



GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

GRAPEVINE

Term 2

Success through diversity, participation and care

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FOR YOUR DIARY

June

Wednesday 9th - Hear Our Heart Visit

Thursday 10th - Scholastic Book Club Due

Friday 25th - Term 2 Ends

Yrs 5/6 Excursion - Deposit \$100 due 1st June

Yrs 3/4 Excursion - Deposit \$40 due 30th July

July

Monday 12th Staff Development Day - Pupil Free

Tuesday 13th All Students Return

Voluntary School Contribution Fees: \$35 per child

Staff Development Day

Gilgandra Public School will be closed on Monday 12 July so that staff can attend Professional Learning in Dubbo on Wellbeing/Bounce Back program. This is a designated pupil free day and school will return for students on Tuesday 13 July.

Staff Changes

Ms Goodwin will be taking leave for the remainder of 2021 and Melinda Hoskins will be teaching the MC Gumnuts for the remainder of the year. Melinda is a specialist teacher and we welcome her to Gilgandra Public School and trust that she enjoys the class and school. Ms Goodwin will be working casually for the next two terms at Gilgandra Public School on the Covid19 student support for two days a week.

NetWaste

NetWaste is a voluntary regional waste group, providing support on waste and resource management since 1995. They provide waste education programs for schools and will be in Gilgandra between the 22nd and the 24th of June (Week 10). All classes will be walking to the Youth Centre, during their Science lesson with Mrs Bunter and the class SLSO to participate in a variety of workshops.

School Attendance Matters

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? Please see the attached sheet on Compulsory school attendance.

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child must be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child's teacher, send a signed note or reply to the SMS 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

School Attendance/PBL Rewards

Because attendance and academic performance at school are so closely linked the PBL team have decided to award lion head tokens to students who attend 95% or more each term. The amount of small lion heads hasn't been finalised but will be decided before the end of term so attendance awards can be presented. Currently after looking at attendance data late last week Gilgandra Public School had 75 students who are attending 95% or more and another fifty who are attending 90% or more. This is pleasing news as a school target is focussed on attendance and learning outcomes.

Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports are being finalised by teachers and will be sent home with students on Wednesday 23 June. If you require a parent/teacher meeting teachers can be contacted individually at the beginning of Term 3 for an appointment.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards recently:

MC Narnia: Laurance Milson

MC Gumnuts: Mason Dry, Kyzan Manusu-Chapman;

Kindergarten Alpacas: Levi Burrell, Ricky Bennett, Hugh Harvey;

Kindergarten/One Possums: Darnan Priddis, Ruby Fuller, Nykea Aldridge, Thomas Markey, Xathen Harding, Elliott Gorman;

Year One/Two Wild Things: Charlie Le Lievre, Harmony Johnson, Bobby Davison-Witchard, Toby Starr, Shaleika Knight, Brent Cook;

Year Two Emus: Abigail Howard, Charlotte Byrne, Maddi Hepplewhite, Taylor Gwyn, Nevaeh Bailey, Joseph Lamb;

Year Three Inventors: Jack Makila, Kaliyah Priddis, Kobi Wright, Khyran O'Neil, Jaxson Dixon, Logan Smith;

Year Four Lorax: Storm Morris, Callum Weicks, Huni Karaitiana, Gordon Sutherland, Mason Wieland;

Year Four/Five Guya: Sophie Carter, Deklan Kaltenbacher, Ali Townsend, Sophie Carter, Brayden Glenn, Deklan Kaltenbacher;

Year Five / Six Dragons Mackenah Wieland, Ruby Lamb, Dallas Carr, Shekkylah Millgate, Nathaniel Brown-Sullivan, Olivia Berecry;

Year Six Warriors: Aiden Pearson, Conrad Denniss, Logan Howard, Xavier Wieland, Gus Howard, Lilly Field.

PBL AWARDS:

Level 1: Justin Smith,

Level 2: Hattie Thomas, Breeanna Glenn, Haylee Harland, Cardi Howard, William Welsh, Jaydan Sutherland, Kahlell Priddis, Amelia Altmann, London Bennett, Hannah Weiland, Daisy Lee Barnes Reriri, Khloe Thompson-Blanch, Samara Hawke, Armani Thurston, Kaliyah Priddis, Matari Hammond-Brown, Addison Wieland, Callum Weicks, Katie Gwyn, Chloe Eason, Lorelai Hawke.

Holiday Activities

Western Student Connections is running Robotics and Coding workshops in the Term 2 school holidays, in Dubbo for young people aged 8 –15 years old. Morning tea and lunch is provided for each participant. Our Intermediate Workshop introduces participants to the Ozobot and Sphero Robots, the OzoGroove App used to make the Ozobot Dance, and coding using the OzoBlockly online editor and the Sphero Edu App.

For those wanting to get straight into coding, we have the Scratch Workshop. Participants learn how to create an animation using the Scratch Jr App, how to create a Scratch account, and how to program using the Scratch online editor.

The workshop timetable is:

Tuesday 29th June – ages 8-15 years old – 9:00am to 3:45pm. Intermediate workshop with Ozobots and Spheros.

Thursday 1st July – ages 8-15 years old – 9:00am to 4:00pm. Scratch Coding Workshop.

You can use your child's Creative Kids Voucher, or contact us for other payment options.

To enrol in the robotics workshops:

Go to service.nsw.gov.au and register for a Creative Kids Voucher

Go to steamahead.net.au and complete an enrolment form.

You will be contacted by Western Student Connections to confirm enrolment and to provide further details.

For further information please contact Western Student Connections on 02 6885 6144 or by emailing reception@wsc.edu.au.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

**GPS P&C meet 3rd
Thursday of the
month from 2.30pm-
3.15pm.
Kids welcome.**

**Become a financial
member to participate
in decision making.**

What is a P&C?

Parents and Citizens Association is a group of like-minded people. We aim to support learning and well being within GPS through fundraising.

P&C work closely with school, aiming to build a stronger community where all children benefit.

We reflect GPS school policies and are bound to the P&C Federation; abiding by their rules and regulations in running our meetings.

One common goal - Support our Kids

P&C Contributions

We have significantly contributed throughout the years with fundraising and creating a positive community spirit.

Financially contributed to classroom technology, playground beautification; subsidised excursions, incursions, programs and purchased equipment and furniture. We have hosted fetes, Variety Bash Breakfasts, set-up our School Facebook page and celebrated our own 100th Anniversary with our school community.

Do you have a spare hour a month?

For more information -
Gilgandra Public School Facebook page
email : gilpublicpandc@yahoo.com.au
or speak to our school office staff

Benefits of being involved

- What do you think your children need at school? Have your say and opinion count.
- Opportunity for regular contact with school staff.
- Opportunity to network and seek support with other parents.
- Links home and classroom.
- Children are happy to see you at school.
- Be informed about the day-to-day running of the school.
- Be part of a team that supports all GPS students.
- Use and build on your own skills.
- Be a volunteer.
- Research shows that students perform better when their parents/carers are involved in their school community.



**Together we create a
place of belonging that
fosters your child's
future.**



**Gilgandra
Public School
P&C**