

# ABOUT

## St Joseph's School Gilgandra

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Term 4 Week 7

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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. 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: **Brooke Beaton, Sam Chandler, Scarlett Chandler, Tilla Chandler, Alex Cosier, Toby Davis, Te Mana Diamond, Alyssa Ferguson, Mia Ferguson, Xanthe Gale, Jack Gibson, Sophie Gilmour, Jemima Harrison, Kenedi Hazelton, Makyli Hazelton, Jacqueline Hutchison, Riley Hutchison, Angus Johnson, Ava Lacey, Poppy-Grace Newton, Hayden Nichols, Evie Peart, Sophia Peart, Lachlan Profke, Alexia Riley, Sailor Ryan, Georgia Tancred, Olivia Westwood, Dimity Wykes, Layla Wykes, Lara Younghusband, Vaughan Zell.**

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

We congratulate our Year 5 students who so brilliantly delivered their student leader policy speeches to the school community. The standard was excellent and we are sure these students will again continue the Joey's tradition and be fine leaders in 2019.

#### **YEAR 4 CAVES AND DAM EXCURSION**

The Year 4 students, teachers and parents left for their Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam excursion this morning. Today they visited the Dundullimal Homestead, Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine, Japanese Gardens, Bottle House and Caves Shop. This evening they will book into their accommodation at the Wellington Caves, have a swim, tea, concert and games. Tomorrow sees the travellers explore the Giant Chimes, Fern Gully, Dam Wall and Spillway and the Dubbo Waterslide.

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

Our Year 1 students are looking forward to their visit to the Police Station next Tuesday, 4 December. This excursion is part of the Year 1 Geography unit 'People and Places'. We thank Senior Constable King for organising this visit.

#### **KINDER COOEE VISIT**

On Wednesday our Kinder class spread some Christmas cheer to the elderly residents of Cooee Lodge by singing Christmas carols and handing out some small gifts. A huge thanks to the many parent and grandparent helpers who walked to the Lodge with the children and assisted throughout the visit: Sarah Hickey, Penny Zell, Jade Zell, Jodie Peart, Kerry Riley, Amanda Chandler, Nadine Hutchison, Doug & Jill O'Connor, Shiree Ryan, Amanda Newton, Rhonda Madgwick, Pat Lummis.

#### **INFANTS SWIMMING**

Our school based SwimSafe program begins next Monday, 3 December and concludes on Friday, 14 December. Those children enrolled in the program will need to bring their swimmers, towel and entry fee of \$1.00 (for those who don't have a season ticket) every day for the next two weeks. The children will be transported to and from the pool each day by bus, saving valuable time and energy. If you haven't already done so, could you please fill out the permission slip which was with last week's About, for your child to travel by bus, and return the note to school by next Monday, 3 December.

#### **YEAR 6 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENING**

The Year 6 Personal Development evening will be held at school next Monday, 3 December at 6:00 p.m. All Year 6 students and their parents are invited.

#### **EAR BUS**

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus will be visiting our school on Friday, 7 December to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK**

Come and celebrate Carols in the Park this Saturday, 1 December at Hunter Park. The evening will commence with a free sausage sizzle from 5:00 p.m. with the carols commencing at 7:00 p.m. Our school has been invited to perform a bracket of carols and we have been informed that our performance will be at approximately 7:15 p.m. We thank those children who have volunteered to be a part of our choir. We can't wait to hear you sing! So, bring a chair or rug, bring your carols sheet leaflet from this week's Gilgandra Weekly and join in the festivities. In case of wet weather the venue will be changed to the Youth Club.

#### **LEAVING FAMILIES BBQ**

Those families leaving St Joseph's this year are invited to our Leaving Families BBQ to be held on Thursday, 13 December at 5:30 for 6:00 p.m. in the school grounds. This is our way of saying thank you to those families for their involvement with the school over the years. So bring the family for tea and please feel free to stay on while the children go off to the social. For catering purposes please RSVP to the school on 6847 2828 by next Friday, 7 December.

