



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRAPEVINE

Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY

**CANTEEN
CLOSED THURSDAY
22ND SEPTEMBER**

Sept

Thu 22 Infants Zoo Excursion
Touch Footy Gala Day
Fri 23 Term 3 Ends
Holidays

TERM 4

Oct

Mon 10 All Students and Staff
Return
Thu 20 3/4 Excursion
Fri 21 3/4 Excursion
Mon 24 Early Bird Program
Commences 9.15am

2011 English Skills Competition

Six students from Gilgandra Primary School achieved one Distinction, two Credits and three Participation certificates in the 2011 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English Skills paper held recently. Chloe Bunter received a Distinction, Owen Foran and Emma Bunter received Credit, Anna Scheir, Jack Mudge and Grace Mudge received Participation. Well done to all participants

School A-Z website

The Department of Education has launched a new website The School A to Z online. The School A to Z online school community provides practical advice about homework, tips on learning, wellbeing, technology and resources to help parents and carers to support their child's physical, mental and social development. School A to Z provides a way for parents to understand what is happening with their child's learning and how they can best support that process.

Homework Centre

Homework Centre will continue in Term 4 on Tuesday afternoon's from 3:15 to 4:15pm. Tricia Howard is the supervising teacher and Ricky Roach the assistant. Fruit and drink will be provided at the Homework Centre. All students are welcome.

Kids' Holiday Camps

Sport and Recreation Kids' Camps are a great way to help your child develop in a fun, secure and professionally run environment. They'll try new things, make new friends and help shy children come out of their shell. Camps cater for children from 7-17 and include activities, accommodation, 24-hour supervision and nutritious meals. Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps. Camps are located around Sydney and regional NSW. For more information and to book go to: www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp

Free fun at Sydney Olympic Park

There are heaps of wallet-friendly activities for younger children these school holidays at Sydney Olympic Park. For example, children can join a fun dinosaur dig with Circus Solaris and search for the mysterious 'Olympasaurus'. The day includes craft activities as well. Details of this and more at: www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats_on/

AWARD SCHEME

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Bronze - Jack Evans

Silver - Jessie Walsh, Mason Budworth-Louie, Bailey Kaltenbacher, Luci Dwight, Luke Mackenzie, Chloe Wieland, Araitangi Karaitiana, Chloe Griffiths, Jackson Wieland, Cortney Charlton, Alex Sutherland-Tink

Gold: Tyson Pearson, Anna Schier

Shopper Dockets

Vouchers/dockets received up until the end of last week are:

Coles (including 500 bonus given)	3738
Woolworths	289

Please note the Woolworths promotion has been extended until 18th October the same as for Coles. During the holidays, if you are going out of town, would be a great time to collect docket when you shop.

3/4 Wambangalang Excursion

The response for the excursion has been fantastic and, as a result, we have booked a larger bus. Because of this we have 3 places vacant which will be allotted on a first come basis so please get the deposit in before the end of term.

Please note that the balance of payment for this excursion is due on **Friday, 14th October**. (First Friday of Term 4).

A reminder also that the excursion takes place on 20/21st October.

CANTEEN CLOSURE

Please note that, due to the large number of students who will be out of the school on Thursday, 22nd September the Canteen will be closed for this day. Please ensure your child has sufficient food for the day if coming to school. Canteen will operate as normal on Friday.

Important Dates

Term 3 will end at 3.15 on Friday, 23rd September. Term 4 will commence on Monday, **10th October** for **all** students and staff (No staff development day). Early Birds for 2012 Kinder will commence on Monday, **24th October**.

Kinder 2012

Please return completed Enrolment Applications before the end of term. Children will not be able to attend Early Birds unless we have these forms.

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY

5/6 RAPPERS

In 5/6 Rappers we have been working very hard on developing the descriptive nature of our writing. To do this, Mr Darcy discussed the vibrant colours and newborn animals that represent the Spring season and we had to colour the sketches provided and write a descriptive passage about them. To complete the task we had to add a simile to make our sentences even more descriptive.

Here are a few great examples:

The beautifully coloured butterflies browsed the spring flowers like an eager child in a candy store. (Cortney Charlton)

The big bodied deer charged through the glorious mountains with his little assistant who was behaving like a spoilt brat. (Josh Smith)

The scared baby deer snuck silently behind its big mean father like a rat in a house. (Alex Sutherland)

Kindergarten Hippos

In Kindergarten Hippos we have finished our Jolly Phonics sounds (but keep practicing them at home) and we have began focusing on learning how to use them in spelling words and making sentences, which all the children are doing really well at. The children have been enjoying reading groups and they are all beginning to read with spectacular style. If there are any parents that would like to come and help with reading groups they are at 10.30am Mon-Wed.

Katie Rogers and Melinda Beveridge occupational therapists came to our school this term and we have a lot of fun new ways of settling our engines and making our bodies ready to learn. All the children have been practicing and benefiting from these activities and they are a lot of fun.

Thankyou to Mr & Mrs Border and Mrs Dunn (Librarian) for organising the Kinder Hippos excursion to the Post Office. The children loved posting and receiving their letters. They are still talking about this experience which is pleasing.



DON'T FORGET ZOO EXCURSION 22nd September 2011 please pay \$10 to front office ASAP.

Kindergarten Hippos & Miss Mudge



Bush Fire Survival Plan

WHAT WILL YOU DO TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE?

The more prepared you are for a bush fire, the better your chances of survival

- ☐ The middle of a bush fire is no time to start thinking about what you should do. Having a Bush Fire Survival Plan will help you avoid making last minute decisions that could be deadly.
- ☐ Your Bush Fire Survival Plan outlines what you need to do to prepare yourself, your family, your pets and what actions each member of your family will need to do to be safe.
- ☐ Everyone's Bush Fire Survival Plan will be different - the important thing is that it works for you and your family.
- ☐ A good plan will consider the different situations you may be faced with and what you will do if things go wrong. In a bush fire, the situation can change quickly and your plan should cover this.
- ☐ Make sure everyone in your family knows and understands your Bush Fire Survival Plan. Practice it regularly and keep it where you can find it.
- ☐ Download your Bush Fire Survival Plan today at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and for more information please call 1800 NSW RFS.

There are many benefits to completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan. Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan will help you to...

- ☐ Make an informed decision on whether you will leave early or stay and defend your property.
- ☐ Understand your level of risk. Knowing your level of risk means you will be able to make the safest decision for you and your family.
- ☐ Prepare your property. A well prepared property is more likely to survive a bush fire even if you leave early.
- ☐ Prepare a back up plan. Sometimes, no matter how well prepared you are, things don't go to plan. That's why, whether you plan to leave early or stay and defend, you need a back up plan.
- ☐ Check that you have adequate insurance to cover your property from damage from a bush fire.
- ☐ Act quickly. Some fires start and spread so quickly that there is no time for any waiting at all.
- ☐ Have a trigger to put your Bush Fire Survival Plan into action with little warning. Hesitating or adopting a 'wait and see' approach could have deadly consequences for you and your family.
- ☐ Ensure that you have thought about care options for your animals.
- ☐ **PREPARE.ACT.SURVIVE.**

YOUR BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN
will help provide protection for you, your family and your pets.

