



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRAPEVINE

Term 4

Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Dec

Thu	11 PBL Lunch
Fri	12 School Banking - Final for 2014 Reports Sent Home
Mon	15 Yr 6 Farewell
Tue	16 Presentation Day
Wed	17 Final Day for Students

Coming Events

Reports

Students will receive their reports on Friday afternoon. If your child will not be at school on this day please see the teacher concerned.

Year 6 Farewell

On Monday 15th December the Year 6 Farewell dinner will be held commencing at 6pm for **Year 6 students only**. The Year 6 Farewell dinner will be followed at 6:30pm by the social for all students in Years 3-6. The school canteen will be opened on the night for snacks and drinks throughout the social. The social will operate until 7:45pm when we invite all Year 6 parents to attend, to watch the cutting of the cake and short PowerPoint presentation.

Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 16th December commencing at 10:00am in the school hall.

Following the Presentation Day a sausage sizzle will be held for lunch for all parents, community members and students.

Ear Bus

The Ear Bus is in the Gilgandra Community today and tomorrow testing students' hearing that have been referred or who need a follow-up from the November visit. Robyn Little will be the visiting Audiologist. Robyn is retired and has donated two days to the Ear Bus and we thank her for her generosity.

The Ear Bus will start at one of the Child Care Centres first between 9-11am then move and park at St Joseph's Catholic School again and share the rest of the time from 11:30-3:00 between St Josephs, Gilgandra Public School and Gilgandra High School.

Staffing 2015

Gilgandra Public School has had another Multi-categorical class established to commence in 2015. Currently we are waiting for a teacher to be appointed but the Special Student Support Officer for the classroom will be Kerry Frecklington who was appointed following a transfer from Gilgandra High School last week. We welcome Kerry to our staff and know that she will bring a wealth of experience to the position. At this stage classes are being finalised but I can inform parents that we are definitely having two Kindergarten classes and the teachers are Lyn Greenhalgh and Renee Cohen. On a sad note we will farewell Michael Darcy and Kristy Thompson at the end of 2014. Mick will be the new Assistant Principal at Buninyong Public School and Kristy the new classroom teacher at Gilgandra High School on the Multi-categorical class. We thank both teachers for their contributions to Gilgandra Public School over the past few years and wish them all the best in their new roles.

2015

School will commence for staff on Tuesday 27th January, 2015. Staff will undertake mandatory professional development as issued by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC).

Students in Years 1-6 will commence on Wednesday 28th January and Kindergarten will commence on Monday 2nd February, 2015.

Kindergarten will have a staggered start from Wednesday 28th January, 2015 and a letter will be sent during the next week by Janine Hazelton to give parents a date and time to enable Best Start to be completed. Best Start is a DEC initiative where all Kindergarten students are tested on their prior to school knowledge in Literacy and Numeracy, to gather baseline data across the state and enable staff to establish goals for each child. A Best Start report will be issued to Kindergarten parents after Week 5.