



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRAPEVINE

Term 4

Success through diversity, participation and care

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Nov
Wed 25 Domestic Violence Awareness
Voluntary Contribution Fees Due
Dec
Mon 14 Yr 6 Farewell
Tue 15 Presentation Day
Wed 16 Term 4 Ends

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Tips for How to Improve

Communication Skills at Home

Ask Open Ended Questions

Open ended questions are when the answer can be a variety of things and not answered by "yes" or "no". These questions will teach your child how to think "hard" and reason for themselves.

Here are some examples of how to turn simple questions into open ended ones:

Question: Did you go to the store?

Open Ended: Where did you go?

Follow Up Question: What did you see?

Question: Was that book good?

Open Ended: What did you like about that book?

Follow Up Question: How would you change the book?

"Tell me about..." is a great phrase to use when focusing on language skills.

Repeat Words Often

Especially when your children are young. They need to hear sounds and words at least 100 times before they will even start trying to say it. Don't limit how many times you say the same word.

In one of Dora the Explorer songs, they sing about her Map.

In one short song they say the word 12 times. Repetition is the key to learning...

...and it is how to improve communication skills.



Remembrance Day 2015

On Wednesday 11th November the captains of Gilgandra Public and High School, along with the vice-captains of Gilgandra High School travelled to Sydney to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Martin Place. The service recognised the 100th anniversary of the Coo-ees' trek to Sydney to enlist. The students greeted the Gilgandra Coo-ees who re-enacted the walk to Sydney. They also had the opportunity to meet the Premier of NSW, Mr Mike Baird who made a special effort to come over and talk to the students. While waiting in Martin Place for the Coo-ees, the students met David Koch off the morning TV show, Sunrise.

Student Representative Council (SRC) 2016

Year 5 students nominated for the 2016 SRC (Captains and Prefects) delivered their speeches on Friday 20th November assembly to the school and staff. Voting was held following the speeches and was restricted to students in Years 2-5 and staff to determine the outcome of the election. The 2016 School Leaders will be announced on Tuesday 15th December at Presentation Day.

Congratulations to all the Year 5 students who nominated and presented their speeches.

Earlybirds Graduation

There were many proud parents on Monday 16th as they watched their children attend their last day of Earlybirds for 2015. The parents received important information about school life including school readiness and ideas for healthy lunch boxes from Mrs Howard. They then listened as the children sang their Good Afternoon song and shared what they liked about school. The students were presented with a graduation certificate and library bag ready to bring to school in 2016. Parents were then invited to share a small lunch with their children before going home.

A big thankyou To Mrs Kristy Bartholomew, Mrs Michel Prout and Mrs Terri-lee Naden for all their hard work during our EarlyBird sessions.

Netball

Last Thursday the girls' netball team had a social game of netball against St Joseph's school. Due to the extreme heat we only played a short game, coming out victorious 12 to 8. Thank you to St Joseph's for such an enjoyable game.

Swimming Scheme

A reminder that the special swimming scheme for Year 2 students and other non-swimmers commences on Monday, 30th November for those who have returned their note and money. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear and entry fee of \$1 unless they have a season ticket.

Moorambilla High Tea

What has 100 magnificent recipes for cakes, slices, savoury treats - even trendy teas?? AND Moorambilla memories from the last ten years?... What is hand sewn and glued into a magnificent silver foil embossed book printed of course in Australia that is absolutely PERFECT for that hard to find a gift for person for Christmas?

The Moorambilla High Tea Cookbook of course!

... and because it is our tenth birthday we are giving you a birthday gift - a DVD highlights from the Gala concert this year in Dubbo.- it just doesn't get any more exciting than this - unless of course we are talking Taiko - and they are in it too - as well as a yowie!!

All money raised from the sale of this book with **Bonus Birthday DVD** will go towards the establishment of a Moorambilla tour fund so we can get our wonderful children out into the wide world and show them what we really can do!

So come on - **fill up that Christmas stocking** - and pre- order now - we will have them into region in the first week of December - just in time for Christmas.

To order the High Tea Cookbook, please email Dayle with a

Name, Address, if you would like the optional DVD & receipt to dayle@moorambilla.com

Cost of each High Tea Cookbook including postage is **\$55 inc GST**

You will need to pay online to Moorambilla Voices Ltd,

Westpac, BSB 032 646, Account Number 382964.

Please use your name as reference.

NAME: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS:

BONUS DVD: YES / NO COPY OF RECEIPT YES / NO

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Class Awards:

Astronauts: Chelsea Madgwick, William Doherty;
Panthers: Kaleb Trudgett, Bailey Kaltenbacher;
Kinder Cows: Lilly Madgwick, Treye Iffland, Ryan Gorman, Jay Mullard;
Kinder Geckos: Tealea Ward, Xavier Wieland, Maya Holland, Dontae Sandry;
1 Fish: Najarra Naden, Wyatt Johnson, Stephanie Fardell, Ava Duffy, Bella Townsend;
2 Frogs: Jace Baker, Nikisha Ireland, Candice Carey, Jack Louie, Wyatt Wieland, Tess Rogers;
3/4 Ninjas: Mercedes Thurston, Abbey Millard, Luka Tamsett, Lily Gorman, Skye Doherty, Charlotte Root;
3/4/5 Knights: Cael Brown, Elijah Reid, Tyler Wieland, Tallara Walford-Fernando, Cameren Hawke, Elijah Reid;
4/5 Einsteins: Alicia Byrne, Jasmine Newman, Jack Chandler, Jakiel Naden, Georgia Koch, Jyi Newman, Alicia Byrne;
6 Eagles: Will Wieland, Jiah Watson, Jack Green, Kirralah Pracy.

