



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4

Dec

Thu 8 Swimming Scheme Ends

Fri 9 P & C Meeting - 2.15pm
Reports Sent Home

End of Year Functions

Wed 14 Scripture Xmas Service
Vol. Thank You M/Tea
K-2 Fun Frolic - 6-7.30pm

Thu 15 Principal's Awards Day-9.30-3pm
Yr 6 Dinner 5.30-6.30pm
Yr 6 Farewell Social (Yrs 3-6)
6.30-8.00pm

Fri 16 Presentation Day - 10.00
Class parties

Mon 19 Pupil Free

Tue 20 Pupil Free

Crazy Hair/Sock Day

Last Friday students at Gilgandra Public School were rewarded for their positive behaviour at Assembly by having a crazy sock/hair day. The students have conducted themselves in a respectful manner during morning assembly and they should be congratulated for their efforts. On Friday students and a number of staff joined in the spirit by decorating their hair with an array of styles and wearing unusual socks.

Prefect Speeches

Last week a large group of Year 5 students presented their policy speech. The students spoke confidently and should be congratulated on the way they presented themselves. This week the students at Gilgandra Public School will vote for their choice of prefects for 2012. The captains and prefects for 2012 will be announced on Presentation Day on Friday 16th December.

i-xtend Program 2012

The Western Region i-xtend program is an enrichment program designed to cater for the needs of gifted and talented students in the middle years of schooling. The program involves the completion of fortnightly tasks leading to a major research task. A number of students in Years 5 and 6 have been nominated to participate in this program and completed an on-line entrance test last week. Students will be notified in February 2012 if they are successful in gaining placement in the program.

Yearly Reports

The Yearly Reports will be handed out on Friday 9th December to students. The students' reports highlighted a positive year for the majority of Gilgandra Public School students both academically and socially. Well done to all students on their achievements for 2011. On Friday 16th December, the School Presentation Day will be held to celebrate the success of students throughout the year.

Staff Development Day 2012

On Friday 27th January 2012, Gilgandra Public School will be conducting a Staff Development Day to develop a new vision statement for the school. The process will be led by a former Principal Mike Willis from Orange. We would like to invite any interested parents, to join the staff in developing the new Gilgandra Public School vision. If you would like to attend please let Gladys Harvey know on 68472043 so that we can finalise catering arrangements before the end of this term.

AWARD SCHEME

Bronze: Ja-Koeby Baker

Silver: Shakira Russell, Jack Evans, Kane Marchant, Tyler Evans, Liam Camlin, Jake Stubbs, Zack Vanderboon, Liam Sandry

Gold: Bailey McBurnie, Kirralah Pracy, Jessie Walsh, Abbie Mills, Jack Briggs, Blake White, Kiarra Westwood, Paris Yates, Taylor Grant, Jiah Watson, Hayleigh Sutton, Cameren Hawke, Bailey Kaltenbacher, Bradley McGuire

Principal's: James Priestley, Connor Whiteman, Coen Naden, Chloe Bunter, Adam Lummis, Cordell White, Monique McEwen - Reid, Georgia Briggs, Kaydance Wieland, Jayde Byrne, Cortney Charlton, Luke Mackenzie, Brandon Walsh, Tony Sutherland, Zac Sandry, Aurora Fairley, Nikia Cain, Sophie Rogers, Alex Sutherland-Tink, Brianna Hammond

2/3 Jitterbugs & 3/4 Superstars

On Thursday, 8th December, Sally Jordison and Catrina Dunn, with the help of Vicki Altmann and Henry Louie, will be taking their students on an excursion to IGA as part of their HSIE work. The students will have the opportunity to purchase a 'need' or 'want' item to the value of \$5. The excursion will leave school at 12 noon and return at approximately 1.45pm.

1/2 Starfish

On Friday, 9th Miss Chisholm and Mrs Wilson, 1/2 Starfish Scripture Teacher, will be taking the students to Coe-ee Lodge where the students will perform a number of items. The children have been practising for the event and are really keen to go and perform for the residents at Coe-ee.

Summer Reading Club at Gilgandra Shire Library

"Children who read for pleasure are the best readers and families that read together provide the strongest model for future readers." To support families reading over the holidays, the Shire Library is running a summer reading club for children and teenagers. The Summer Reading Club is an Australia-wide programme, which this year has a theme "The Amazing Read".

To take part in the Summer Reading Club, which commences on Tuesday 3rd January, all you need to do is:

1. Be a member of Gilgandra Shire Library,
2. Pick up a reading record sheet (available from January 3rd),
3. Read ten books, or have ten books read to you, before Friday 27th January and
4. Return to the library to collect a small surprise gift! You will also go in the draw for a great prize!

Holiday Reading (RAD)

Look out for the note this week to fill out and return to school for your child to receive a free exciting pack of magazines and books to read over the holidays.

The school has already covered the necessary expenses for a limited supply of these packs so, if your child receives a note, please return it to school quickly so your household does not miss out.

Australia Day Film and Photography Competitions

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian. The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian Stamp.

The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?' There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera.

Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au

