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## **Term 2 Week 9 Newsletter**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

As we approach the end of a busy term, I want to take a moment to reflect on my first term at Gilgai Public School. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive families. The warmth of the school community has made my transition extremely smooth. As the saying goes 'it takes a village to raise a child' and I want to acknowledge the work our school community is doing to support our students and provide them with a high quality and well rounded education. Throughout the term I have been learning about our school processes and looking at ways to refine systems for greater efficiency.

Today I had the pleasure of hosting our Term 2 Principal's Assembly. This was an opportunity to recognise student achievement, effort, citizenship and attendance. Thank you to the families that came out to support their children. I know this means the world to your children and it shows the value you place on your child's education. It was also lovely to meet parents and families that I had not yet had the chance to introduce myself to.

As a school we are looking forward to hosting our Sapphire Small Schools Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Our students have been developing their techniques for the field events, and I am excited to watch them participate in all events. A big thank you to all parents and caregivers who have arranged transport to and from the venue for your children. Your support is invaluable and greatly assists with the organisation of the day. Parents and caregivers are more than welcome to stay and cheer the students on. A massive shout out to our P&C who are catering for the event.

This Thursday, at 5.30pm at the Inverell Shire Library, is the official opening of the Sapphire Community of Schools NAIDOC Art Competition. Our two classes have entries which showcase



their creativity linking into this year's theme 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. Students and parents are encouraged to attend and support this growing Sapphire Community of Schools event. We are in the planning stages for our NAIDOC Week events in Week 10. These will allow us to recognise this very important week on the national calendar.

As we wrap up the term, Semester 2 reports will be issued at the end of next week. Parent teacher interviews will be held early next term.

I will be on leave next week. During my absence, Mrs. Andrea Aitken will be the Relieving Principal.

Thank you for a great first term at Gilgai Public School! I look forward to seeing everyone return after the holiday break.

Mrs Melinda Partridge  
Principal



### **UPCOMING DATES**

**26/6** Small Schools Athletics Carnival  
**3/7** NAIDOC Week Activities  
**4/7** End of semester reports issued  
**4/7** NAIDOC Town March  
**4/7** End of Term  
**21/7** Staff Development Day  
**22/7** Students return for Term 3  
**28/7 to 1/8** Book Fair  
**30/7** Book Week Dress Up along with Parent/ Grandparents Picnic  
**4/8 to 8/8** Education Week  
**12/8** 100 Days of Kindergarten  
**12/8** Parent Teacher Interviews





## WINTER UNIFORMS

As we are in the colder months, it's vital for our students to stay warm while representing our school with pride. Wearing a school uniform not only fosters a sense of belonging and community, but it also ensures that students are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Encouraging our students to wear their uniforms helps promote a positive school culture.

The P&C have plenty of uniforms for sale. Attached to this newsletter is a price list. Now would be the time to get in and purchase new uniforms if you are in need, as the prices will have a slight increase next term.



**Our winter uniform consists of our cyan school shirt, navy tracksuit pants and a navy jumper or jacket. In this photo the students are wearing dry and cozy tracksuit pants (available in sizes 8 and 4) and the dry and cozy jacket, these are very warm!**



## ATHLETICS PRACTISE

Students have been enjoying the opportunity to practise their throwing and jumping skills in the lead up to the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Their increased understanding of each event has resulted in an improvement in their techniques.





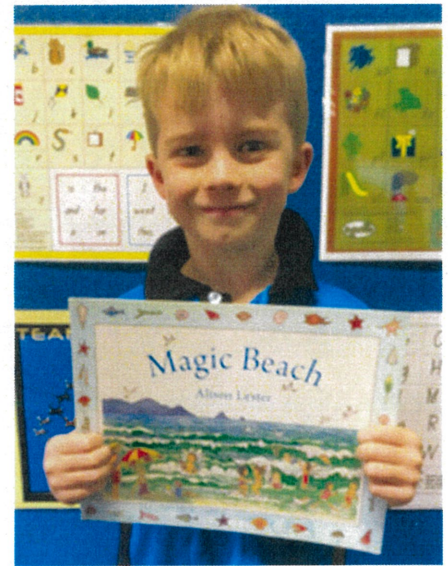
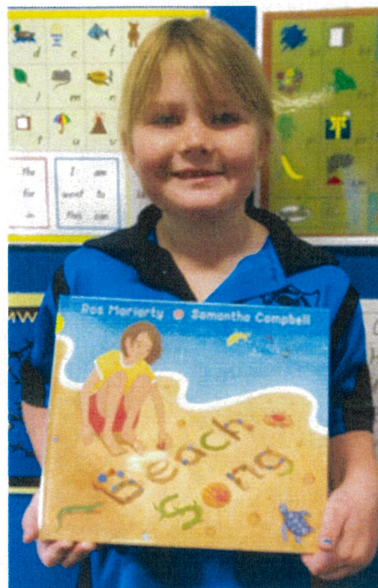
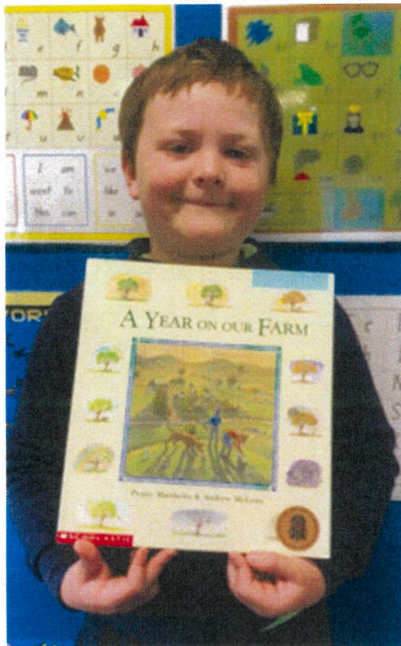
# Spotlight on the Literacy Hub



