

# GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## GRAPEVINE

**Term 4**      **Success through diversity, participation and care**

**28 October 2019**

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

**2019**

**Oct**

Mon 28 Early Bird Program Continues  
Tue 29 Book Club Orders Close

**Nov**

Mon 2 Early Bird program Continues

### family, planning nsw

Reproductive & Sexual Health

**Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships:**  
A workshop for parents and carers of  
people with intellectual disability and  
autism spectrum disorders

Find out how to support your family  
member's personal development and  
sexuality in a positive way!

This forum is not suitable for children.  
We regret we are unable to provide  
respite/childcare

**Date:**

Wednesday 13th November 2019

**Time:**

Morning workshop: 10am – 12pm  
Evening workshop: 6pm – 8pm

**Venue:**

Dubbo RSL Club  
Cnr Brisbane Street & Wingewarra St  
Dubbo NSW 2830

**Cost:** Free.

**For more information:**

Erin Donnelly  
Family Planning NSW  
Ph: 02 8752 4312

### Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a Selective High School in 2021

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. Selective schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials.

Selective high schools are unzoned so parents can apply regardless of where they live. Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 12 March 2020**. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at -

**[https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7)**.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and **closes at 10pm on 11 November 2019**. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 8 October 2019.

### 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](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml)

**PLEASE NOTE CANTEEN ONLY OPEN**

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
EACH WEEK**

### **School Uniform**

Many parents have purchased new uniforms for their children through the front office which is great to see. To enable all the new items to be returned to the correct owner if lost please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on the piece of clothing. The cost of uniforms through the school is affordable and it would be great to see all students wearing the correct uniform.

### **Emergency Procedures**

The Department of Education (DoE) require schools to undertake a mock exercise of their Emergency procedures every six months to ensure we are all aware of the requirements for staff, visitors and students. The school will conduct the mock exercise in either Week 5 or 6. If your child talks about the mock exercise please reassure them that it was a drill and DoE require us to undertake the training. The school will also reinforce this message.

### **Before School Care**

Parents are reminded that the playground at Gilgandra Public School is supervised from 8:50am each morning. Teachers arrive early to prepare and organise for the day, before the first duty commences at 8:50am. We encourage parents to keep their children at home until 8:45am as there is minimal supervision provided.

### **Student Transport**

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not* been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

### **Head Lice**

As a number of cases of head lice have been reported recently please be extra vigilant and check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. There are a number of treatments available from the chemist.

### **Redhill Excursion**

Last Thursday Stage 2 students headed off to the Redhill Environmental Education Centre in Gulgong. The focus of the excursion was the 1870's gold rush. After students arrived and settled into their accommodation, they heard about the interesting history of Gulgong and how the gold rush began. Students learnt about the different people who came to strike it rich or set up businesses on the gold fields. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing colonial games such as sack races, quoits and egg and spoon races. Stage 2 then went on to making scones along with churning their own home-made butter from cream, which the students found very interesting.

The next activity saw students dressing up and transporting themselves to school life in 1870. The teacher and the rules were both strict. The boys learnt about tying knots whilst the girls learnt to sew.

Lastly, students got to get their hands dirty by panning for their own gold. They learnt the proper techniques for panning, however, only seemed to find rocks.

The next morning, Stage 2 students woke up early for a walk up Flirtation Hill which had spectacular views of the entire town. The students were guided around town on a heritage walk learning about important historical places and events that occurred during the gold rush.

The last event on the excursion was a trip to the Pioneer Museum for a scavenger hunt. The museum contained thousands of antique items that showed students what everyday life would have been like for the miners and their families.

Stage 2 and their teachers thoroughly enjoyed their excursion and represented our school beautifully.

*Stage 2 teachers - Amy, Caitlin and Mia*

### **Student Banking**

In Term 4, two new reward items are available—Water Skimming Bounce Ball and Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers. These are in addition to the previous rewards available but have already been listed.

**Gilgandra Learn to Swim**  
**Taking enrolments for this Swimming Season**  
**Under New Management**  
**Please contact Alicia 0427 078 601**  
**For further enquiries**



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Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

**Thursday, 7 November 2019**

9 am to 3 pm

Near the Shopping Plaza, Miller Street

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For more information, go to [humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://humanservices.gov.au/mobileoffice)

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CONNECTING & EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



**\* DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENTS \***

**PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE**

## ***Fast4SportsGamesDay***

***Activities Include:***

- **FAST 4 LASER TAG**
- **FAST 4 LEAGUE TAG**
- **FOOTY 4 FUN (0-5 yrs)**
- **FREE BBQ FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**



**Hunter Park—Gilgandra**

**Wednesday 14th November 4:30pm—**

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