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Term 3 Week 3 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful start to the term we've had! It has been fantastic to see so many opportunities for our students outside the classroom.

Our Book Week dress-ups and the Book Fair were a great success, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your support in making these events so special on our school calendar.

This week, we are celebrating Education Week. This year's theme is 'Ignite the Potential'. It was a joy to open our beautiful school and classrooms for you to visit today. We value your partnership in your child's educational journey, and it was wonderful to see so many of you engage with our teachers and staff. Tonight, I will attend the Sapphire Community of Schools Education Week Awards Ceremony and have the delight in presenting our school's awards. Big congratulations to Miss Muggleton (staff), Shyla Orchard (student) and Molly Hawkins (community) who are the recipients of Gilgai Public School's awards.

Looking ahead, our teachers are eager to meet with parents next week for parent-teacher interviews. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and explore ways we can further support their learning and development.

Additionally, we will be celebrating the 100 Days of Kindergarten! This special milestone is a chance to recognise the hard work and achievements of our kindergarten students. Kinder students are encouraged to dress up as 100 year olds for this occasion.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our children.

Mrs Melinda Partridge
Principal



Education Week Awards



Congratulations to Shyla Orchard, Miss Elise Muggleton and Molly Hawkins for receiving our school's Education Week Awards. You are SUPERSTARS!!!



UPCOMING DATES

4/8 to 8/8 Education Week

6/8 Open Classrooms & Sausage Sizzle

12/8 100 Days of Kindergarten

12/8 Parent Teacher Interviews

13/8 P&C Meeting

18/8 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day

19/8 Little Learners Kinder Transition sessions start 2.00pm–3.00pm

21/8 Small School High School transition sessions at MHS and IHS

WINTER WONDERLAND



It has been a while since snow has fallen at Gilgai. It was a lovely surprise for everyone on the weekend. It has been at least 41 years since snow has fallen like this (Mrs Partridge was in Kindergarten).

Mrs Mercer captured these magical photos, which I am sure will go into the history books.



Friendly reminders



Students arriving late to school must present to the office to be marked present before heading to class. Students will receive a late pass to present to their class teacher. Parents/ carers are required to explain late attendance.

All school events and school sites including car parks are smoke free areas.



We have noticed a number of students with cordial, juice and soft drink in their drink bottles. As a 'crunch and sip' school, students are encouraged to drink water during the school day. It would be appreciated if you could support us and your child's health by only providing water in your child's drink bottle.

NSW Department of Education

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight ○○○●○○○	= 4 weeks	= Over 1 year missed
1 day per week ○○○●○○○	= 8 weeks	= Over 2.5 years missed

More information

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

Book Fair and Dress Up's

The annual Book Fair and Dress Up Parade was held last Wednesday, bringing excitement, creativity and a love for reading to students, staff and families alike!!

Book Fair highlights

The Book fair, held in the school hall showcased a wide range of books, catering to all age groups, from picture books and early readers to young adult fiction and non-fiction everyone was catered for.



Dress Up Parade- 'Book an Adventure'

To add a creative twist, the school hosted a Dress Up Parade. Students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters. The parade, was a colourful and lively display of beloved literary figures from Harry Potter to Cat in the Hat. All classes parade with enthusiasm and the effort put into the costumes was truly commenable!



Enrolments Now Open for 2026



'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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