gilmour, Tilla Chandler and Jemima Harrison** for great snorkelling skills during the u-Rippa swim program.

**YEAR 4:** **Hudson Duffy** for using a range of techniques to construct a successful persuasive text, **William O'Connor** for making positive contributions to class discussions, **Emily Standing** for creating a beautiful landscape artwork and **Stella Valler** for producing pleasing work in Spelling.

**YEAR 5:** **Tia Allan** for taking on feedback to improve her speech, **Sam Dunn** for having a more settled approach in Maths, **Emilia Peart** for trying hard to include expression when delivering her speech to the class, **Grace Tancred** for having a sound knowledge of Sydney Fast Facts and **Trinity Zell** for knowing how to sequence fractions on a number line with ease.

**YEAR 6:** **Lucy McIsaac** for consistently achieving at a high level in class, **Lucy Kilpatrick** for always "Giving Of Her Best" here at St Joseph's and **Ben Harland** and **Lucas Gleadhill** for being valued class members who show maturity when helping out around the classroom.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 4**

Friday, 8 November - Knowledge Explosion  
- Years 5 & 6 Footy v Public School – 12.00 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 November - Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:30 a.m.

#### **WEEK 5**

Monday, 11 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
- Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.  
- Year 6 to – Remembrance Day Service at Gilgandra Cenotaph

Tuesday, 12 November - Kinder Transition  
- Year 5 Policy Speeches  
- GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 – 3:05 p.m.

Wednesday, 13 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
Thursday, 14 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials  
- Year 3 Zoo Excursion

Friday, 15 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
- Knowledge Explosion

#### **WEEK 6**

Tuesday, 19 November - Year 1 Police Station Visit  
- GHS Parent Information Evening

Tuesday, 19 November to  
Friday, 22 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion  
Wednesday, 20 November - Kinder Transition

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week we met our new Kinders for 2020. It was great to see so many parents and friends at our school to support the new members of our Joey's family.

This week Kinder enjoyed reading "Mr McGee Goes to Sea" by Pamela Allen. Mr McGee certainly gets himself into some tricky situations! We revised nouns and completed sentences based on parts of the story. In Maths we revised sharing and discussed how each group or person needs to have the same amount to make it fair. We also completed a survey, collected and recorded data about our favourite fruit. Our focus in Religion this week has been Adam and Eve and how God created us all to be unique and special in His eyes. Kinder couldn't contain their excitement during the fabulous talent quest yesterday. We loved all the acts and a big congratulations to everyone who participated and organised this fantastic show! Have a great weekend!

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** During the past couple of weeks the school has been buzzing with all the different acts practising for the talent quest that took place yesterday. What talent our St Joseph's kids have, and so confident too! It was a lovely afternoon of entertainment, thank you to all the performers. During Maths we have been doing e-learning using the iPads and the Essential Assessment Program. In Art we made a poppy garden in honour of all the fallen heroes that served our country. We have also done a lot of work on our Reading Eggs which is always fun. With the summer almost here, we have also started swimming for sport and it is great to see everyone having fun, whilst learning to be safe in the pool.

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

**YEAR 2** Congratulations to the students who made their first Reconciliation yesterday. We are all looking forward to Mass on Sunday to celebrate together. Testing continued in the classroom this week and in Grammar and Sentence A Day we revised homographs (words that are spelt the same, sound the same but have a different meaning – eg. bark, seal, saw). Congratulations to all the talented Joey's performers at yesterday's talent quest and thanks Year 6 for organising it. Have a great weekend everyone. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Wow! What an exciting week we've had in Year 3. Excitement is definitely building with only 7 more sleeps until we head off to the zoo. I can't wait to hear about everyone's favourite animal. On Tuesday it was lovely to meet the newest members of our Kinder 2020 class during their Orientation Day. We also enjoyed cheering on our horses during the Melbourne Cup. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the talent quest yesterday. It was great to see so many different talents within our school. You all did an amazing job! During Maths we have been completing a number of small assessments on a number of different Maths strands on our chromebooks. In Science we have looked at the Sun and we have discovered a number of different facts which we may not have known previously. Have a wonderful weekend! *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** Well done on a lovely Mass today Year 4. Thank you to the parents and friends for coming along to our 'Love is Great' Mass and providing us with morning tea, we really appreciate it! What a fun afternoon we all had at the talent quest yesterday! Congratulations to all students who performed, it was wonderful to see so many fantastic talents! This week we have been looking at speech marks to improve our use of them in our writing. We have also been busy writing a new persuasive text for our portfolios. We are still working hard on our spelling and it has been wonderful to see improvements in our results! Excursion permission notes are now due to be returned as our excursion is quickly approaching in Week 7. Have a fantastic weekend. *Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** What a wonderful week we've had! Year 5 was keen to welcome the 2020 Kinders on Tuesday and took wonderful care of their future buddies! In Maths we have continued to work on our Essential Assessments to check progress in individual strands. Everyone has been working hard on policy speeches at home and at school and we are looking forward to presenting them next week. In our excursion booklets we have focused on information about the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Rocks and we cannot wait to see these in 12 more sleeps! We have also been busy preparing for our Remembrance Day Communion Service on Monday – keep practising your readings! Congratulations to all those who performed in the talent quest yesterday – you are all stars!

*Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** What a productive week in Year 6! The week began with our daily times table sprints. I am proud to report that all students have improved their knowledge of number facts, along with their quick recall skills! We have also continued to revisit those difficult Maths concepts during Operations, in order to conquer our Maths goals! Tuesday afternoon was full of excitement. Firstly, with our visit to the high school. Some students experienced a lesson in the Science Lab which involved a hands on activity with balloons and string, whilst the other group participated in a scavenger hunt exercise which helped them become more familiar with the school surroundings. We arrived back at school just in time for the very exciting Melbourne Cup. What a great day! It was an exciting build up to the talent quest and I would like to congratulate all those who participated! What a wonderful afternoon we had! *Miss Jess Seaman*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 8 November – Rachel Lacey & Mon Mudford  
Monday, 11 November – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford  
Wednesday, 13 November – Rachel Kirsop  
Friday, 15 November – Rebecca Medd & Rod Ryan

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER – Sunday, 10 November**

Ethan Morris, Charlie Zell, Emily Zell, Rydah Whitehouse

