



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov

Wed 10 Snr. Cricket, Dubbo
Mon 22 Early Birds Finish
Thu 25 P & C Meeting 2.15pm
Please note Date Change

Dec

Thu 9 Babies Prom 12 noon
Fri 10 Reports Sent Home
Tue 14 Presentation Day
Yr 6 Farewell Social
Wed 15 PBL Reward Day
2010 Year Ends

Staff Development Day

On Saturday 6th November, Gilgandra Public School staff will hold a professional development day to look at the new Student Based School Reports and undertake a Literacy/Mathematics resource analysis to ensure resources being used in class are up to date and suitable for programs being implemented. Further resources will be purchased for the start of 2011 to implement the new reading program Focus on Reading which will commence at Gilgandra Public School in 2011. Training for staff commenced on Wednesday 27th October in Focus on Reading with Kathryn Simpson from Dubbo Office.

QuickSmart

Several Gilgandra Public School staff attended a QuickSmart, two day Conference in Dubbo this week to present a session on the program which operates at Gilgandra Public-School. QuickSmart is a national Mathematics program which assesses student's mathematical ability in Years 5-9 and then provides a program of forty weeks duration with a qualified tutor to support the student's learning. The results for Aboriginal students has been outstanding throughout the program nationally and the school is currently collecting evidence which is emulating the national trend.

AWARDS

With the year drawing to a close the awards are coming in thick and fast. Well done to the following:

Bronze: Beau Kelly-Fing, Nakita Welsh, Thomas Weldon.

Silver: Belladonna Dwight, Jakiel Naden, Summa Doherty, Josh Smith, Katelyn Towney, Alicia Byrne, Callie Chatfield, Daniel Foran Alec Cooper, Ashley Golding, Liam Sandry.

Gold: Luke Mackenzie, Tamika Brunner, Araiturangi Karaitiana, Jack Mudge, Jack Green, Reagan Chatfield, Alex Sandry, Rowan Amery, Marlee Cain, Chloe Bunter, Morgan Blackman, Alana Hammond, Owen Foran, Robyn Holland, Allira Riley-Stead, Chloe Burgers, Jordon Roach, Greygryn Holgate-Gorton, Luke Nalder, Georgia Koch, Tony Davison, Holly Davy.

Principal's: Grace Mudge, Mason Budworth-Louie, Coen Naden, Fred Griffiths, Connor Whiteman, Kaitlyn Sutton, Tyler Edwards, John Bunter.

Whooping Cough Alert

NSW Health is warning parents to be on alert for whooping cough following an increase in the number of school-aged children diagnosed with the disease. For more information see:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news-at-det/news/whooping-cough-alert>

Cricket

Next Wednesday Mr Wilson will be taking a group of senior boys and girls to Dubbo to play in the Super 8 Series. Notes will go home for these students later in the week.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2012

From this year all applications should be made online using the internet. However if you do not have internet access, forms are available from the school. Forms must be returned to school by 19 November, 2010. Online applications close on 22 November, 2010 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. For further enquiries please contact the school.

PBL News

It's great to see so many children earning tokens for being Safe, Respectful Learners. They have been busy trading their tokens for some prizes at the PBL store.

Our current focus is playing in-bounds. Lessons have been conducted in classrooms discussing the areas that the children are allowed to play in and the reasons why out-of-bounds areas are not safe.

Some out-of- bounds areas are:

Behind the library
Behind the hall
Behind the sports shed
Behind the Kinder rooms
Along the fence line in the Primary

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4

Nov

Tue 2 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison
Wed 3 Diane Foran, Diana Priestley
Thu 4 Dianne Smith, Lynette Ridges

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

Tue 16 Amanda Chalker, Tanya Mallison
Wed 17 **Volunteers Required**
Thu 18 Dianne Smith, Lynette Ridges

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, Lynette Ridges

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.**

Are You a Dad?

Uniting Care Burnside's Family Options Team is set to host a 'Dads for Kids Evening' to highlight the important role of being a dad. The evening will include a free BBQ and activities for dads to enjoy along with a social aspect for dads and kids alike.

Date: Wednesday, 10th November,

Time: 5.30pm - 6.45pm

Venue: Victoria Park, Dubbo

To RSVP and confirm your attendance:

Contact Peter Cowie

Ph. 68852353 or 1800069750

School Banking

Parents are reminded that Student Banking is conducted each Wednesday. This is an ideal way to encourage your child to save on a regular basis and will enable the school to continue with this service.

Hats

A reminder that the school policy is 'no hat-play in the shade' for the summer months. Please ensure your child leaves home with a hat each day.

Coles Sports for Schools

A big thank you to everyone who sent in Coles dockets. If anyone still has some please send them in by the end of this week. All dockets will be sent to Coles and we will be advised what equipment we will be eligible for.

Planet Rhythm

Last Wednesday 'Planet Rhythm' visited our school. This percussion workshop allowed all students in K-6 to participate in a rhythm lesson and the opportunity to make some music with drums from around the world. Some lucky students then got to perform in a percussion ensemble and show off their musical skills!

"It was pretty cool!" Hayden P, Yr 6

"It was good because you got to play drums and they were loud." Mason B, Yr 2

"It made a mad beat." Bec J, Yr 6

"It was cool playing the drums," Jarrod Y, Yr 5
Gilgandra Public School students were commended on their excellent behaviour and fantastic drum playing ability! Well done students!

Free to a Good Home

If anyone would like a piano ideal for the kids to play please contact Mrs Dunn at the School. Needs some TLC (including tuning).

Swimming for Sport

All Senior students will commence swimming for sport this Friday. Please ensure your child has the necessary gear. This is part of the school curriculum and all students are required to participate unless they have a written note.

Indigenous Collection Launch

Gilgandra Library's wonderful new collection of books and resources for, by and about Aboriginal people has arrived. This collection has been funded by the NSW State Government and the Library Council of NSW. It will be launched at the Library on Tuesday 16th November at 10.30am, with morning tea provided.

Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate, and to see the new collection. For catering purposes, please RSVP to Liz or Lorraine at Gilgandra Shire Library email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au or phone 68178877. The Library hopes these books will be useful to the community; so please come along, check out the books and have a cuppa with us.