Thought for the Week

Our life is like a thought. Often a thought comes but if we don’t capture it—it’s gone—never to return.

ST JOSEPH’S P & F QUIZ NIGHT
This Saturday, 3 August – 7:30 p.m. – Gilgandra Bowling Club
THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER. There will be tables of 8 at only $5.00 per head. If you haven’t got a table organised come along and we’ll put you on a table. Lots of fun and games. NO raffles. It is not essential to book but if you could let Mrs Hodge know if you’re coming this will help with the organization. There will be no food provided, but feel free to bring along a plate of nibbles for your table.

Here’s a further sample to get you thinking!
Where was Sir Donald Bradman born?

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – MITCHELL AND KAITLYN CHAMPIONS!
Congratulations to all our athletes who performed so well at the Western Region Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo on Friday. Well done to Mitchell Carlow who was the Junior Boy Champion and Kaitlyn Norris who won the Junior Girl Championship. A fantastic effort by Mitchell and Kaitlyn. Special mention also to Caitlin Carlow, runner up in the Senior Girls Championship, Carissa Harrison-Reid, runner up in the 11 years Girls Championship and Noah Ryan, who was third in the 11 years Boys Championship. Other children to excel included:

- Caitlin Carlow – 3rd in the 12 years 100 m and 200 m and 2nd in the Senior Discus, Senior Long Jump and Senior High Jump.
- Carissa Harrison-Reid – 2nd 11 years 800 m, 1st 11 years Long Jump, 3rd 11 years Discus, Jacob Lummis – 3rd Senior High Jump, Noah Ryan – 1st 11 years 100 m and 200 m, 2nd 11 years Long Jump, 3rd 11 years 800 m, Mitchell Carlow – 1st 10 years 100 m, 1st 11 years Boys, 2nd 11 years 100 m and 200 m, Senior Long Jump and Junior High Jump, 2nd 11 years 200 m.
- Grace Alchin – 2nd Junior Long Jump, Kaitlyn Norris – 1st Junior 200, Junior 800 m and 2nd 9 years 100m, Ashleigh Carlow – 3rd 9 years 100 m and Max Cruickshank – 2nd 8 years 100 m.

Junior Girls Relay Team (Grace Alchin, Kaitlyn Norris, Ashleigh Carlow, Sinead Sutton) – 2nd
Junior Boys Relay Team (Mitchell Carlow, Isaac Frost, Lachlan Riley, Martin Fryers) – 1st
Senior Girls Relay Team (Caitlin Carlow, Carissa Harrison-Reid, Kiarna Digs, Maddie Eason) – 3rd

Well done to all these athletes.

CONFIRMATION
Sunday, 11 August – 9:45 a.m.

Only one more week before we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 11 August at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church next Sunday to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers:

- Brook Bonus-Stauba, Caitlin Carlow, Toby Cruickshank, Kiarna Digs, Jack Evans, Tom Flannery, Olivia Gale, Carissa Harrison-Reid, Henry Johnson, Jacob Lummis, Will McEwen, Loki Ryan, Mikaela Sandford, Ruby Schembri, Emer Spora.

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION
A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held next Thursday, 8 August at 2:00 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students who gained Certificates of Credit in the recent ICAS Science Competition: James Ferguson & Emilie Hassall.

‘BEAUTY AND THE GEEK’. Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social
Tonight, 1 August – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tonight is the night to come dressed as a beauty or a geek! Hopefully we will see lots of people dressed beautifully …… and terribly. The cost is free and supper is provided. Come along from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and have a beauty and geek night out!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Tomorrow, Friday, 2 August is Jeans for Genes Day and we have decided this would be a great opportunity to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. We are asking all students to wear jeans to school tomorrow and bring along a gold coin donation. If you don’t own a pair of jeans, just wear a pair of casual pants. With their jeans, primary students need to wear their sports shirt and school jumper, whilst infants students will wear jeans with their normal school shirts and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

