

# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 4

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### Thought for the Week

*"In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row  
that mark our place, and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly"*  
**LEST WE FORGET**



#### **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, played magic and card 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: **Alyssa Ferguson, Sophia Peart, Brooke Beaton, Jacqueline Hutchison, Alana Spora, Joe O'Brien, Tahleigh Davey, Ben Standing, Cameron Davis, Casey Gaff, Jett Tarrant, Tilly Tancred, Amity Henry, Olivia Westwood, Tilla Chandler, Mia Ferguson, Taylor Hayes, Grace Jones-Copelin, Paige Gilmour, Grace Winter, Georgia Allan, Ruby Ryan, Elsie Adams, Chloe Harris, Ella Murphy, Trinity Zell, Eliza Larkin, Millie Spora, Abigail Davis, Eva Bonnington, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Eliza Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Adison Thomas, Will Spora, Nick Tancred, Emily Standing, Jaida Tarrant, Jessica Ibe, Tom Staggs, Riley Fiddes, Dakotah Gilmour, Indi Murphy, Alana Elsom, Lucy Kilpatrick, Billie Allan, Lucy McIsaac, Jasmine Zell, Hope Jones-Copelin, Kate Woollams, Emmie Peart, Alison Mudford, Rani Diamond, Sienna Zell, Molly Nichols, Jessie Riley, Kimbalee Gilmour, Chloe Alexander, Milla Morris, Lucy Zell, Mackenzie Skinner, Heidi Thomas, Lottie Duffy, Claudia Harrison, Ivy Murphy, Indy Thomas, Eva Mulligan, Bella Ferguson, Kelly Hutchison, Jessie O'Connor, Ben Mudford, Joe Staggs, Lara Younghusband, Scarlett Chandler, Poppy-Grace Newton, Evie Peart, Alexia Riley, Toby Davis, Georgia Tancred, Jemima Harrison, Emma Mills, Molly Temple, Isla Volkofsky, Sarah Temple, Molly Wilson, Layney Godber, Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge.**

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

Thank you to Year 5 who lead us in a beautiful Remembrance Day Communion Service. We reflected on the poem "In Flanders Fields" and wore our poppies to commemorate those who gave their lives for the freedom we now enjoy. It would be great to see lots of people at the Remembrance Day services on Sunday. For more information about the services, please refer to the "Centenary of Armistice – Remembrance Day" article later in this About.

#### **KINDER ORIENTATION DAY**

We had a wonderful day on Tuesday as we welcomed our 2019 Kinder class. It was our pleasure having our newest members of the Joey's family at school and giving them a small taste of what big school will be like. We can't wait to see them all next year. Many thanks to Miss Smith, Mrs Newstead and Mrs Alchin for ensuring an enjoyable morning for the children.

#### **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, 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.

#### **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. tomorrow, Friday, 9 November. You will be able to watch the DVD, peruse the photos and browse through the booklets.

#### **YEAR 4 CLASS COMMUNION SERVICE**

Year 4 will celebrate a class Communion Service next Thursday, 15 November in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Service.

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

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in our Summer Sports Trials held over the past week. 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 on Thursday, 15 November. Best of luck to: **Ethan Morris, Ryder Ryan, Nick Kirsop, Charlie Zell** (Basketball), **Nick Tancred, Will Younghusband, Will Spora, Harry Mudford, Charlotte Ferguson, Jordan Neeves** (Cricket) and **Nick Gale,**

**Elten Walker, Hayden Ferguson, Blake Fairey, Ryan Ferguson, Billie Allan, Lilla Oehm, Eva Bonnington, Grace Tancred** (Touch).

#### **KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION**

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will be held next Friday, 16 November and on Friday, 23 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: Mosaic Pots, Woodwork, Cooking, Drama, Photography, Robotics, Movie Making, Welding, Art and Dance. A special thank you to Mr Roy Duncan (woodwork), Amy Naef (dance), Jenny Kilby (cooking) 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.

