



# GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## GRAPEVINE

**Success through diversity, participation and care**

**Term 4 Issue 1**

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Oct</b>	
Mon	18 Early Birds commenced
Wed	20 Book Fair - pm
Thu	21 Book Fair - am 22 P & C Meeting 6pm
Fri	22 Primary Assembly 1.20 Presentation of Athletics Awards
Thur	28 Book Club Orders Due
<b>Nov</b>	
Mon	22 Early Birds Finish
<b>Dec</b>	
Fri	10 Reports Sent Home
Tue	14 Presentation Day Yr 6 Farewell Social
Wed	15 PBL Reward Day 2010 Year Ends

### AWARDS

The following students received awards at the end of last term or last week -

**Bronze:** Blake White, Hannah Towney, Cheyanne Riches, Emilee Dezis.

**Silver:** Renee Hammond, Kirralah Pracy, Amber Crane, Ebony Vanderboon, Jarryd Hempel, Zach Vanderboon, Billy-Jack Townsend, Chloe Griffiths, Robert Brown, Tyler Evans, Zach Vanderboon, Tiara Brown, Jack Cooper, Tom Pankhurst, Kadija Naden, Raigen Carter, Kameka Bamblett, Wayne Smith, Jack Larkings, Josh Masling.

**Gold:** Allen Allport, Chloe Wieland, Kaleb Sutherland-Tink, Codie Fogg, Tyson Pearson, Ty Sutherland-Tink, Kaitlyn Sutton.

**Principal's:** Zac Sandry, Sarah Schier, Courtney Charlton, Will Pankhurst, Monique McEwen-Reid, Brianna Edwards.

### Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to all students and staff for another busy term.

### Cultural Gathering

The Western Region Cultural Gathering is on in Dubbo at Apex Oval today. Eight students from Gilgandra Public School will perform with other students from throughout the Western Region to celebrate their culture and the Opening of the Knowledge Centre in Dubbo. The performance celebrates the coming together of cultural ways of knowing and learning and the gathering symbolises this coming together in a significant way.

Students from across the region will be performing through dance, song, music, stories and language.

The evening Performance begins at 6.30pm finishing at 8.30pm. Audience members need to enter from Wingewarra Street.

### 2010 ICAS-Mathematics Competition

Seven students from Gilgandra Public School participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)-Mathematics paper. ICAS are developed for students in Years 3 to 12 and are sat annually. Each ICAS test is designed to assess student's academic ability in aspects of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Congratulations to, Anna Scheir on gaining a credit certificate and Zac Mills, Troy Quinn, Adam Lummis, Chloe Bunter, Hayleigh Sutton, Owen Foran, Jack Mudge, Sophie Rogers, Daniel Foran and James Priestley on gaining a participation certificate.

Certificates were presented at Friday's School Assembly last week.

### Crunch n Sip

The Crunch n Sip program is progressing well in classes, but we ask parents not to send in peelers for the fruit. Please peel the fruit at home and send in, wrapped or in a container. Thank you for your anticipated response.

### Head Lice

Parents please check your child's hair due to a recent outbreak in the local community.

### Treatment of head lice

Around 23 per cent of primary school children screened through the NSW Health Nitbusters program have head lice. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

- \* Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- \* Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists
- \* Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb
- \* Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs
- \* Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

## Stage 2 Warrumbungle Excursion

On the Thursday and Friday of the last week of Term 3 Stage 2 undertook a much anticipated excursion to the Warrumbungle National Park. The fine weather allowed us to participate in about 11(!) kilometres of bushwalking, site seeing, nest building, postcard writing, finding clues and face painting. We learnt about how plants, air, water and the sun are more precious than gold! We enjoyed our time at the Warrumbungle Education Centre and the Warrumbungle Holiday Camp.

Thank you to Ricky and Kyle for coming with us and well done Stage 2 on your excellent behaviour.

**Mr Wilson & Miss Griffiths**

## Newsletter on School Website

The school newsletter is uploaded onto the school's website each time it is sent home, so if you miss a copy you can find it at

**[www.gilgandra-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gilgandra-p.school.nsw.edu.au)**

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### TERM 4

##### Oct

Tue 19 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 20 Nicky Ashby,  
Thu 21 Dianne Smith

Tue 26 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 27 Louise Harland, **Volunteer Required**  
Thu 28 Tanya Mallison, Debbie Welsh

##### Nov

Tue 2 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 3 Diane Foran, Diana Priestley  
Thu 4 Dianne Smith, **Volunteer Required**

Tue 9 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 10 **Volunteers Required**  
Thu 11 Debbie Job

Tue 16 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 17  
Thu 18 Dianne Smith

Tue 23 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 24 Amanda Bunter, Tammy Penna  
Thu 25 **Volunteers Required**

Tue 30 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison

##### Dec

Wed 1 Nicky Ashby  
Thu 2 Dianne Smith

Tue 7 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 8 Diane Foran, Diana Priestley  
Thu 9 Dianne Smith

Tue 14 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison  
Wed 15 Louise Harland

**MORE HELPERS ARE STILL  
URGENTLY NEEDED. IF YOU CAN FILL ANY OF  
THE ABOVE VACANCIES PLEASE CONTACT  
THE FRONT OFFICE.**

## Athletics

With the wet weather last term we had a rather elongated Athletics Carnival... a big thankyou to Amanda Chalker and Tanya Mallison for helping to run events at school.

The winning house were the mighty Bogans! Castlereagh narrowly pipped Darling for second and Macquarie came fourth.

Age champions will be presented with their trophies at the Primary Assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the new school hall, starting at 1.20pm. Parents and family are most welcome to attend.

Junior Champion Girls – Brianna Hammond

Junior Champion Boys – Will Pankhurst

11 Years Champion Girls – Alana Hammond

11 Years Champion Boys – Nathan Petuha

Senior Champion Girls – Allira Riley-Stead

Senior Champion Boys – Zac Mills

## Attendance

### Responsibilities of parents

The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents (including carers) ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school, or are registered with the Office of the Board of Studies NSW for home schooling. The New South Wales Department of Education and Training may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

### What is a justified reason for being absent from school?

Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

All children have a right to an education. Only by regular school attendance can children make the most of educational opportunities, leading to greater social and economic outcomes.

Please also note that if the school is not notified within 7 days of the child returning an unexplained absence is recorded. Notification may be made either in writing or verbally.

## Book Fair

The school is conducting a "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" Book Fair from 3.15pm - 3.45 pm tomorrow afternoon and from 8.45am - 9.10am on Thursday. This deal offers a great opportunity for some Xmas Shopping.

### Barnardos Indigenous Locational Supported Playgroup in Gilgandra

**When: Fridays excluding school holidays  
10.00am to 12 noon**

**Where: "Boori's Building" Cnr Warren Rd & Station St.**

Valuable opportunities for carers, parent and children to interact to enhance children's development. Information available about other community services available, parenting advice and parenting programs.

**For more information contact Gina or Tania at Barnardos at 2 Miller St. Or Ph. 68470857**