ST MARY MACKILLOP MASS
Next Thursday, 8 August is St Mary MacKillop’s feast day and our Junior Joey’s are preparing a Mass to celebrate. This will be held at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph’s Church and everyone is most welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass. St Mary is our very special saint as she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph, the order that started our school back in 1909 and we look forward to celebrating this special day together.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL
All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school on Thursday, 15 August at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. We hope to see parents and friends of the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students come along and show their support.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 30 August. Mrs Danielle Digs has again kindly offered to coordinate the stall. This stall is run along the same lines as the Mother’s Day Stall. Donations of gifts to sell on the stall can be dropped in at the office at any time. There will be a raffle run in conjunction with the stall and tickets will go home in the next couple of weeks.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
On Monday, 5 August the staff will be participating in a professional development activity in which they will discuss and investigate the use of ICT resources in our school and aspects of teaching in a Catholic school. The staff will identify what we consider to be strengths in these areas and also suggest strategies where we could improve. This inservice will be held between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.
LITTLE ATHLETICS VISIT
Thank you to Darren Wensor from Little Athletics Australia, who visited our school yesterday. Darren spoke to the children promoting Little Athletics.

TERM 3 FEES
The school fee accounts for Term 3 will go home with the eldest child in each family on Monday. This is the final fee account for the year and your prompt attention to the payment of these fees would be appreciated.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

**KINDER**
- Alana Elsom for beautiful handwriting in her pattern book,
- Casey Goff for terrific ‘sounding out’ when writing, William Spora for participating in discussions about healthy eating, Ben Harland for excellent participation in class discussions and Paige Gilmour for asking interesting questions during news.

**YEAR 1**
- Kyzack Corcoran for a brilliant effort in comprehension tasks,
- Molly Fairey for her thoughtful contribution to class discussions, Laynay Godber for terrific work solving subtraction problems, Daniel Kirsop for writing a very creative story in free writing, Madison Riley for being a kind and caring classmate and Aiden Walker for being a terrific teller of the time.

**YEAR 2**
- Pat Spora for being an excellent classroom helper, Bradley Kildey for a huge improvement with handwriting, Skye Bui for being a super mathematician and Isaiah Geadhill for beautiful manners.

**YEAR 3**
- Ella McAnally-Elwin for making a conscientious effort in Grammar, Olivia Ferguson for showing reverence during our Mass preparations, Emily Skinner for making a consistent effort towards all tasks and Amelia Murray for striving towards her Star Reading goal.

**YEAR 4**
- Alex Beveridge and Emilie Hassall for fantastic work in HSIE and Aussie facts, Olivia Newstead and Zoe Welsh for excellent workbook presentation in Religion and Rebecca Gaff for writing a well thought out journal entry about her holiday.

**YEAR 5**
- Tobey Creenaune for fabulous recall of his times tables, Caitlin Spora for outstanding work in Maths Operations, Harriet Beveridge for being a quiet and conscientious worker and Mitchell Gaff for always producing work of a high standard.

**YEAR 6**
- Brook Bonus-Straub for working hard in Maths, Will McEwen for great work in Operations and Tom Flannery and Mikaela Sandford for terrific long division skills.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 3**
- Friday, 2 August - Jeans for Genes Day
- Saturday, 3 August - P & F Quiz Night – Bowling Club - 7:30

**WEEK 4**
- Year 6 Reconciliation
- Year 5 Reconciliation

**Monday, 5 August** - Staff Professional Development – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 6 August** - Western Region Athletics back-up date

**Wednesday, 7 August** - AEW Meeting

**Thursday, 8 August** - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Junior Joeys (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, 9 August** - Year 6 parents to clean church – 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 10 August** - Confirmation

**Tuesday, 13 August** - ICAS Mathematics Competition

**Wednesday, 14 August** - Moorambilla

**Sunday, 18 August** - Confirmation

**Thursday, 15 August** - Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

**Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 – 3:20 p.m.**

**WEEK 5**

**Monday, 19 August** - Moorambilla

**Tuesday, 20 August** - GHS Promotion Day – Year 6

**Wednesday, 21 August** - Moorambilla, Dixonian Athletics back-up date

**Thursday, 22 August** - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, 23 August** - Cooce Poetry Day

**Principals’ Retreat**

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS
KINDER This week we have been a busy week for our Kindergarten children. We continue to revise and learn our new sound of the week being the letter ‘Ww’. The children have been writing some really great stories and they are very proud of themselves. During Science and Technology we have been discussing where food comes from and the variety of foods we eat. Also in our HSIE unit, the children have been enthusiastic whilst learning about different types of houses and the materials that are used. Just a reminder to all children to wear their jeans tomorrow for ‘Jeans for Genes Day’ with a school shirt and jumper and don’t forget the gold coin donation. Take care.

