

# Gilgandra Public School

Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the 2025 school year. This year, your child is in Year 1 Echidnas. 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 have an interest in most sports and play field hockey in Dubbo, representing the area at the NSW State Championships in both field and indoor hockey last year. 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 Rural Fire Service Brigade and Gilgandra State Emergency Service Unit and where I am currently the Deputy Captain and Deputy Unit Commander respectively.

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

Library and Digital Technologies	Monday
Science	Tuesday
Cultural Studies	Wednesday
Swimming (Week 5 – 9)	Friday – further information to follow.
Assembly	Friday – 12:15 pm in the school hall. Award winners will be notified by text message.
Sport	Friday (when not swimming) – Student will require water bottles, hats and appropriate shoes.

Home readers will begin mid-term, and students will be able to change 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 during weekly lessons, so please send a bag for them to take a book home in on Monday, if you wish to do so. 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 an expectation or requirement.

Please contact me via the school to arrange a time to discuss any requests or questions you may have as we settle back into school routine.

Kind regards,

Adam Smithers  
Classroom Teacher  
Gilgandra Public School