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Term 3 Week 7 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe we are already over halfway through the term and heading into spring! It has been a busy and exciting time with students actively engaged in high quality learning across the classrooms. The students have particularly enjoyed applying their coding skills on Fridays using the tablet robotics STEM Share kits we have borrowed from the Department of Education.

A reminder to all families that the school gates will be locked from 9:30am to 3:15pm. Entry outside these hours is only through the main gate by ringing the doorbell or phoning the office on arrival. Each morning, the three gate access points for students and families are the main gate, bridge gate, and parent gate.

For the safety of our students, please note there is a new process for parent pick-up at the parent carpark: parents are required to meet their children at the gate area and walk with them to the car. Children will no longer be permitted to walk into or through the carpark without parent supervision. Additionally, please remember that the parent carpark is a smoke-free and e-cigarette-free zone.

Today, Melia, Rhyley, Nyle, and Seth are proudly representing our school at the North West Athletics Carnival. We can't wait to hear of their experiences and results of their relay. Melia was also competing in her 100 m age race.

Our current You Can Do It! focus is on the key area of Getting Along. This means showing kindness, treating others as you would like to be treated, demonstrating respect and working cooperatively with others. You can support this learning by discussing these concepts with your children at home.

This week we acknowledge SASS Recognition Week, celebrating the hard work and dedication of our wonderful non-teaching

staff. We thank them for all they do in assisting our school to run as smoothly as it does. Next week, I will be on leave from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Aitken will be the Relieving Principal in my absence.

To recognise R U Ok? Day next Wednesday, 10th September students are encouraged to wear a splash of yellow. This is a nationally recognised day dedicated to promoting positive wellbeing and supporting each other.

Looking ahead to Week 9, we are excited to host the Life Education Van and Healthy Harold to our school. We will also welcome Mrs Louise McKinnon, who will lead art workshops to help students showcase their artistic and creative talents.

Also, in Week 9 we look forward to hosting our Term 3 Principal's Assembly. This is an opportunity to celebrate student achievement from across the term. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend this special event.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school community such a special place for your children to thrive.

Melinda Partridge

UPCOMING DATES

4/9 Yr 6-7 half day high school transition

10/9 R U Ok Day

15/9 K-6 Art workshops

16/9 Little Learners Kinder Transition 2-3pm

17/9 Principal's Assembly

22/9 K-6 Art workshops

24/9 Excursion to Pioneer Village and Transport Museum

26/9 Footy Colours Day

26/9 Last day of Term 3

14/10 Students return for Term 4

Spotlight the Literacy Hub



At Gilgai Public School we use our *You Can Do It! Five Keys to Success and Happiness*: Persistence, Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation and Resilience. An extension to our Literacy Hub, the five key concepts are embedded within all aspects of our learning. Students were asked what key/s they are working on in the Literacy Hub:

Braxton: "I am working on my Confidence key every day so I can be brave to write more sentences that have more capital words with exclamation marks, question marks and commas."

Chloe: "I am working on all the keys so I can do more writing and get along with everyone."

Dayne: "I am working on my Confidence and Persistence keys so I can do better writing with more sentences, putting in commas and sixty-six and ninety-nine (speech marks)."

Flint: "I am working on my Confidence key so I can read my stories, that I've written, in assemblies and my Organisation key to be more organised with my work and with my equipment for learning."

Harry: "I am working on my Persistence, Resilience and Confidence keys so I can do more writing and don't give up."

Stacey: "I am working on my Confidence key so I can read my stories to the class when I stand out the front and be brave and feel calm."

Summer: "I am working on my Confidence and Persistence keys so I can keep on trying and never back down."

Phebe: "I am working on all of my keys so I can learn better and learn how to write heaps of sentences."

Tanner: "I am working on my Organisation key because I like to be super organised."





Parent information Session

Inverell High School is offering Parents and Carers of our wider school community, the opportunity to attend an information session on:

- understanding bullying behaviours,
- recognising the signs
- practical strategies to protect and support children affected by bullying.

When: Monday 8th September, 2025

Location: Inverell High School - Welch Hall

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Adult Only event

Light Refreshments provided

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'LITTLE LEARNERS' ORIENTATION TO KINDERGARTEN SESSIONS

TERM 3 TUESDAYS 2:00-3:00 pm

- 19th August
- 2nd September
- 16th September

TERM 4 TUESDAYS 9:30am-2:00pm

- 21st October
- 4th November
- 18th November 9am -3.00pm
(Inclusive of Graduation)

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