



# GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## GRAPEVINE

Term 4 Issue 4

**Success through diversity, participation and care**

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Dec

Thu 9 Babies Prom 12 noon  
Fri 10 Reports Sent Home  
Mon 13 Raffle Tickets Due  
Tue 14 Presentation Day  
Yr 6 Farewell Social  
Wed 15 PBL Reward Day  
2010 Year Ends

#### 2011

#### Jan

Fri 28 Staff Return  
Mon 31 Yrs 1-6 Return

#### Feb

Tue 1 Kinder Commence

### PRESENTATION DAY—TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 2010

12.30 PM - OUR NEW SCHOOL HALL

#### 2010 Writing Competition

Six students from Gilgandra Public School participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)-Writing 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 Daniel Foran on gaining a credit certificate and Jack Mudge, Sophie Rogers, James Priestley and Courtney Charlton on gaining a participation certificate.

#### Regional Director Visit.

Today Carole McDiarmid; Western Regional School Director visited Gilgandra Public School and met with staff and students.

Mrs McDiarmid was in Gilgandra to open the new building at Gilgandra High School at 11am before her visit to our school.

#### Police Visit

Marty Pace the School Police Liaison Officer will attend Gilgandra Public School on Wednesday at 1pm to talk with Year 5/6 students about various issues that may affect them when in high school. The talk will be held at 1pm in Mrs Spora's classroom.

#### Whooping cough

*There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) among primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.*

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Children with symptoms should see a GP.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

More tips at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### TERM 4

#### Dec

Wed 1 Nicky Ashby  
Thu 2 Amanda Chalker

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

#### HOLIDAYS

**CANTEEN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### Christmas Raffle

A Book of tickets is attached.  
Please return tickets and money to school by **Monday, 13th December**. The raffle will be drawn at **Presentation Day on Tuesday, 14th December**.

## Homework Centre

The Homework Centre finishes today for 2010. We thank Fay Goodwin and Ricky Roach for their assistance throughout the year. Many students have benefited from their expertise and supervision .

## P & C News

The final meeting for 2010 was held last Thursday with only a very small core group in attendance.

The possibility of leasing the canteen was discussed but, even if this option is decided on, there is a long process which will need to take place. In the meantime we will be trying to keep the canteen open from the beginning of next year. To do this workers are urgently required. Attached is a Canteen Worker form to be completed and returned by next **Friday**. Please complete the form even if you are already a volunteer. If you are not, please consider carefully and add your name to the list if at all possible. The future of the canteen, which provides a very valuable service to the school, will depend on whether we have enough workers.

## AWARDS

The awards continue to come in thick and fast. Well done to the following:

**Bronze:** Jessica Bignall

**Silver:** Tina Stubbs, Kaitlin Ritchie, Brooke Sheppard, Gerard Wieland, Nick Anforth, Yazmyn Smith, Charlotte Winter

**Gold:** Hayden Priest, Taylor Grant, Josh Byrne, Brady Watson, Lilly Green, Jack Cooper, Jack Briggs, Gary Semmler, Tiara Brown, Caitlyn Mackie, Raigen Carter, Chloe Griffiths, Chloe Wieland, Mark Johnson-Taylor, Jaidyn Holswich, Brianna Hammond

**Principal's:** Amber Louie, Tamika Allport, Reagan Chatfield, Alex Sutherland-Tink, Jordy Roach, Spirit Sandilands, Jayde Byrne, Zaryod Thurston, Jack Mudge, Bianca Jackson, Greygryn Holgate-Gorton, Adam Lummis, Shane Morris, James Priestley, Georgia Wieland, Owen Foran, Tyson Pearson, Allira Riley-Stead, Dayna Welsh-Mallison, Abbie Mills, Alex Sandry, Araiterangi Karaitiana, Allen Allport, Jessica Keogh, Jake Morris, Katie Smith, Robyn Holland, Ebony Vanderboon, Luke Mackenzie, Chloe Wieland

Just one more week to go!!

## Encouraging your child to read at home

1. Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
2. Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourage the enjoyment of books and reading.
3. Talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
4. See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
5. Read to your child in your first language - research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.
6. Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
7. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
8. Give books as treats and presents.
9. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
10. Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.

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## Mini Makers! FREE School Holiday Art Workshops

Orana Arts presents a fun series of holiday workshops in January offering an introduction to art making techniques for ages 8 and up. Kids will develop skills in drawing, painting and basket weaving in a relaxed and informal two-hour session.

Workshops are hosted by Merryn Spencer, facilitator of Street Theatre Kids workshop at Camp Creative, Bellingen over the last 2 years. Merryn is also a practising artist and exhibits on a regular basis.

If you are looking for some fun and creative school holiday entertainment for the kids this January, book now for Mini Makers!

Tuesday 11 January  
2pm-4pm Gilgandra Youth Club,  
Hall St Gilgandra

Bookings with Orana Arts on 6817 8704 or email [rado@oranaarts.com](mailto:rado@oranaarts.com)

### FOR SALE

**Children's Inflatable Swimming Pool**  
305cm x 183cm x 76 cm  
(120" x 72" x 30")  
**Brand New—Still in Box**  
**Plus**  
**Brand New Pump**  
**\$100 the lot**  
**Please Contact the Front office if Interested**