#### **K-6 SCHOOL SOCIAL - Thursday, 13 December**

All students are invited to our school social to be held at the **Gilgandra High School Hall** on Thursday, 13 December from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Parents are most welcome to stay or to leave their children at the social and collect them at 9:00 p.m.

#### **HEAD LICE**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is back! The Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books during the summer school holidays to go in the draw to **win one of four iPad minis**. The challenge is open now and entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 February, 2019. Further information including reading log is available from Mrs McIsaac or Mrs Thomas in the library.

## MERIT AWARDS

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

**KINDER:** **Andrew Standing** and **Eva Mulligan** for painting a great Rudolph, **Lucas Riley** and **Alana Spora** for making a super Santa Claus and **Oliver Peart** and **Claudia Harrison** for writing a great response to 'Who Sank the Boat?'.  
**YEAR 1:** **Chloe Harris** for fantastic work in Maths, **Ryder Larkin** for good effort in reading fluently, **Jock Mills** for trying hard to improve his handwriting and **Nikola Riley** for a super effort in Grammar.  
**YEAR 2:** **Scarlett Chandler** and **Evie Peart** for beautiful reverence and reading during Mass practices, **Sophia Peart** for improvement in Spelling, **Alyssa Ferguson** for taking great pride in Religion bookwork, **Mia Ferguson** for super spelling improvement and **Angus Johnson** for always trying hard in reading activities.  
**YEAR 3:** **Tom Staggs** and **Darron Mulligan** for great elaboration in their zoo recounts, **Hudson Duffy** for a fabulous effort with Literacy Pro reading and **Bonnie Henry** for sensational progress in reading fluency.  
**YEAR 4:** **Kimbaelee Gilmour** for using very persuasive language when writing, **Rhyan Hutchison** for showing great interest in our Burrendong excursion activities, **Grace Jones-Copelin** for trying hard to improve her persuasive language when writing, **Alison Mudford** for having a positive attitude towards all tasks, **Indi Murphy** for having neat and well set out bookwork, **Grace Tancred** for being a cheerful member of Year 4 and **Trinity Zell** for presenting fantastic news on her new puppies.  
**YEAR 5:** **Nick Gale** for bringing a great sense of humour to the classroom each day, **Jasmine Zell** for completing tasks with a smile, **Jett Chandler** for using a dramatic voice to read a sizzling start and **Casey Gaff** for wonderful improvement in Maths.  
**YEAR 6:** **Jerome Woodrow** for excellent work with conjunctions in Grammar, **Madison Riley** for showing enthusiasm towards all class activities, **Jack Oehm** for working with decimal number patterns with accuracy and **Kate Woollams** for plotting coordinates accurately on the Cartesian plane.

## WHAT'S ON

### WEEK 7 Year 6 Reconciliation

- Thursday, 29 November - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
 - Snr Constable Greg King – Year 1 Photos  
 Thursday, 29 November/  
 Friday, 30 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion  
 Friday, 30 November - Basketball / Touch Football - Year 6 –v- Public School – 11:30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.  
 Saturday, 1 December - Christmas Carols in the Park  
 Sunday, 2 December - First Sunday of Advent

### WEEK 8

- Monday, 3 December - Infants Swimming commences  
 - Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, 4 December - Year 1 Police Station visit  
 Wednesday, 5 December - Year 6 – GHS Transition – 2:00 p.m.  
 Friday, 7 December - Ear Bus  
 Sunday, 9 December - Second Sunday of Advent

### WEEK 9

- Thursday, 13 December - Leaving Families BBQ  
 - Social  
 Friday, 14 December - Year 6 Picnic  
 - Infants swimming finishes  
 - Reports and Portfolios home  
 Sunday, 16 December - Third Sunday of Advent

### WEEK 10

- Monday, 17 December - End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, 18 December - Pool Parties  
 Wednesday, 19 December - Last Day Term 4

