



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 6

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Thought for the Week

As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 40TH BIRTHDAY

St Joseph's Catholic Church was blessed and opened by Bishop Thomas on 22 December, 1974. Accordingly the parish is organising an anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday, 30 November starting with Mass at 9:45 a.m. followed by morning tea. It will also be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the priests who have served at St Joseph's, as our first parish priest, Fr Parker, arrived in Gilgandra 101 years ago. Therefore we would love to fill the church to say thank you to Fr Martin and all past priests. Attached to today's About is a tear-off slip. If your family can attend Mass on Sunday, 30 November, please fill it out and return it to school by Friday, 21 November. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

Next Tuesday, 18 November the newest members of the St Joej's family will be at school. Our 2015 Kinder class will have their first taste of 'big school' and we are all excited about their visit.

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 next Tuesday, 18 November. Best of luck to: **Martin Fryers, James Kildey, William Sandford** (Cricket), **Olivia Ferguson, Zoe Welsh, Aiden Ryan, Jett Grimshaw** (Basketball), **Darren Doherty and Marshall Ryan** (Touch).

YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES

We wish all our 2015 Student Leaders the best of luck as they present their policy speeches next week. All at St Joej'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:

Wednesday, 19 November

- 9:00 a.m. **Sinead Sutton, Marshall Ryan, Martin Fryers, Milla Banks, Lachlan Fairey**
11:20 a.m. **Tarah Foran, Alex Beveridge, Lauchlan Bash, Aiden Ryan**

Thursday, 20 November

- 9:00 a.m. **Grace Alchin, Olivia Newstead, Harry Spora, Zoe Welsh**
11:20 a.m. **Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Darren Doherty, Chloe Godber**

Friday, 21 November

- 9:00 a.m. **Ryan Carter, James Kildey, Emilie Hassall**
11:20 a.m. **Lily Naden, Jye Day, Lucy Davis, William Sandford**

WELCOME HOME RYLEY

Ryley returned home to Gilgandra on Tuesday. It's great to have him back home. He still needs further treatment and another operation so please keep Ryley in your prayers.

SMITH FAMILY RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has returned raffle tickets, made donations and sent in goods in aid of Ryley Smith's family. Lexine Mallison has advised that she will pick up all proceeds, raffle tickets etc tomorrow

so if you would still like to contribute it's not too late, donations will still be accepted tomorrow.

FINAL ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

The final Active After Schools session for this year will be held next Wednesday afternoon. Many thanks to Margie Stewart, Sheryn West, Caitlynn King and Mollie Banks for doing such a wonderful job as our Active After Schools teachers this year.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Year 5 students prepared a beautiful Remembrance Day Mass which was celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday. Year 6 attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Gilgandra War Memorial as a sign of respect for all those brave men and women who have served our country in all wars. Lest We Forget.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING

Gilgandra High School is having a meeting for Year 6 students and their parents next Tuesday 18 November at 6:00 p.m. in their school library. They will be providing information about all aspects of study and there will be an opportunity to purchase book packs and uniforms.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

As mentioned last week, 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 direct on brittany.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au. Brittany will be back at our school next Friday, 21 November.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

All Years 3-6 students participated in the Knowledge Explosion last Friday and this will continue tomorrow, Friday, 14 November and next Friday, 21 November. The children enjoyed a variety of activities including: 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.

WHS

Our school WHS Management Plan has been completed and a copy sent to the Catholic Education Office. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy should contact the school office.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: **Grace Jones-Copelin** for using beautiful manners in class, **Ryder Ryan** for his enthusiasm in shared reading, **Jessie Riley** for being a good role model for others to follow, **Sam Dunn** for being a kind and helpful member of Kinder and **Rhyan Hutchison** for super work in HSIE.

YEAR 1: Paige Gilmour for a great effort in Spelling, Chelsea Brand for drawing and painting an awesome troll, Casey Gaff for fantastic presentation of all class work, Fletcher Jackson for thoughtful completion of all class tasks and Audrey Carter for writing super narratives.

YEAR 2: Aiden Walker for terrific work in Comprehension, Jacob Harland for great accuracy in Maths Operations, Rhys Bonnington for always contributing to class discussions, Oscar Spora for having beautiful manners and Hayley Statham for being a quiet achiever.

YEAR 3: Patrick Spora for carefully exploring the different nets of a cube, Mackaylah Ross for answering questions with confidence, Bob McEwen for excellent work in Maths Operations, Jack Purvis for a fantastic weaving artwork and Bradley Gibson for showing his 'working out' in Problem A Day.

YEAR 4: Madison Hourigan for being a great worker who completes all tasks, Heidi Purvis for beautiful solo singing at our Year 4 Mass, James Ferguson for working hard in free writing tasks, Aliza Purvis for a great recount about the Joey's fete and Abby Tate for a more settled and focused approach to her work.

YEAR 5: Emilie Hassall for working hard to improve the presentation of her policy speech, Zoe Welsh for the fabulous creation of a narrative for her Year 1 partner, Lachlan Fairey for being a supportive classmate and Lucy Davis for taking great pride in all classwork.

