



# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 5

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### Thought for the Week

*Forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were.*

#### **YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION**

A beautiful Mass was celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Sunday in celebration of Year 2's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Certificates were presented to our Reconciliation class during the Mass. Congratulations to you all and a big thank you to Miss Harvey and Mrs Banks for preparing the children so well. Our Year 2 Reconciliation class consists of: **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.**

#### **YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO DUBBO**

We hope Year 3 are having a wonderful time today as they visit Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo! 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 today they get to see their animal live! The children will also attend a lesson at the zoo's education centre. We will include a full write up about their adventures in next week's About.

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

Best of luck to **Ethan Morris, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Darcy Morris, Jessie Riley (Basketball), Lochie Henry, Rhyen Hutchison, Nick Kirsop, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Ella Mudford, Jordan Neeves (Cricket), Will O'Connor, Henry Purvis, Brody Heffer, Blake Fairey, Mitch Fuller, Mac Lesslie, Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred (Touch)** who are today participating in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials in Dubbo.

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

There are only five more sleeps until 61 Years 5 and 6 students, 4 teachers and 10 parents head off to the 'big smoke' for this year's Sydney Excursion! This is their detailed itinerary:

##### **Day 1 – Tuesday, 19 November**

Depart St Joseph's School – 6:30 a.m., morning tea at Mudgee, Scenic World Katoomba – Skyway, Railway and Cableway, ANZ Stadium Tour, Collaroy Centre, Collaroy, Evening Activity – Movie in Theatre

##### **Day 2 – Wednesday, 20 November**

Walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge, Rocks Walking Tour, Captain Cook Cruise, Opera House Tour, Parliament House, Sydney Aquarium, Dinner at Darling Harbour, Sydney Tower Eye

##### **Day 3 – Thursday, 21 November**

Madame Tussauds, National Maritime Museum, Mary MacKillop Place, Leisure swim at Sydney International Aquatic Centre

##### **Day 4 – Friday, 22 November**

Manly Surf School Surf Safe Program – Long Reef, Luna Park – unlimited rides, Dinner at McDonalds Lithgow, Arrive St Joseph's School approximately 10:30 p.m.

It's sure to be a fantastic trip and we hope everyone has an amazing and fun time.

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

Our Year 1 students are looking forward to their visit to the Police Station next Tuesday, 19 November. This excursion is part of the Year 1 Geography unit 'People and Places'. We thank Senior Constable King for organising this visit.

#### **ICAS SPELLING COMPETITION**

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

**DISTINCTION:** Michael Ibe, Jessica Ibe, Alex Cosier

**CREDIT:** Eva Bonnington, Vaughan Zell, Jemima Harrison

**MERIT:** Lilla Oehm, Evie Peart

#### **ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION**

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

**CREDIT:**

**MERIT:**

Ethan Morris, Eliza Mudford, Jessica Ibe

Alex Cosier, Michael Ibe, Sienna Zell, Lucy McIsaac

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

Our 2020 Student Leaders have been doing a marvellous job this week delivering their policy speeches to the school. The speeches will continue tomorrow and everyone is invited to attend. The timetable is as follows:

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

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

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

#### **KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION**

The Knowledge Explosion, concludes tomorrow, Friday, 15 November. From all accounts the Years 3-6 children enjoyed the activities last week and it is a wonderful opportunity to try something 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.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club Catalogues have today gone home. Please note that the closing date for book orders is next **Friday, 22 November**.

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

**(\*enrolment forms & payment due tomorrow\*)**

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 have previously been sent home. **Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$80.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by tomorrow, 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.

#### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE OF BATHURST**

#### **SCHOOL FEES WILL NOT INCREASE IN 2020**

Over the past week or so, our school families should have received a letter from the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst informing you that Bishop McKenna has made the decision not to increase school fees in 2020, due to the severe drought conditions that are having a devastating effect across all communities within the Diocese. In addition to this measure, the Capital Works Levy will also remain the same as the 2019 amount. Bishop McKenna would like to remind families that if you are suffering financial hardship for any reason and finding it difficult to pay school fees, please contact either the Catholic Education Office or speak with Tony Musgrave in our office to discuss options relating to available assistance. A family's financial situation should never be a barrier to accessing or continuing a student's enrolment in a Catholic school within the Diocese.