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** This week Kinder was very excited to visit Cooee Lodge and spread some Christmas cheer! It was lovely to see the smiles on the faces of the residents as they received their small gifts and joined in the singing. Thank you to all our mums, dads and grandmas who came along to help us. It certainly is a wonderful time of year!! We have been very busy in the classroom writing stories, completing sound activities and fun Maths tasks. This is our last week of homework in Kinder so please remember to return any home readers you may still have. Have a fabulous weekend everyone.  
*Mrs Smith & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1** Today we had a lovely Liturgy and it was wonderful to be joined by our family and friends. In Text Types we revised Information Reports and wrote a report on an imaginary pet dragon. We investigated antonyms in Grammar and discovered all the different ways we can share \$14 in Maths. This week we are reading the fairy tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have completed a word ladder and Sudoku puzzle. We have started getting into the Christmas spirit by creating angels and Christmas trees to decorate the classroom. Next week we begin intensive swimming so there will be no homework. Have a great weekend.  
*Mrs Schier*

**YEAR 2** Congratulations Year 2 on a beautiful Mass on Sunday celebrating Christ the King and also Reconciliation. During the week we began discussing the meaning of Advent and how hope and trust are the important messages at this time of the year. In Spelling we focused on the "igh, ei, y" sound and looked at homographs in Grammar (words which are spelt the same but have different meanings eg. bark – a dog can bark; bark is found on a tree). Our Literature unit is based on 'The Tiger who Came to Tea' and we explored many interesting grammar conventions within the text. Swim school starts next week, so bring your swimmers every day.  
*Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Congratulations Year 2 on celebrating a beautiful Reconciliation Mass last Sunday. It was lovely to see some children come along and celebrate this special occasion. Year 3 has also enjoyed listening to the Year 5 policy speeches this week. Well done Year 5 on preparing and delivering such wonderful speeches. You are all bound to be excellent leaders in 2019. During Religion we have been creating a slideshow reflecting Mary MacKillop's life. Whilst in Grammar we have looked at compound words and direct speech, as well as completing our end of term Grammar test. During Science we began researching an endangered plant or animal which we will present to the class. We have also continued to observe our seedlings and how much they have grown. Have a lovely weekend.  
*Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell*

**YEAR 4** It's excursion time! We are very excited about all the adventures we are going to have, including going to the Wellington Caves, Dundullimal Homestead, Japanese Gardens and many more! A huge shout out to the parents that are coming along to help us, thank you very much, we really appreciate it. In English this week we have been looking at debating and learning how to speak persuasively to convince the audience to agree with us. In Religion we have been studying the Liturgical Calendar and learning about the different seasons. We have also been studying suffixes in Spelling and doing a range of revision tasks in Sentence A Day. Have a lovely weekend everyone, no doubt we will all be very tired after our fantastic excursion!  
*Mr Keady & Miss Giffin*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to all Year 5 students for your wonderful policy speeches. You have all worked very hard writing and presenting your ideas about leadership and we are looking forward to you showing the way in 2019! In Maths we have looked at elapsed time and how to read and record the time on a stopwatch. Our writing task has been editing and publishing book reports and writing our sizzling starts which are turning into novels! In Geography we have completed a research task on Antarctica for our portfolios and during Religion we have continued to learn about the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.  
*Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** This week Year 6 has been putting final touches on their exposition speeches, they are sounding magnificent with lots of persuasive language and devices! In Grammar we have revised different topics that we have covered this term including the use of the colon, semi colon and hyphen. Our Maths activities have focused on order of operations, angles and the cubic metre. In Geography we have continued to learn some interesting facts about Antarctica. Year 6 are looking forward to playing against Gilgandra Public School in basketball and touch football tomorrow. Have a great weekend.  
*Mr Soares*

### CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 30 November – Jodie Johnson & Tracey Glennister  
 Monday, 3 December – Belinda Murray & Nadine Hutchison  
 Wednesday, 5 December – Toni Tarrant & Rhonda Madgwick  
 Friday, 7 December – Ashleigh Mudford & Jodie Peart

### ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 2 December – Oscar Spora & Isaac Grimshaw

