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Term 3 Week 3 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy and positive couple of weeks at our school, filled with wonderful events and activities.



throughout the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together for the success and wellbeing of our students.

Mrs Melinda Partridge
Principal

As well as the wide range of events to start the term, assessing student progress has remained a continued focus for us. We are committed to regularly measuring student learning growth throughout the term and the year to ensure every student is supported in reaching their potential.

In the coming weeks, our primary students will participate in the statewide Check In assessments. These assessments will provide us with valuable data to help identify areas of strength and opportunities for further support, guiding our teaching and learning programs.

On Monday afternoon, our school captains attended the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration Service at the RSM Club. This was a moving ceremony recognising the sacrifices our armed services men and women made for our country.

As we move through the remainder of the term, our focus will shift to transitions. Our Year 6 students will participate in orientation sessions at local high schools over the coming weeks. We know they are looking forward to this exciting opportunity to prepare for the next stage of their education.

Additionally, our 2026 Kindergarten Little Learners sessions will commence this Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00pm. We are very excited to welcome our prospective students and their families into our school community. I am sure once they experience our Gilgai small school positivity, they will want to be a part of it next year!!!

With the cooler weather still upon us, please ensure your child comes to school with a jumper or jacket, as the weather can change

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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



Parents and visitors are welcome at school, please ensure you sign in at the office.

All school sites including car parks are smoke free areas.



UPCOMING DATES



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

25/8 Check In Assessment window opens (primary students)

2/9 Little Learners Kinder Transition 2-3pm

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

15/9 K-6 Art workshops

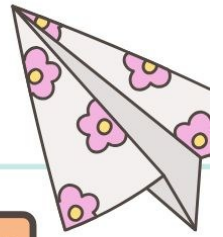
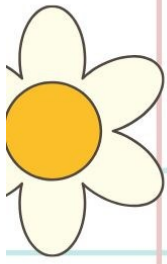
16/9 Little Learners Kinder Transition 2-3pm

17/9 Principal's Assembly

22/9 K-6 Art workshops

26/9 Footy colours day

26/9 Last day of Term 3



Primary SPOTLIGHT

TERM 3 WEEK 5

In English ...

This term, our English unit ties in with our History focus on Australia's Indigenous past. We're reading *Birrung the Secret Friend* by Jackie French and exploring its themes and literary devices. Our main focus is on perspective. Students have written stories in first person and are now rewriting them in third person to see how changing the point of view can transform a story.

In Maths ...

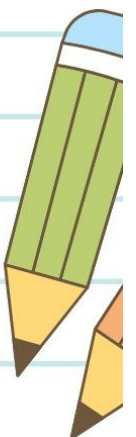
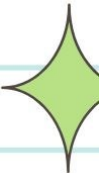
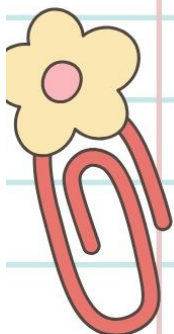
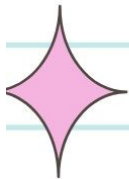
In maths, we've been diving into multiplication and division. Students have explored factors, multiples, and the difference between prime and composite numbers. They're now tackling long division with great enthusiasm! Recently, they took on a fun maths challenge where each correct answer unlocked a letter to solve a secret code (a great mix of problem solving and excitement!)

Homework

Year 6 have been sent home with an extra homework assignment. I look forward to finding out about the person who inspires them the most!

In Technology ...

Our classroom has been buzzing with excitement as we explore new STEM resources. Last Friday, students were introduced to Blue Bots, using basic coding strategies to navigate and problem solve in creative ways. It was wonderful to see our Years 3-6 students take on leadership roles, guiding and supporting the younger students from K-2 with confidence and care. We're looking forward to building on these skills as we begin working with Wonder Bots next. Be sure to check out the next page for some fantastic photos of our tech adventures!





New to the canteen menu! Addition to Canteen menu for Tuesday and Friday



Fathers Day!

With Father's Day fast approaching, it is our pleasure to share with you a simple, meaningful present that can be purchased from our Gilgai Public School P&C.

This year our P&C are offering single or package deals for personal drawn ornamental dinner plates, side plates, bowls and mugs that the kids can create for a loved one for this special day.

~ On It's Own ~

Dinner plate - \$13.00

Side plate - \$10.00

Bowl - \$10.00

Mug - \$8.00



~ Bundle Deals ~

(Set A) Dinner plate, side plate & mug - \$ 28.00

(Set B) Dinner plate, side plate & bowl - \$ 30.00

(Set C) Mug & bowl - \$ 15.00

(Set D)The full set - \$ 38.00



~ Plate Sizes ~

Dinner plate - 23cm

Side plate - 19cm

Bowl - 3.7cm (H) x 20.3cm

Colour (White)

Material (Porcelain)





Sapphire Skies

2025 ASTRONOMY NIGHT

The Inverell community and local schools are invited to join Inverell High School as we present our third annual Astronomy Night!

When: Friday 22nd August, 6:00-9:00pm

Where: Cameron Park

Join us for an unforgettable night under the stars!

Featured activities include:

- Telescope viewings
- Expert guided astronomy tours
- Cultural astronomy tours
- Astrophotography
- Facepainting (gold coin donation)
- Food, drinks and glowsticks (for purchase)

RSVP using the QR code:



CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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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