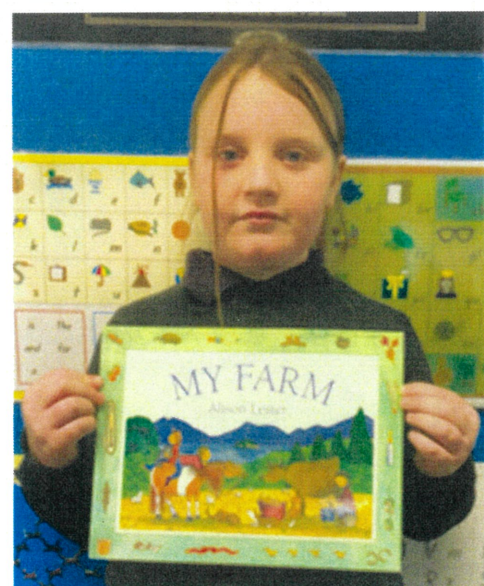
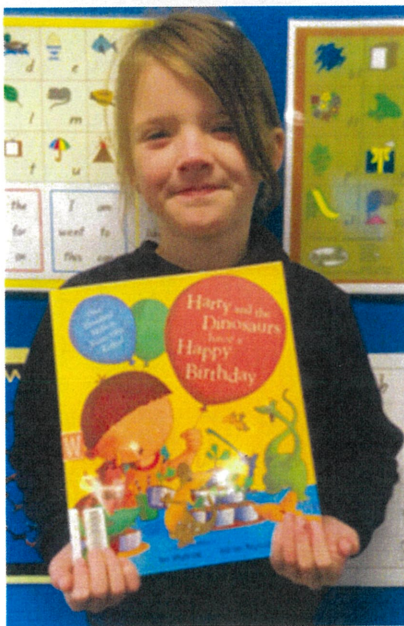
Monday to Thursday mornings, we look forward to coming to the Literacy Hub to work on our literacy skills. With a small-sized class group, the individual needs of the students are targeted. We work at reading quality texts, discussing new and interesting words, listening to each other's ideas, developing word attack skills, reading and spelling 'tricky' words and connecting to stories through writing.







Some of our 'Literacy Hub Learners' with their favourite stories





# PRIMARY SPOTLIGHT



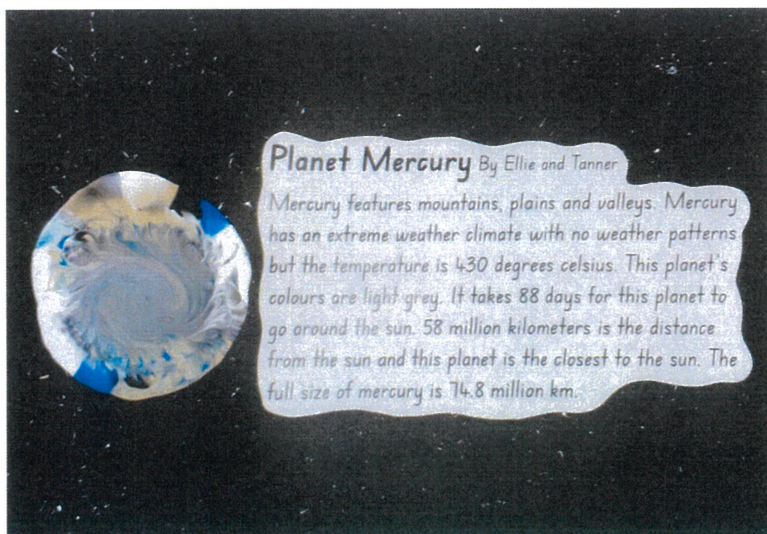
## SPORTING SUPERSTARS

In sporting news Gilgai Public School have advanced to the second round of the Small Schools Knockout Netball Competition. After defeating Bundarra Central School 7 goals to 3, we are excited to verse Burren Junction Public School early next term. 3-6 students showed unbelievable teamwork and sportsmanship on the day.

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### OUT OF THIS WORLD

Primary have been exploring the planets in our solar system. In pairs, students researched key features about a planet and then wrote an informative paragraph. Using some fun art techniques, groups created a picture of their planet to match the paragraph. How stellar are our posters?!





## VISUAL ART

### BRANCHES OF LEGACY, LEAVES OF TOMORROW

3-6 created an artwork to enter into the 2025 NAIDOC Week Primary School Art Competition. This vibrant quilled artwork powerfully embodies the 2025 NAIDOC Week theme: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy. Inspired by the Aboriginal flag, the tree symbolizes the enduring strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples—its roots grounded in ancestral wisdom and its branches representing our emerging young leaders. The black and red coils honour the land and people, while the yellow reflects a bright future illuminated by community vision. Through unity, resilience and pride, this piece celebrates the achievements of Elders and ancestors, while uplifting the next generation who carry forward a legacy of cultural strength and visionary leadership.





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**Gilgai Creek**  
**Gilgai 2360**  
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**Gilgai Public School uniform pricelist**

Poly/cotton bucket hats	\$ 7.00
Short sleeve school polo shirt	\$40.00
Unisex rugby knit shorts 4 – 16Y	\$12.00
Unisex rugby knit shorts S – 3X	\$15.00
Jacket 4 – 16Y	\$20.00
Jacket S – 3X	\$25.00
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Socks	\$ 3.00

Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Socks (single pair) 2-8, 9-12, 13-3	\$ 3.00			
TOTAL COST				

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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