Miss Bourke

**YEAR 1** has had a lovely week this week. In Spelling we have been looking at the ‘ee sound as in ‘see’. In Grammar we have begun looking at speech marks and why we use them in our writing. During Text Types we have continued our work on expositions and have written some fantastic expositions to argue why ‘Gilgandra is a great place to live’. In Maths we have used groups of 10 to count larger numbers and we have made our own tape measure to measure things around the school. For HSIE this week we have looked at people who help us in the community, in particular the emergency services. For PD we have looked at the skeletal system and how it helps us to move. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Smith

**YEAR 2** In Religion this week Year 2 has been learning about Mary MacKillop and how her life was so interesting. Five times tables, rounding off and the jump strategy have all been covered during our Maths lessons this week. Remember to keep learning your tables at home! We have begun our information reports on different types of transport and we are in the process of designing and building our fabulous vehicles! In Art we have completed some very scary looking witches! We are enjoying publishing our writing on the computers with Mr Muz. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lukin & Mrs Newsstead

**YEAR 3** Explanations have been our text type focus this week. Today we read ‘How Paper Is Made’ and wrote a class explanation. In Art we’ve begun making Confirmation posters to decorate the hall for our Year 5 friends and in Religion we’ve been looking at Saints, especially about some familiar Saints and learning about some unfamiliar Saints. They truly were remarkable people. Yesterday we watched the high school performance, ‘Alice’ and we were very impressed. We also enjoyed a visit from Darren sharing his knowledge about athletics. We are very excited about the Social tonight and can’t wait to see all our beauties and geeks! Mr Soares & Mrs Morris

**YEAR 4** Who knows what odd or beautiful creatures will be out tonight at the Primary Social. It’s sure to be a great night. It was a lovely celebration in the church this morning and Year 4 is to be commended on their reverence and beautiful prayer reflection at Mass. During the week Year 4 looked at right angles, decimals and problem solving strategies in Maths. Australia has many symbols and logos that make it very ‘Aussie’ and Year 4 enjoyed looking at some well known ones in HSIE. Well done to all the athletes who competed at Dubbo last Friday night Year 6 parents to clean church – 2:00 p.m.

Ms Smith

**YEAR 5** Yet another week has nearly come to an end. This week Year 5 has been busy starting the drafting of their speeches for homework while in Maths we have been looking at percentages and division. We have also been investigating the history of the Catholic Church as well as completing artwork for our upcoming Mass in Week 5. The majority of the class has started the term extremely well with their homework but a reminder still that it is due on Friday of each week unless the students have continued our work on expositions and have written some fantastic expositions to argue why ‘Gilgandra is a great place to live’. In Maths we have used groups of 10 to count larger numbers and we have made our own tape measure to measure things around the school. For HSIE this week we have looked at people who help us in the community, in particular the emergency services. For PD we have looked at the skeletal system and how it helps us to move. Have a fantastic weekend.

Ms Kealy & Mrs Cathell

**YEAR 6** Only 10 more sleeps until our Confirmation. We are really getting excited and can’t wait till the big day. This week we have been focusing on the Rite of Confirmation and the importance of what will happen during the celebration. During Maths we have been looking at sector graphs, extended multiplication and place value. In HSIE we have learnt about the first Australians and their culture and beliefs. Our string art is looking quite spectacular and some are nearly finished. We have been practising our dance moves and are all ready for our social tonight. It will be great to see all the geeks and beauties – we can’t wait! Mrs Banks & Ms Schier

CANTENE ROSTER
Friday, 2 August – Mel Phillips & Rochelle Godber

Monday, 5 August – Catherine Dunn & Michelle Wooliams

Wednesday, 7 August – Penny Hassan & Sophia Ibe

Friday, 9 August – Kerrie Altus & Leanne Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 4 August – Ruby Schembri, Jasper Schembri, James O’Neill, Tobey Creenaune