



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRAPEVINE

Term 4

Success through diversity, participation and care

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PBL AWARDS

Merit Awards:

Owls: Emmaline Diamond ;

Dolphins: Preston Griffiths, James Luckie;

Kinder Cobras: Makayla Morgan, Shekkylah Millgate, Ezekiel Peckham, Deklan Kaltenbacher;

Kinder Meerkats: Jasmine Sandry; Jaxson Young, Sam Chandler, Mason Dry;

1 Monkeys: Wil Bunter, Lorelai Hawke, Trae Bamblett, Taylor Thomas, Meteice Johnson;

1/2 Foxes: Adayna Aro, Holly Barrett, Manaaki Diamond, Emalia Saunders, Xavier Wieland, Kirsten Louie;

2/3 Ollieroos: Hannah Moody, Micah Tamsett, Paige Luckie, Cobie Carr, Jack Louie;

3/4 Smarties: Kailee Edwards, Yindi Naden, Breanna Woodford, Cameren Hawke, Jace Baker, Yindi Naden;

4/5 Goannas: Brock Dezius, Corey Broom, Skye Doherty, Blair Keogh, Aurora Fairley, Montana Reid, Savanna Bamblett;

4/5/6 Warriors: Robert Brown, Summa Doherty, Cael Brown, Jake Stubbs;

5/6 Brumbies: Tony Sutherland, Araiterangi Karaitiana, Kaleb Sutherland, Sarah Schier, Jackson Wieland, Alicia Byrne, Kaleb Sutherland.

Level 2 Lion Certificates: Kailee Edwards, Logan Howard, Charlie Hutchinson, Brock McKenzie, Connor Sutherland, Abbey Millard, Ethan Moody, Blair Keogh, Jack Chandler, Alicia Byrne, Brayden Glenn; Jaxson Young, Peter Knight, Emmaline Diamond, Candice Carey, Katie Smith-Louie, Wil Bunter, Aurora Fairley, Jakiel Naden.

Level 3 Lion Certificates: Daniel Briggs, Ella Ward, Najarra Naden, Mason Dry, Acacia Reiri-White, Chelsea Madgwick, Emmaline Diamond, William Doherty, Isaiah Marchant, Sebastian Manusu, Mason Merritt, Chayse Knight, Lloyd Hammond;, Nikisha Ireland, Manaaki Diamond, Lilly Field, Kendra Field, Holly Barrett, Kailee Edwards, Tyreek Brown.

Level 4 Lion Certificates: Indiana Knight, Tess Rogers, Sarah Keogh, Ava Duffy, Maddie Amiet.

Selective High School for Year 7 in 2018

Public Selective High Schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates, at their own academic and social level. There are seventeen fully selective high schools, twenty-five partially selective high schools, four agricultural high schools, three of which are boarding places; and one virtual secondary school, Aurora College, for students in country areas far from a city.

Parents must apply online at the following link:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement and should read the instructions carefully. Applications opened online on 11th October 2016. Applications will not be accepted after 14th November 2016.

For further information if interested please contact the school.

School attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you're having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or the principal.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

2016 Wudhagaragarra Awards

Gilgandra Public School nominated Monique Knight for the 2016 Wudhagaragarra Awards which recognises the achievements in Aboriginal Education by students, staff, parents and community across NSW. Monique was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for being nominated for this prestigious award, which was presented at a recent school assembly, but was unsuccessful in the Encouragement Award category due to the high number of award nominations for this section.

School Concert

Gilgandra Public School held their annual school concert on Wednesday 22nd September at Gilgandra High School Hall. The theme was the Olympic Games the students performed their class items with pride and enthusiasm. Gilgandra Public School Choir's performance "We are the World" was a highlight of the night and a great finale to an entertaining evening. Thank you to all who attended to support the students.

School Shades

School Shades is an initiative designed to encourage students to adopt healthy eye-habits and to wear their sunglasses at recess, lunch and sport when UV rays are at their strongest. The Gilgandra P&C have sent home a form to be completed by parents/carers as to the interest in purchasing a pair of sunglasses.

School Shades sunglasses include:

- Gilgandra Public School blue colour
- School's name printed on the side arm
- I.D panel for each child's name to be written
- Protective hard-cover case and handy clip to attach to schoolbag.