#### **SCHOOL SURVEY**

With today's About is a brief survey which we are asking parents to complete and return to the school office by next Friday, 22 November. We are required each year to complete an Annual Report that is submitted to the Commonwealth Government and published to the community. One of the requirements of this report is to have surveyed the school parents to ascertain levels of satisfaction with various aspects of the school. The survey is a simple one that requires only four ticks, one for each element. Your cooperation in completing this survey and returning it to school by Friday, 22 November is appreciated.

## HEAD LICE

There have been reports of head lice at school. Could you please check your child/children's hair and treat if necessary.

## GILGANDRA TOY RUN

Central West Riders SMC, in conjunction with the Gilgandra and Tooraweenah Lions Clubs and Gilgandra Shire Council, are conducting a Motorbike and Car Toy Run for the community of Gilgandra on Saturday, 30 November with marshalling from 10:30 a.m. at Cooee Park, Gilgandra. The parade will commence at 11:00 a.m. proceeding down Miller Street then back to Cooee Park for the donation of the toys and a community BBQ. All are welcome to attend. All participants are to donate a child's gift or a gift card suitable for a teenager, with the gifts being donated to the underprivileged and farmer's children in the Gilgandra/Tooraweenah area. For further information, please visit the Central West Riders' Facebook page.

## MERIT AWARDS

**KINDER:** Mack Hutchison for great skip counting by 10's, Sophie Lacey for being a co-operative and helpful member of Kinder, Elijah Newton for always listening and following instructions during swimming and Abhijot Singh for participating happily in our classroom discussion about Mr McGee.

**YEAR 1:** Akhiro Baker for working well independently, Ella Murphy for "Giving Of Her Best" at the swimming pool, Jessie O'Connor for having beautiful manners and Lottie Duffy for working conscientiously to complete tasks.

**YEAR 2:** Max Fiddes for trying hard in all Maths activities, Brodie Nichols for super contributions to class discussions relating to Reconciliation, Anna Walker for being a mature and enthusiastic worker, Clayton Wheatley for asking thoughtful questions in Religion and Nikola Riley and Jeremiah Woodrow for a great effort in Problem A Day and Operations.

**YEAR 3:** Evie Peart and Lachlan Profke for writing detailed explanations about Earth in Text Types, Mia Ferguson for showing great perseverance when completing tricky Maths questions and Poppy-Grace Newton for asking thoughtful questions to clarify your understanding in Grammar.

**YEAR 4:** Lucas Fong for making a consistent effort with morning reading, Alicia Fordham for being a wonderful role model for her peers, Jessica Ibe for consistently producing work of a high standard in Maths and Orlando Ryan for achieving great results in Maths.

**YEAR 5:** Abigail Davis for being a kind and caring friend to others, Blake Fahey for taking care with accuracy during Maths assessments, Taylor Hayes for working hard to improve expression when delivering her speech, Nick Kirsop for taking on feedback to improve his speech presentation, Lilla Oehm for an enthusiastic approach towards lessons about our upcoming excursion and Charlie Zell for excellent results in his unit test for Religion.

**YEAR 6:** Casey Gaff for his engagement in Religion and demonstrating a sound understanding of the Bible, Nick Gale for his behaviour and level of maturity at all times during class, Jett Chandler for his improved reading and desire to meet his reading goal and Paige Gilmour and Jasmine Zell for displaying leadership and school spirit in the lead up to the talent quest.

## WHAT'S ON

### WEEK 5

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

### WEEK 6

Tuesday, 19 November - Year 1 Police Station Visit  
Tuesday, 19 November to  
Friday, 22 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion  
Wednesday, 20 November - Kinder Transition

### WEEK 7

Monday, 25 November - GHS Parent Information Evening  
Tuesday, 26 November - P & F Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Gilgandra Services Club  
Wednesday, 27 November - Kinder Cooee Visit - 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday, 28 November - Year 1 Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.  
- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge

Thursday, 28 November/  
Friday 29 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion

Friday, 29 November - Kinder Transition  
Sunday, 1 December - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### WEEK 8

