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School Review – Teaching and Learning:
As part of the school’s annual self-evaluation process an external team led by Peter Snowden, School Development Officer in Orange will be visiting our school for three days to review aspects of teaching and learning. This process will identify areas of strength across the school and provide directions for future planning, resourcing and staff training. The review team will be examining documentation, visiting classrooms, analysing data and interviewing staff, students, parents and community members. During the review, Tuesday 26th-28th February families will have the opportunity to request an interview or be part of focus groups to provide information on thoughts around teaching and learning and future directions for Gilgandra Public School. Students will only be interviewed in a focus group and not individually. There are strict protocols governing this evaluation and information given to the team will be gathered in a confidential manner and reported to the principal in a formal report.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Nikki Mudge who was recently appointed to the Best Start Co-ordinator Assistant Principal Position for the Warrumbungle School Education Group (SEG) of schools. Nikki will be based at Gilgandra Public School and provide Professional Development training for K-3 teachers in the Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) and Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) programs throughout the SEG including our own staff. Gilgandra Public School welcomes Kristy Thompson who is a skilled Special Education Teacher to teach Kinder Owls from Monday 11th March for the remainder of the year.

Friendships to Boost your Child’s Learning
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-yourchilds-learning

Helping your Kindy Kid Succeed at School
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school

Speech Problems
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems
Welcome Information Morning Tea
Gilgandra Public School is holding a Parent/Community information and welcome morning tea on Wednesday 27th February, in the upstairs library at 10.30am. The School would like to invite new and existing parents/carers and community members to come along. The Principal Mrs Howard will welcome you to our school and talk about attendance. Henry Louie the Aboriginal Education Officer will talk about his role and responsibilities, Deidre Naden from the P&C and Kristin Anforth will talk about Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). We would be delighted if you could join us for morning tea and the talks.

Year 6 Students
All students should have received an Expression of Interest to enrol in a government school in Year 7 in 2014. Please ensure the form is completed and returned to school by 22nd March.

Absences
Parents/Carers are reminded that it is a Departmental requirement that all absences are explained either verbally or, preferably, with a note on your child’s return to school. If you know your child will be away you may be eligible for an exemption if you notify the school prior to the absence.

5 RABBITS
Year 5 Rabbits have been working hard on developing their descriptive writing in recent weeks. Students are now using well placed adjectives and similes; the artworks and similes produced for last weeks assembly were impressive!

The focus in Maths has been whole number. Students are working hard and their number skills are improving. Well done!

In PD/H/PE we have been focusing on positive relationships with emphasis on the values that determine a friend. Students discussions have been valuable and well thought out.

Infants Class Award Winners

Primary Class Award Winners

MUMSnext
New mums group 2nd & 4th Wednesday of month
At New Life Centre
Warren Road (Opp. Shire Hall)
9.30 - 11.30 am
Kids in school, looking for an opportunity to hang out with other school mums? Come and have a cuppa and a chat. First one free.

Phone Katherine Gaff - 6847 2484 or

JUNIOR LEAGUE/NETBALL REGISTRATION DAYS
28TH FEBRUARY & 7TH MARCH 4PM
McGRANE OVAL