YEAR 6: Charlotte Banks for being a helpful and organised member of Year 6, Liberty Barden for putting extra details into writing tasks, Kayla Bonus-Straub for great work in Spelling and Tobey Creenaune for great work in Power Writing.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

WEEK 6		<i>Year 2 Reconciliation</i>
Friday, 14 November	-	Knowledge Explosion
WEEK 7		<i>Father Martin away on Retreat</i>
Monday, 17 November	-	Ear Bus
Tuesday, 18 November	-	Kinder Orientation Day
	-	Summer Sports Trials – Dubbo
	-	Ear Bus
	-	GHS Parent/Student Information Evening
Wednesday, 19 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	-	REC Meeting
	-	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
	-	Knowledge Explosion
WEEK 8		<i>Year 3 Reconciliation</i>
Monday, 24 November	-	Student Council Voting
	-	Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 25 November	-	Summer Sports Trials back-up
Wednesday, 26 & Thursday, 27 November	-	AEW Meeting
Thursday, 27 & Friday, 28 November	-	Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
Thursday, 27 November	-	Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 30 November	-	1 st Sunday of Advent
	-	Church Anniversary Mass
WEEK 9		
Monday, 1 December	-	Infants Swimming starts
Wednesday, 3 December	-	St John's Orientation Day
Thursday, 4 December	-	Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 7 December	-	2 nd Sunday of Advent
	-	Christmas Carols

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Kinder really enjoyed the school performance 'Beating Around the Bush' on Monday. It was so interesting listening to all the different instruments and seeing how they were played. We read "The Poppy" on Remembrance Day and discussed how so many brave men and women fought for our freedom and the freedom of others. In Maths we have been practising counting backwards and exploring the similarities of 2D shapes. We thought creatively in Science to come up with some different uses for a cardboard box, glass jar, plastic bottle and shopping bag. We are trying really hard with our swimming each

Thursday and remembering to follow the safety rules at the pool. We are looking forward to meeting the new Kinders for 2015 next Tuesday at their orientation. It's hard to believe we are nearly in Year 1!!! Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 1 We thank Year 5 for the wonderful Remembrance Day Mass we celebrated on Tuesday. In class we have worked on the 'oo' as in 'moon' sound in Spelling this week and in Grammar we are exploring rhyming words. During Writing we have begun work on expositions and have brainstormed arguments about whether or not it would be good to meet a troll. In Maths we have used the jump strategy to subtract, found groups in collections and discussed tessellating patterns. For HSIE we have examined the differences between what it is like for us growing up and what it was like for our parents. For Art this week we are paper weaving a ship. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 2 What a great way to start the week with the performance 'Beating Around The Bush'. We all enjoyed moving to the rhythm of drums and percussion instruments. We discussed the importance of Remembrance Day and reverently attended Mass with Year 5 to mark this occasion. In Grammar we are looking at prepositions and were excited to discover we can use prepositions in Maths when doing work on 'Position'. We have completed work on our dragons in Art by putting the finishing touch of crumpling spots with tissue paper on our dragons' bodies. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 Thank you Year 5 for such a lovely Mass celebrating Remembrance Day on Tuesday. In the classroom Year 3 has been learning about the correct placement of commas. In Maths we have learnt about shapes, cubic centimetres and hundredths. We have been looking at some different styles of poetry in Writing this week. In Religion we have written a prayer as a class to ask for God's help when we have to make difficult decisions. In Science we have learnt about pitch and volume. It sounds like everyone had such a great time during Knowledge Explosion last week! Keep up the great work! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 It's been a busy week in Year 4. On Tuesday we went to a beautiful Mass prepared by Year 5 for Remembrance Day. We also discussed the importance of honouring the sacrifices of all the men and women who have served in war and we created a tribute mural of poppies in the classroom. In Maths we covered decimal place value, problem solving and reading data/graphs. Miss Wallace also showed us how to design a brochure for a national park. We thank Miss Wallace for working with us over the past three weeks. Don't forget Knowledge Explosion tomorrow. I have heard great reports about all the exciting things being made in different activities such as woodwork, craft, calligraphy etc. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 5 Six days to go! Our class is currently counting down the days until we start presenting our fabulous policy speeches to the school and we can't wait for everyone to hear them. The timetable for the speeches is located in this week's About and children already know when they are presenting. Thank you to everyone who came along to help us reflect upon and celebrate Remembrance Day on Tuesday - it was great to see so many family and friends join us. In Maths we have been spending time investigating the cross sections of shapes and understanding how cross sections change between prisms and pyramids. We look forward to seeing you all at some stage next week to hear our speeches. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week we have been remembering. On Tuesday Year 6 attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Gilgandra War Memorial, honouring all the men and women who died during the World Wars and other conflicts. We have also been finishing reviews of our Confirmation unit and remembering the importance of this special sacrament. Conjunctions are our Grammar focus this week and in writing we are completing our explanations. In Maths we have been looking at negative numbers and studying the difference between finding the "mean" and "average" of a set of numbers. Our free choice speeches are coming along well and we look forward to hearing them next Monday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 November – Kylie Carlow & Lorna Doran-Spora
 Monday, 17 November – Michelle Woollams & Rachel Kirsop
 Wednesday, 19 November – Claudina Ryan
 Friday, 21 November – Alicia Heffer & Danelle Jones

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 16 November – Martin Fryers, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newstead, Montana McGrath