Monday, 2 December - Infants Swimming commences  
- Year 6 PD Evening - 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, 3 December - GHS Year 6 Interviews  
Wednesday, 4 December - Ear Bus - 12:00 to 3:20 p.m.  
Thursday, 5 December - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge  
Saturday, 7 December - Christmas Carols in the Park  
Sunday, 8 December - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** In Kinder this week we remembered all the brave men and women who have helped to make our country a safe place to live. Thank you to Year 5 who prepared a beautiful Liturgy in honour of their memory. "Who Sank the Boat?". Do you know who sank the boat? This popular Pamela Allen book has been our focus this week. We have enjoyed completing lots of fun activities and discussing the importance of using expression when we read out loud. In Maths we combined two numbers to make 10, modelled numbers to 30 and traced around some 2D

shapes to make pictures. We have been exploring movement in Science and investigated how some toys move using coding. We welcomed our new Kinders again this week for their transition day and look forward to another two visits over the following weeks. We wish our Year 6 buddies a safe and happy excursion as they head off to Sydney early next week. We will miss you! Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Congratulations to our Year 2 friends on their beautiful Reconciliation Mass celebrated last Sunday. We look forward to our turn next year. In Religion we have been learning about the Creation Story. The new book we are looking at in our Literacy unit is called "King Change-A-Lot" and the children found his solutions to all the kingdom's problems very apt! This week in Writing we have been practising how to write convincing expositions and we have also written very creative imaginative writing pieces. It is wonderful to see how confident you have all become with your story writing. We have enjoyed listening to the Year 5 policy speeches and are excited to see who the new leaders for 2020 will be. We wish you all the best! In Maths, we have learnt about tessellations and how to follow directions on a map. Soon we will all be explorers!

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

**YEAR 2** What a beautiful celebration we had on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who came along and congratulations to the Year 2 Reconciliation Class! This is a very important step in your faith journey. During the week we remembered our fallen soldiers. Thank you Year 5 for a very moving service. We wore poppies with great pride - Lest We Forget. Maths challenged us with rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and problem solving using kilograms and grams. We wish Years 5 and 6 a safe and happy excursion to Sydney next week. Have a great weekend everyone.

*Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** What a fantastic excursion we had today at the zoo! It was lovely to see all of the animals and we can't wait to write a recount of our day. This week we have completed some testing. During Maths we have looked at problem solving and missing numbers. Thank you to Year 5 for preparing such a lovely Remembrance Day Service on Monday. What an awesome job Year 5 has been doing with their policy speeches this week. It has been wonderful to hear what good leaders you will try and be next year. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their first Knowledge Explosion experience last Friday and are very excited to continue with this week's lesson. Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** would like to congratulate Year 5 on their wonderful policy speeches this week. You all presented them so well and should be really proud of yourselves! We also attended a lovely Remembrance Day Service on Monday and learnt about the importance of the day in class. Everyone enjoyed participating in Knowledge Explosion last week and getting to learn about a fun topic of their choice. We are now looking forward to doing it again tomorrow! Excitement is building as our Year 4 excursion is only 2 weeks away! Students have begun rehearsing for the concert which they will be performing for parents on the night. Year 4 has also been enjoying swimming for sport and getting to do a range of activities at the pool. Have a great weekend!

*Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to all Year 5 students for your wonderful policy speeches. You all have worked very hard on writing and presenting your ideas about leadership and we are looking forward to you showing the way in 2020! In Maths we have been finishing our assessments and enjoying working on topics in Mathematics. We participated in a Legislative Assembly role play on Tuesday where the government and opposition debated a bill about the abolition of homework. Arguments were presented fiercely and Madame Speaker had a tough job keeping the lower house in order. In Religion we revised information about Mary MacKillop in preparation for our visit to the museum in Sydney. Our interviews are sounding fabulous and we are super excited about next week - 5 more sleeps! Bring it on!

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

**YEAR 6** This week we have continued focusing on our upcoming excursion and are really looking forward to next week! We have particularly learnt how Bills are passed through the Legislative Assembly, taking part in a classroom role play. This week also concludes our transition sessions to the high school, which the students have really enjoyed! In the classroom we have revisited some vital Maths skills and extended our knowledge of recurring and terminating decimals. We have also taken pleasure in revising our spelling lists from this term, with students receiving impressive results! Well done! I encourage all students to continue striving to reach their reading goals this term and ensuring their personal reader is at school every day. Only five more sleeps until Sydney - we can't wait! Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

*Miss Jess Seaman*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 15 November - Rebecca Medd & Rod Ryan  
Monday, 18 November - Grant & Penny Zell  
Wednesday, 20 November - Jodie Peart & Alicia Harrison  
Friday, 21 November - Sheree Staggs & Simone Fordham

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 17 November - Will Spora & Ethan Morris