#### **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 next 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.

#### **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). Enrolment forms were sent home last Thursday. **Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$90.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by next Friday, 16 November.** We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

#### **PLENARY COUNCIL**

The Catholic Church plans to host a Plenary Council in 2020. This is a meeting which will explore the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. In preparation for the Council, the Bishops want to hear from the people. Therefore we are all invited to reflect, discuss and submit our experiences and thoughts in response to the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?". There is an opportunity to join a Listening and Dialogue Encounter in Dubbo on Saturday, 17 November at St Brigid's Parish Hall, Brisbane Street, Dubbo from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

#### **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.

#### **CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE – REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This Sunday, 11 November is the Centenary of Armistice. At 10:00 a.m. a Centenary of the Armistice Prayer Service will be held at St Ambrose Anglican Church. Following the service there will be a march to the cenotaph and our students have been invited to join the service at St Ambrose and/or the march. One hundred years ago people ran through the streets banging tin cans so if the children would like to join the Tin Can Band, they are more than welcome and should bring an old saucepan and metal spoon. The children could dress in olden day clothing, or casual clothes and wear the poppy that they received from school at the march. Following the march, there will be a service commencing at 10:50 a.m. at the War Memorial where our Year 6 representatives will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

## **'DUST TO DUSK' - \*FREE\* CONCERT**

It is with thanks to the Federal Government and the Drought Communities Program that the Gilgandra Show Society has gained funding to secure some awesome artists at the upcoming 'Dust to Dusk' concert which will be held at the Gilgandra Showground on Saturday, 17 November. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. and entry is FREE. Brothers3, Kora Naughton, Tania Kernaghan and Ben Ransom will entertain until late. Bring a blanket or a chair as well as your friends and family and relax and enjoy some great music. There will be a slide, jumping castle, pony rides, face painting as well as community organisations operating bar facilities, BBQ's, food and drink outlets. Grab your FREE tickets now at [www.123tix.com.au](http://www.123tix.com.au) or at MH Thomas & Gilgandra Real Estate.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Oli Chandler** for writing a great information report about elephants, **Archie Valler** and **Lucy Profke** for using a calculator brilliantly in Maths and **Olamide Kuku** for a top illustration of his 'special place' in Geography.

**YEAR 1:** **Mia Mudford** for a wonderful illustration of the Paper Bag Princess, **Jeremiah Woodrow** for super work in Spelling, **Ashley Gilmour** for a great effort in Maths and **Jacob Fordham** for a fantastic artwork of a camouflaged lizard.

**YEAR 2:** **Scarlett Chandler** for creative and beautiful artwork, **Alyssa Ferguson** for super problem solving in Maths, **Xanthe Gale** for being a helpful and happy class member, **Evie Peart** for a super and enthusiastic writing effort, **Layla Wykes** for being a settled and hard working student and **Riley Hutchison** for continuing to make good progress in Reading.

**YEAR 3:** **Kaycee Bugmy** for consistently giving of her best, **Brody Heffer** for trying hard to improve his accuracy in Maths, **Eliza Mudford** for an outstanding effort in all learning activities and **Molly Temple** for trying hard to complete work accurately.

**YEAR 4:** **Eva Bonnington** for using some fabulous, difficult and challenging words to improve her writing and **Abigail Davis**, **Alex Gaff**, **Lochie Henry**, **Millie Spora** and **Charlie Zell** for creating fabulous 'tightening tension' paragraphs.

**YEAR 5:** **Ava Meyers** for beautiful handwriting in Geography, **Casey Gaff** for enthusiastic participation and interest in class and **Jett Chandler** for taking care with his handwriting.

**YEAR 6:** **Sarah Temple** for great work with two-digit multiplication, **Emma Durrant** for accurately using the hyphen in text, **Tom Dunn** for working well in group activities and **Ry Heffer** for a consistent effort in Maths Operations.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 4**

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| 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**

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| Tuesday, 13 November  | - | Year 2 First Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.                     |
| Thursday, 15 November | - | Diocesan Summer Sports Trials                               |
|                       | - | Year 4 Communion Service – 10:30 a.m.                       |
| Friday, 16 November   | - | Knowledge Explosion   |
|                       | - | Soccer – Year 6 –v- Public School – 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, 17 November | - | Year 2 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.                    |

#### **WEEK 6**

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| 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**

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| 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 |
| Saturday, 1 December   | - | Christmas Carols in the Park                     |
| Sunday, 2 December     | - | First Sunday of Advent                           |

#### **WEEK 8**

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| 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 Talent Quest! Thank you to our fabulous Year 6 students and all the shining stars who performed yesterday. Kinder certainly loved clapping and singing along. This week we made some beautiful poppies to display on our window for Remembrance Day and discussed the importance of the Tin Can Band. In Maths we counted to 30 and recorded numbers in sequence. We also revised our knowledge of 3D shapes and subtraction number sentences. We enjoyed reading 'My Cat Maisie' by Pamela Allen. Poor Maisie didn't enjoy playing fire engines or helicopters with her new owner! We also started our new Personal Development & Health unit "All About Medicines". Have a great weekend!

*Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** In Science we discussed the water cycle and discovered that precipitation is the scientific word for rain. In Maths we investigated square numbers and used a calendar to find a secret birthday date. In Religion we read 'Remembering – The Story of a Soldier' and coloured red poppies to place on our window. We also attended a Remembrance Day Service to honour 100 years of Armistice. On Wednesday afternoon we were greatly entertained by our fellow students in the Talent Quest. Bravo to all our classmates on their wonderful acts. In Geography we listed natural, constructed and managed features of Gilgandra and discussed ways we need to care for places where we live. Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Schier*

**YEAR 2** It has been a busy week at St Joey's and on Tuesday it was lovely to meet the 2019 Kinder students. Yesterday we were treated to lots of performances at the Talent Quest. In the classroom we continued talking about penance and asking for God's forgiveness during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep our Year 2 students in your prayers as they prepare to make their first reconciliation with Father next week. In Maths we looked at the relationship between division and multiplication as well as tricky subtraction problems. We made poppies during Art yesterday in readiness for Remembrance Day this Sunday – Lest We Forget.

*Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Wow! What an exciting week we have had in Year 3. Excitement is definitely building with only one more sleep until we head off to the zoo. We can't wait to hear what everyone's favourite animal will be. 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! Thank you to Year 5 for preparing such a lovely Remembrance Day Service today. This week Year 3 has been completing a mini Saint project in Religion. We have also completed a Remembrance Day artwork using LucidPress and paper chipped some poppies onto their chosen picture. During Science we planted some seeds to see how they grow under different conditions. We look forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks. Have a wonderful weekend!

*Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Wow- what talent we have at Joey's! Congratulations to all those who performed in the Talent Quest yesterday - you were great! This week we have been busy correctly identifying similes and metaphors in Grammar whilst in Writing we have looked at how to convince a reader using 'show don't tell' and 'dynamic dialogue'. During Maths we have been looking at associative properties when adding numbers as well as revising subtraction with accuracy. Don't forget Year 4 will be celebrating a class Communion Service next Thursday and we would really like it if you could come along to help us celebrate. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Keady & Miss Giffin*

**YEAR 5** prepared and lead a beautiful Remembrance Day Communion Service today commemorating the centenary of Armistice. Well done Year 5 on your reverence and leadership. This week we were also very excited to meet our future Kinder buddies and look forward to welcoming them next year! Everyone has continued to work hard on policy speeches in class and at home and we encourage anyone who needs help to let us know. There is a note going home today regarding preferred days and times to present their speeches. During Maths we have been working on our individual areas for development using the data from our Essential Assessments. We have also looked at financial planning and budgets as well as ordering decimals and fractions. Congratulations to all those who performed in the Talent Quest yesterday – you are all stars!

*Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** It sounds as though our 2019 Kinders had a great time during their orientation day on Tuesday! It was great to see so many happy faces. In the classroom we have started to write a narrative titled 'Imagine'. Year 6 have brainstormed many exciting and engaging 'sizzling starts' for our texts. In Maths we have learnt about number patterns and multiplying decimals. Our Geography lesson this week has focused on human impacts on Antarctica and what is being done to help preserve this continent. It was wonderful to see so many acts at our Talent Quest this year. Everyone sure gave of their best and showed great enthusiasm.

*Mr Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

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| Friday, 9 November     | – | Simone Fordham & Tanya Hutchison   |
| Monday, 12 November    | – | Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin     |
| Wednesday, 14 November | – | Janine Ferguson & Catherine Neeves |
| Friday, 16 November    | – | Melanie Ferguson & Helen Oates     |

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

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| Sunday, 11 November | – | Cameron Davis & Mason Fryers |
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