If you are interested please complete the form and return to school by October 21st so an order can be placed.

Samples of the sizes are available at the front office.

Early Birds

Our Early Birds transition to school program kicked off yesterday and will continue for the next five Mondays of the term.

It was a great day for us to meet and greet our 2017 students, parents and families. The children experienced some fun, sensory and creative activities during this time. We are very much looking forward to the upcoming weeks and getting to know our new enrolments much more. *Janine, Kristy, Michel, Terri-Lee*

Year 6 Transition to High School

All Year 6 students attended their first formal lesson at Gilgandra High School as they participated in the transition program. Our first lesson was a PE lesson with teacher Haylee Ford. Over the next four weeks the students will be taught by the Head Teachers at the High school to experience lessons within the classrooms and discover the school's expectations. The lessons will be held every Wednesday afternoon from 2.10pm.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct

Fri	21	Final Date for Sunglasses Orders
Mon	24	Early Bird Program continues
Wed	26	Book Club Orders Close

PBL

Recently all students completed a survey on the effectiveness of PBL at our school. The majority of students were very happy with the lion token system and the whole class lion heads. They felt that the system acknowledged them for showing Safe Respectful Learner behaviours. They particularly liked the whole class parties and special activities.

Most students were excited about the level award lunches but asked for a greater variety. In response to this request the Term 4 lunch will include a slice of pizza and a paddle pop. The current PBL focus is aimed at making sure the students wear a hat when playing in the sun. **If they don't have a hat they must play under the shelters.**

Cricket Clinic

Last Friday students in Years 3-6 participated in a Cricket Clinic run by Cricket NSW. Students enjoyed different games that helped build skills in different areas of the game like throwing, catching, fielding, running and aiming at the stumps. All students joined in and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

2016 Mathematics Skills International Competitions and Assessments for schools

Four students from Gilgandra Public School participated in the ICAS Mathematics Skills paper earlier this year. Dominic Manusu received a Participation Certificate, Sebastian Manusu received a Credit Certificate, Sarah Schier received a Merit Certificate and Ethan Moody a Distinction Certificate. Congratulations to the four students on their success.

2/3 OllieRoos



Ella Ward designing her jigsaw puzzle during N.A.I.D.O.C Week.

N.A.I.D.O.C week 2016

Music performance with Mr Knight for Public Education Week.



Students learning to play the recorder in Term 4 with Mr Knight.



10 Lion Heads Olympic afternoon

Students chose an Olympic Games theme for their 10 Lion Head celebration and had a great time participating in a variety of activities organised by some wonderful Stage3 students.



NAIDOC WEEK

Gilgandra Public School celebrated NAIDOC week from Monday 7th September to Friday 17th

September. Students and Staff were very busy participating in all the activities during the week. We commenced the week with a flag raising ceremony; at the Gilgandra Shire Council, it was a great start to the commemorate NAIDOC week for 2016. Students then participated in the community events at Hunter Park participating in all activities. The students entertained our community with Aboriginal Dance performances and contemporary dance performances. Students also attended the Gilgandra High School formal assembly providing a fabulous performance from 2/3 Ollieroos and 3/4 Smarties. Our week was full with in-class activities including Aboriginal culture into every day learning, Maths, Reading and Arts and Craft. Also during the week the school held an out of uniform day where your child got to dress in red, black and yellow, with prizes going to students and staff for best dressed. Throughout the week a number of students participated in performances around the community such as the Gilgandra MPS and Cooee Lodge. On the Thursday we had the pleasure of hosting NRL ambassador George Rose. George spoke to our students regarding the importance of school and education and striving to achieve. Students were very engaged and also attended footy workshops with George. At the end of the week we held a formal assembly, with a large number of students receiving NAIDOC awards. Monique Knight was our award winner of the Ralph and Audery Naden community award. Special guest Phillip Naden shared his journey and spoke on the importance of NAIDOC week and embracing Aboriginal culture. The Formal assembly provided us with some great performances by all students involved and this was followed by a BBQ lunch for all students, parents/caregivers and staff. Parents and Caregivers were then welcome to have a look in their child's class room to see what they have been doing. Students also finished the week with traditional games and activities provided by Elder Ralph Naden, Iris Reid and Di MacNabo. Thank you to all community members, staff, students and our special guest for a fantastic week.

