



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRAPEVINE

Term 4

Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct

Tue	17	Swimming Club Pointscore starts
Wed	18	3/4 Excursion - Dubbo & Parkes Bus departs 8 am.
Thu	26	Autism Information (See Flyer)
Fri	27	Ab. Dance Group - Assembly 12 noon Kids Halloween Disco (See Flyer)
Mon	23	Early Birds
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Merit Awards:

Robots: Will Doherty;

Anacondas: Ainsley Louie;

Kinder Chameleons: Montana Reid, Lockie Smith;

Year 1 Snakes: Kyjein Louie, Deklan Kaltenbacher, Kheelin Brown;

1/2 Elves: Taylor Thoms, Lilly Madgwick, Skyla Carr;

2 Bumblebees: Aali-yah Priddis, Brock McKenzie;

3 Rabbits: Sarah Chandler, Najarra Naden, Cobie Carr;

4/5 Rockstars: Zac Jackson, Maverick Denniss, Tess Rogers;

4/5 Rhinos: Jake Peart, Katie Davis, Tillie Dezius;

6 Explorers: Jack Chandler, Skye Doherty, Tahlee-Rose Duffy.

Level 2 Lion Certificates: Josh Louie, Kiesha Bressington, Jack Chandler, Sophia Moppett, Skye Doherty.

Level 3 Lion Certificates: Nikisha Ireland, Cardi Howard, Jarvis Budworth-Louie, Brock Dezius, Acacia Fleck, Lloyd Hammond, Emmaline Diamond, Will Bunter, Ryan Byrne, Brayden Glenn.

Level 4 Lion Certificate: Lori Thurston, Ruby Lamb, James Luckie, Hannah Tamsett.

Focus this fortnight: Slip, Slop, Slap - all students need to have a hat for all outdoor activities including lunch, recess, PE, walking to and from High School and pool etc.
School Policy—No hat play in the shade.

Welcome Back to Term Four

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents.

Gilgandra Public School trusts that you all enjoyed your holidays and are ready for another exciting term.

A special welcome to our 2018 Kindergarten students, as they commenced the Pre-school to Kindergarten Early Bird Transition Program yesterday.

Selective High School for Year 7 in 2019

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 12th October 2017. Applications will not be accepted after 14th November 2017.

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 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

Assembly Item

On Friday 27th October the Junior Aboriginal Dance group accompanied by Ralph Naden will perform at the weekly assembly. The dance group missed their performance at the recent NAIDOC Week assembly, due to unforeseen circumstances so this is an opportunity to showcase their skills.

Hear Our Heart

As you know the Hear Our Heart hearing bus visits our school once a term. The next school visit will be Friday, 1st December.

This is a free service which provides hearing support for our students, with Audiology services where children are tested and, if needed, given follow-up services with an E.N.T. specialist. For this essential and valuable service to continue fund-raising events are needed to support the Hearing Bus. We are pleased to inform you that our wonderful SRC and their fund-raising activities were able to donate an amazing amount of \$900 to the Hear Our Heart project. Well done!

K-2 Zoo Excursion

It was with some concern regarding the weather that Stage 1 students and staff set off on Thursday for their excursion to the zoo. We need not have worried as it turned out to be a beautiful day.

All classes had studied a particular animal prior to the day were very excited when they saw them in the flesh. Highlights of the day were the meerkats, giraffes, rhinos, hippos and monkeys. The baby elephant put on a great display by having a swim and running to its mother while another elephant trumpeted once and threw dirt onto its back.

Lunch was also interesting as an inquisitive peacock tried to share some of the children's sandwiches!

The students were treated to a drink, some fresh fruit and popcorn, before returning to school just in time for a mad rush to the buses and waiting parents.

The students should be congratulated on their behaviour, showing many visitors to the zoo that they were safe and respectful.

Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club



Season opens with Pointscore on Tuesday, 17th October at 6 pm

Training starts on Monday 23rd October at 4pm
Training days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Cost is \$85 per swimmer

Registration is now available online -

New Members: <https://connect.swimming.org.au/sal-wrap-public/workflows/MEMBER.JOIN?subdomain=NSW>

Renewing Members:
<https://mylane.swimming.org.au/login.php>

If you require any further information contact Club Registrar, Melissa Welsh on 0448 327 681 or bmwelsh1@bigpond.com

Head Lice

As often happens following the holidays head lice are on the move again! Please check your child/ren's hair thoroughly and treat if necessary. There is no need for your child to miss school once treated.

