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Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a busy start we have all had, and it's heartening to see our students already showing improvement across all learning areas. Last week, our Student Representative Council (SRC) at Gilgai Public School spread some love by creating Valentine's Day treats, which were warmly received by students and staff alike.

We are also thrilled to highlight some fantastic initiatives happening in our classrooms: Miss Muggleton's class has been producing some amazing artworks this week. Mrs Richards has been busy establishing routines with our new kinder students and enjoying reading together. We have had our first Library lesson with Mrs Bright and Mrs Mercer, and encourage students to borrow a book each week. The office is bustling each day, and we truly appreciate the dedication of all our staff who strive for the best outcomes for every student at Gilgai Public School. Looking ahead, we will have a P&C meeting soon to discuss our Easter raffle, and will be asking for chocolate donations shortly. We understand that some families may be facing challenging times. Please remember that the Benevolent Society is available to assist during such times—don't hesitate to reach out for support when needed, referral forms are available at our office. A heartfelt thank you to all of our families who have updated any changes to contact information; this greatly aids us in ensuring everyone's safety and accessibility in case of emergencies. I encourage all families to please contact the school office if you have any concerns about school and also to share your celebrations with us. I wish everyone a productive and positive week ahead.

2025 CLASSES

We have had a reduction in school enrolments, meaning **2 classes** have been created this year. We only received confirmation of this, after school had started for 2025. Through some clever thinking, staff have created a third class for part of the day. For four days a week, for the 2 hour morning session, students from Years 2 and 3 are working in the Literacy Hub with Mrs Aitken. For the remainder of the day, Year 2 return to the K-2 classroom and Year 3 return to the 3-6 classroom.

Mrs Mercer has commenced working with small groups of students from Years 4, 5 and 6 using the Macqlit literacy program, a new program at Gilgai Public School this year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 26th** Parent / Carer / Teacher Meetings in the school hall
- March 13th** School Photos
- March 21st** Harmony Day— wear orange today
- April 1st** Principal's Award Assembly at 12:45pm in the school hall
- April 9th** Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm in the COLA
- April 11th** Last day of Term 1
- April 25th** ANZAC Day service at Gilgai and school leaders also attend the Inverell ANZAC Day ceremony and luncheon

SMALL SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done Alexis at the Small School Swimming Carnival in Bingara this week. She was 1st in Freestyle and 1st in Breaststroke, receiving the Runner-Up Senior Champion medal on the day for her achievements.



CRUNCH AND SIP TIME

Every morning, students have fruit and water to start their school day. Mrs Aitken picks up fruit from Woolworths each week to cater for any forgotten fruit, 'lunch mishaps' or extra hungry children. Try to send fruit in a **separate container** for easy access to eat.



GILGAI PUBLIC P & C SCHOOL CANTEEN

The amazing Molly and her team of helpers from the P & C committee create yummy lunches for Gilgai Public School every Friday. They have now found an app (see below) for parents / carers to order lunch and uniforms online. When you go onto the app, go to Gilgai Public School **NOT** Gilgai Plains.



HOMEWORK

Class teachers have been setting up classroom routines and assessing students over the past few weeks. Home reading and homework will start after Week 5 parent / carer / teacher meetings next week.

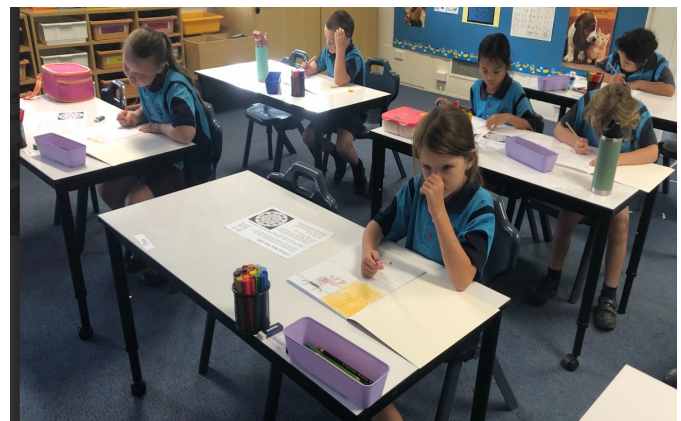
READING VOLUNTEERS

From time to time, class teachers would love an extra set of hands to listen to students read. If you are interested in becoming a 'reading buddy', please contact the office. You must have a working with children check to be part of our literacy team in 2025.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Gilgai Public School photos will be Thursday 13th March. Envelopes will go home this week. ***It is very important not to lose your child's envelope as each envelope is coded for your child.*** If your child would like a sibling photo please come to the office and collect the sibling envelope. Students will need to be in full summer uniform; school short sleeve shirt, shorts, blue socks and black school shoes. Thank you

2/3 LITERACY HUB IN ACTION



K / 1 / 2 FOLLOWING THE LEADER