Level 1 lion Certificates: Jason Newman, Jamaica Newman, Treye Iffland, Jasmine Newman.

Level 2 Lion Certificates: Sophie Winterton, Wally Gray.

Level 3 Lion Certificates: Glen Hammond, Jack Green, Will Wieland, Tia Naden, Nikia Cain, Will Gray, Aurora Fairley, Lily Gorman, Iesha Gray, Braydon Holland, Zach Jackson, Sam Fox.

Level 4 Lion Certificates: Danika Brown, Callie Chatfield, Tealea Ward, Gus Howard, Logan Howard, Kirralah Pracy, Bella Townsend, Daniel Briggs, Brock Dezius, Raymond Milson, Maya Holland, Jardi Naden, Montana Reid, Charlie Hutchison, Coen Naden, John Bunter, Ty Sutherland, Jack Briggs, Tamara Harland, Danika Brown, William Doherty, Jai Ashby, Courtney Harland, Cale McEwen, Lilly Madgwick, Acacia Reiri-White, Dylan Wright, Jarvis Budworth-Louie, Trae Bamblett.

Level 5 Lion Certificates: Lori Thurston, Maddison Bush, Aali-yah Priddis, Sarah Chandler, Tillie Dezius, Tess Rogers, Katie Smith-Louie, Jace Baker, Indiana Knight, Jack Chandler, Brianna Madgwick, Corey Kaltenbacher, Mercedes Thurston, Isaiah Aro, Jack Louie, Wyatt Wieland, Candice Carey, Nikisha Ireland, Isla Louie-Wood, Liam Tamsett, Adayna Aro, Xavier Wieland, Ella Ward, Najarra Naden, Sarah Keogh, Shane DeBritt, Stephen Ryan.

What's News in 4/5 Einsteins???

Students in 4/5 Einsteins very much enjoy 'sharing yarns' based on a variety of topics throughout the week. There are many benefits for how this time is used, some of which include; the development of confidence and the opportunity for students to organise thoughts and speak publicly in relation to a range of topics, the opportunity for students to learn about each other and therefore further friendships and connectedness, students develop a sense of belonging through feeling proud of sharing stories with each other and the audience has the chance to ask questions and reflect on what's being shared.



Isha Aro has kindly shared many of her 'special family members' with her class this semester - the most recent being 'Jarva'.

Students asked numerous questions in relation to taking care of Jarva and how he came to join the Aro family.



In relation to speaking publicly, year 5 students who have chosen to go in the running for a Leadership position for 2016 have been working hard to develop their speeches while the rest of the class have been providing feedback for the candidates. Good luck to those who have been working hard in preparing themselves for this significant event!

Gilgandra Public School and 4/5 Einsteins would like to extend a warm welcome to our most recent students Breanna Dann and Kaidyn Bush. Both students have joined our class with ease and our Einsteins classmates have made sure they've fit in to their new class and school.



Georgia Koch working with Breanna Dann.



Kaleb Sutherland showing Kaidyn Bush the ropes.

Canberra Excursion 2015

On October 27th, Stage 3 students travelled to Canberra for a 4 day excursion to experience a metropolitan area and to learn about government and the history of Australia.

The itinerary was bursting with many sites to visit and tours organised to guide us around the city. The Australian Institute of Sport inspired our athletic students to work hard and strive to achieve their dreams. The facilities were impressive and while we didn't see a well-known sports personality we did learn about some of the science behind the sports, particularly with swimming and the training pool. We experimented with various sports using simulators and game machines.

We made connections while in Canberra particularly the link with the Coo-ees of Gilgandra at the War Memorial and the Royal Australian Mint.

Our studies of how the government is formed, decisions are made and the history of the government was consolidated with our visit to Parliament House, the Democracy Educations Centre and the Electoral Education Centre. We experienced firsthand how preferential voting operates and will use this experience in class activities as decisions are needed to be made.

The connections between Gilgandra and Canberra was also made as a representative from our electorate took the time to come and speak to us, she opened up our eyes as she spoke about career opportunities within Parliament house.

All of the students were praised on many occasions by tour guides and various staff members at different locations for the manners and the respect they displayed while on their adventures around Canberra.

Overall the excursion was extremely successful and we are so pleased the school took the time to organise it for us. We appreciate our parents ' contribution in allowing us to attend.

Stage 3 students.



Year 3/4/5 Knights

Recently Years 3 and 4 and some Year 5 students went on an amazing excursion to the Pilliga to experience the beautiful Sculptures in the Scrub walk. Students and staff had an informative, enjoyable day. We were given talks about the many forest animals and the food they eat as well as a wealth of knowledge about the flora in the Pilliga. After the sculpture walk we travelled to the Pilliga Discovery Centre for lunch. After lunch students were welcomed into the centre to discover many new and exciting things to do and touch. This excursion was a great way to end a unit of work on National Parks and Wildlife.



In Art we have been looking at art works by Hazel Mabbott and the different styles of other artists when painting bush fire scenes. The students have used different mediums to illustrate their own impressions of these works.

