

# Gilgandra Public School

Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 2024 school year. This year, your child is in Year 1 Goannas. My name is Mr Adam Smithers, and I will be the classroom teacher for the year. A bit about myself: I grew up in Sydney, where I worked as a carpenter for over ten years. I play field hockey in Dubbo and have an interest in most sports. Service and community are important aspects of my life. Since moving to Gilgandra at the beginning of 2020, I have become an active member of the Gilgandra State Emergency Service Unit and the Gilgandra Rural Fire Service Brigade where I am currently the Deputy Unit Commander and Deputy Captain respectively.

This year, our Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) is Mrs Michel Prout.

Each week your child will attend Science with Mrs Amanda Bunter, Library and Digital Technologies with Mrs Chantel Chandler, and Cultural Studies with Mrs Fay Goodwin.

Science	Tuesday
Library and Digital Technologies	Wednesday
Cultural Studies	Thursday
Sport	Friday – students will need hats, water bottles, and appropriate shoes for running.
Assembly	Friday – 12:15 pm in the school hall. Award winners will be notified by text message.

Home readers will begin mid-term and students will be able to be changed over books when complete. Although home reading is not compulsory, it is strongly encouraged to help support your child's learning. Students can also choose to borrow books from the school library. Homework is also encouraged, however, not compulsory, and I look forward to discussing this with you all at our Term 1, Personalised Learning Plan evening later in the term.

The school will provide all required classroom materials required for the year. Students may choose to bring their own pencil cases; however, this is not expected.

Please contact me via the school to arrange a time to discuss any requests or concerns you may have.

Kind regards,

Adam Smithers  
Classroom Teacher  
Gilgandra Public School