ABOUT
St Joseph’s School Gilgandra
Term 2 Week 1
2 May, 2013

Thought for the Week
The will of God is the seed of our dreams…ever growing with possibility and longing to leap forward, scattering new and surprising blessings throughout our everyday reality.

WELCOME BACK
Welcome to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break and we look forward to another fruitful term.

ANZAC DAY
Once again the students of our school made us feel very proud when they participated in the ANZAC Day march last Thursday. Thank you very much to those students and staff who represented the school so well. It is a very important day and I am sure everyone appreciated your participation. Lest WeForget.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – Friday, 10 May
Don’t forget that contributions to the Mother’s Day Stall can be dropped off at the school office at any time. If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated. The Mother’s Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it is a chance for the children to bring in their own money and have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves. Prices at the stall range from 50¢ to $5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL WORKING BEES
There will be a working bee to wrap the gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall next Wednesday, 8 May from 10:00 a.m. Helpers will also be needed on the day of the stall, Friday, 10 May from 9:00 a.m. Please help if you can.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE
In conjunction with the Mother’s Day Stall there will be a raffle with lots of fantastic prizes. Tickets are $1.00 each and a book of 10 tickets is going home to each family today. The raffles will be drawn next Friday.

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM
Next Wednesday all our classes will be attending an anti-bullying program that will be presented by Centacare. It is hoped that this program will complement what is already being taught at school.

DIOCESEAN CROSS COUNTRY
We have eighteen runners competing in the Diocesan Cross Country event to be held in Coolah next week. The nine and ten year old competitors run two kilometres while the eleven and twelve year olds run three kilometres. Just writing that is exhausting! Good luck to our squad that consists of James Ferguson, Martin Fryers, Hamish Beveridge, Lachlan Ryley, Tom Eason, Kaitlyn Norris, Lucy Davis, Harry Spora, Mitchell Carlow, James Kildey, Isaac Frost, Olivia Newstead, Zoe Welsh, John Spora, James O’Neill, John Raglus, Carissa Harrison-Reid, Maddie Eason, Jacob Lunnis, Caitlin Carlow.

GOOD LUCK NOAH
We wish flying fullback Noah Ryan the best of luck as he represents the Bathurst Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Rugby League Championships to be held in Bathurst tomorrow. Congratulations to Noah on reaching this high level of competition.

YEAR 6 MASS
Year 6 will celebrate a class Mass next Tuesday, 9 May in St Joseph’s Church. Everyone is welcome and morning tea will follow Mass so please bring a plate to share.

PORTFOLIOS
All children took home their Term 1 Portfolios for the holidays. Hopefully you have been able to look at the children’s work. Could all the portfolios be returned to school as soon as possible so we can start putting the Term 2 work into them.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS
Active After Schools recommenced this week. All students are invited to attend the Active After Schools activities on a Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 3:20 to 4:30 p.m. A light afternoon tea is provided followed by lots of fun activities. Mrs Margie Stewart will coordinate activities on Tuesdays while Gilgandra High School teacher, Miss Sheryn West will coordinate activities on Wednesdays.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING
There will be a meeting on Monday, 6 May in the school computer room at 6:00 p.m. for those parents whose children will receive their First Holy Communion this year. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph’s Church on Sunday, 2 June at 9:45 a.m.

UNIFORMS
Due to the varying weather conditions at the moment children are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniforms.

SPORT
Sport for the infants children in Terms 2 and 3 remains on Thursday while primary sport during these terms is on Friday.

TARAH – COLOURING CHAMP!
Congratulations to Tarah Foran in Year 4 who was the store winner of the 2013 Newspower Easter colouring Competition. Well done Tarah.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION
The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding a science competition on Friday, 7 June children for children in Years 3-6. A note went home to all primary students on Monday. If you would like your child to enter this competition please return the note to school together with the $8.00 entry fee by tomorrow, Friday, 3 May.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is again being held this year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level or achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement. The tests will be conducted in the areas of Language, including spelling, punctuation and grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy (including Number, Algebra – function and pattern, Chance and Data and Measurement and Space). These tests will be conducted on Tuesday, 14 May, Wednesday, 15 May and Thursday, 16 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

GILGANDRA SHIRE HALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASK BALL
Gilgandra Alive, with Gilgandra Shire Council, is holding a Mask Ball on Saturday, 11 May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Gilgandra Shire Hall. The NSW Governor, Her Excellency Marie Bashir will be opening the ball on the night and will be spending the weekend in Gilgandra attending different functions. Gilgandra Alive is asking for organisations that use the hall to please give a helping hand as all proceeds from the night go towards the upkeep of the hall. Gilgandra Alive is looking for people willing to come along and help in the kitchen with supper and/or donate items for supper.
**TERM 2 DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**WEEK 1 - Year 6 Reconciliation**
- Friday, 3 May - Polding 11 years Rugby League – N. Ryan
- Monday, 6 May - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 7 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Wednesday, 8 May - ‘Acting Out’ – Anti Bullying Program
- Thursday, 9 May - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 10 May - Mother’s Day Stall

**WEEK 2 - Year 4 Reconciliation**
- Tuesday, 14 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
- Wednesday, 15 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
- Thursday, 16 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 and 5
- Friday, 17 May - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, 20 May - Staff Maths Assessment Inservice – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 21 May - ICAS Computer Skills Competition
- Wednesday, 22 May - AEW Meeting
- Thursday, 23 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 24 May - McNamare Trophy – Cooamabbee

**WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation**
- Wednesday, 29 May - Peachey/Richardson Football
- Thursday, 30 May - Diocesan Spelling Bee - Wellington
- Friday, 31 May - Principals Meeting
- Saturday, 1 June - Polding Touch – C Carlow
- Sunday, 2 June - First Holy Communion – Body and Blood of Christ – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation**
- Thursday, 13 June - Year 6 Religion Test
- Friday, 14 June - CPS Cross Country
- Saturday, 15 June - CSIRO Visit

**WEEK 5**
- Monday, 16 June - ICAS Writing Competition
- Tuesday, 17 June - Active After Schools Tennis Day
- Wednesday, 18 June - ICAS Spelling Competition
- Thursday, 19 June - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 20 June - Reports and Portfolios go home

**WEEK 6**
- Monday, 21 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 22 June - NAIDOC Week activities
- Wednesday, 23 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 24 June - Kinders Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 25 June - Primary Athletics Carnival

**Eisteddfod Week - Year 5 Reconciliation**
- Friday, 6 June - Polding Touch-back-up date

**WEEK 7**
- Monday, 10 June - Queen’s Birthday long weekend
- Wednesday, 12 June - Year 6 Religion Test
- Thursday, 13 June - Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 14 June - CPS Cross Country

**WEEK 8**
- Monday, 17 June - ICAS Writing Competition
- Tuesday, 18 June - Active After Schools Tennis Day
- Thursday, 20 June - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 21 June - Reports and Portfolios go home

**WEEK 9**
- Monday, 24 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 25 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 26 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 27 June - Kinders Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 28 June - Primary Athletics Carnival
- Last Day Term 2

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

**Sunday, 5 May** – Kyle Welsh, Henry Johnson, Montana McGrath, Deklyn Lunnis

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome to Term 2 and I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. This term is just as busy for our Kindergartners with the children learning about the letter ‘c’ this week and learning the mathematical concepts of thick and thin. We have introduced our HSIE unit which is ‘Japanese Culture’. During this unit we will be investigating the food, language, clothing and traditions of this unique culture. Congratulations to all the Kindergarten children who entered their art work into the Gilgandra Show. Looking forward to another great term. Take care.  

**Year 1** Welcome back for Term 2. I hope everyone had a great day at the show yesterday. Year 1 has been busy getting back into it this week. In Spelling we’ve worked on the ‘ck’ sound while in grammar we’ve examined prepositions, in particular those found in Michael Rosen’s “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”. During text types we have written a recount of our holidays, which I must say sounded very exciting. For Art this week we read and discussed the illustrations of Jeannie Baker in her book ‘Window’ and drew our own window artwork to illustrate our holiday recount. In HSIE we have begun our new unit, ‘Our Need for Shelter’ and discussed the essential things we need to survive. We also began our new unit in Personal Development, “Keeping Safe Around Medicines”. Have a fabulous week ahead.  

**Year 2** It was wonderful to see all the happy faces as Year 2 returned and settled quickly back into routine. In Religion we discussed how ‘Jesus is the light of the world’ and we visited the church to view the Paschal candle and talked about its significance. In Maths our focus was addition, area and money. This term we will concentrate on writing a narrative. We began with reading “Max and the Wild Things” and looked at its structure. Year 2 all have watched the sports’ video on Japan as we study it’s culture. There was much sharing of our Show day activities and we hope you were able to see our wonderful art display. Have a relaxing weekend.  

**Year 3** This week Year 3 has been writing excellent discussions about ‘Is the beach the best place to holiday?’ In Maths we have learnt about digital time and different subtraction strategies. Our focus in Religion is preparing the children for their First Holy Communion. We have been looking at different parts of the Mass in detail. Our Art activity has led us to examine warm and cool colours to add contrast to our work. It was wonderful to see lots of happy, smiling faces at the show yesterday.  

**Year 4** Welcome back! Get your skates on – it’s going to be a busy term. During the week we have looked at the eisteddfod poems which Years 3 and 4 will be performing at the Dubbo Eisteddfod in June. Well done to those keen students who’ve been practising the words already as part of their homework! Great to see some Year 4 students entering in the individual verse speaking sections as well. In Maths we covered 3 and 4 digit subtraction, angles and equivalent fractions and revised our times tables. We reflected on ANZAC Day and completed an ANZAC adjective wreath during Religion and Writing. We began our new HSIE unit, ‘Then, Now and Tomorrow’ and discussed important past events in Gilgandra’s history. Have a lovely weekend everyone.  

**Year 5** Welcome back for another term. With a short term this session seems to be filling fast with a number of things Year 5 will be involved with. Yesterday their artwork was on public display at the show and I must say looked fantastic. We have begun working on our poems with Year 6 for the upcoming eisteddfod in Week 6. We have also been working our way through some literacy and numeracy revision to support us with our NAPLAN testing in Week 3. Yet another busy time ahead and I look forward to working with you all throughout. Have a great weekend.  

**Year 6** A big welcome back to Term 2! In Year 6 we all have our batteries recharged and are ready for an action packed term! This week we have started preparing for our class Mass next Thursday. During this Mass we will be focusing on peace and friendship. In Maths we have reminded ourselves about percentages, fractions, long division and circumference and area of a circle. We reminisced about our holidays as we wrote a short recount using a rubric to guide us. It is great that so many people have been working on their CWA Morocco Projects over the holidays. Keep up the great research!  

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 5 May – Kerrie Altus & Leanne Gilmour
- Saturday, 6 May – Catherine Dunn & Michelle Wooliams
- Wednesday, 8 May – Nikkie Church & Rachel Kirsopp

Friday, 10 May – Carol Alchin & Penny Hassall