



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY TERM 4

Dec

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

RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS

- Fri 16 Presentation Day - 10.00
Class parties
- Mon 19 Pupil Free
- Tue 20 Pupil Free

Term 1 2012

Jan

- Fri 27 Staff Return
- Mon 30 Yrs 1-6 Return

Principal's Reward Day

Congratulations to the students who reached the Principal Level in 2011. The students eligible for the Principal's Reward will attend on Thursday 15th December 2011, the Gilgandra Park from 9:30am to play games and then the Gilgandra Pool from 11am until 3pm and either swim or play games in the wading pool depending on their swimming ability.

Gilgandra Pool will have extra lifesavers on duty because of the ages of the students attending so that we can all enjoy the day and be safe.

Presentation Day

Parents of all students who will be receiving an award at the School's Presentation Day on Friday will get a letter in the mail this week.

Please make a special effort to ensure children come to school in school uniform on this day.

Staff Changes 2012.

This year we farewell Lauren Chisholm, Annie Barden and Kyle Nauta as they undertake new pathways in their careers. Lauren will be teaching at a new school, Kyle Nauta is moving to Sale in Victoria and Annie Barden, after a many years at Gilgandra Public School, is establishing a new home in Kenya with her family. We thank them all for their contribution to the students' learning at Gilgandra Public School and wish them success in their new ventures.

2012 Starting Dates

Kindergarten children will start school on 2nd February as there will be a staggered start to Kinder due to Best Start testing. Kindergarten Parents will be informed in January when and what time their child will need to be at school during these three days. This is a formal way to understand the needs of the students entering Kindergarten as they are beginning school and the results of this test will drive the teaching and learning that the children will be involved in.

Year 1-6 students will return on Monday 30th January, 2012.

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 parent, 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.

**STAFF WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY
INDUSTRIAL ACTION THIS
THURSDAY**

AWARD SCHEME

Silver: Jarrod Young, Yazmyn Smith, Fred Griffiths

Gold: Chloe Wieland, Jackson Wieland, Tamara Harland, Araiturangi Karaitiana, Brady Watson, Stevie Watson, Hannah Harland, Tanisha Millard

Principal's: Tyler Edwards, Emma Bunter, Jessica Smith, Mercedes Thurston, Savanna Bamblett, Elaena Holland, Camella Hazelton, Yasmin Verma, Dayna Welsh-Mallison, Raigen Carter, Emilee Dezius, Grace Mudge, Kiarra Westwood, Troy Quinn, Skye Doherty, Ebony Vanderboon, Robyn Holland, Holly Davy

Premier Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Luke Nalder in Year 1 Chipmunks, who is our first Premier Reading Challenge recipient. In 2011 Luke successfully met the criteria of reading 30 different books - 25 from the Premier's booklist and 5 books of his own choice. Luke's mum and dad listened to him read and together they completed the online reading log. Well done Luke! Our Librarian, Mrs Dunn, is encouraging more students to participate in the 2012 premier's Reading Challenge. The booklist for 2012 is available on the internet and students can log in their challenge during the school holidays. Have fun reading!

Holiday Reading

RAD packs will be distributed this week. Thank you to all the families who have accepted the commitment to read to their children throughout the holiday as well as encouraging their children to read a variety of texts throughout the break. We have a GREAT School community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On behalf of the Gilgandra Public School staff, I extend good wishes for a Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all students, parents and community members. This year has been another successful year for students both academically and on the sporting field and we celebrate their successes at the Presentation Day Assembly on Friday 16th December commencing at 10am.



JELLYBEANS - SUPPORT CLASS

Ms Goodwin read the class a story about early Aboriginal forms of shelter and the students then constructed their own shelters using bark and sticks. Below are pictures of the results.



