FOR YOUR DIARY
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Ready, Set, School 2013
Western Regional Director Carole McDiarmid has sent Ready, Set, School; a report to school communities in Western NSW to inform parents and community members of 2012 achievements and 2013 plans for the Western Region schools. I have attached the report to the newsletter and if you would like to discuss any aspect of the educational priorities and initiatives, please contact the Dubbo office.

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 this week 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.

School Fees
At a P&C meeting on Thursday 21st February, the 2013 school fees were set at $35 per child. The payment of school fees would be appreciated to assist with the supply of resources for student programs and activities to be implemented in 2013. This year has seen a significant reduction of funding with no SiP funding and limited Low SES funding. The school has previously used funding sources to enable programs to operate, but this year we require your support with the payment of school fees to enable programs that benefit all students to continue. The $35 can be paid in instalments to assist families with more than one child.

AWARD SYSTEM
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Class Awards
No awards were given out last week due to the swimming carnival.

MEDICATIONS
If your child requires medication at school for a short-term illness please ensure it is clearly marked with child’s name, dosage and time to be given .

If your child has been on long term prescribed medication and it is no longer required or the dosage has changed please notify the school in writing.

Personalised Educational Plans (PLPs)
On Friday 1st March, Gilgandra Public School will commence their PLP meetings with parents and carers to discuss, strategies and programs that will be implemented for their child during 2013 to improve learning outcomes. A note will be sent with your child from the teacher asking for a suitable time for you to visit to discuss your child’s learning. The timetable is as follows:

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<td>Nikki Mudge - Kinder Owl</td>
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<td>Tuesday 5th March</td>
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<td>Wednesday 6th</td>
<td>Leanne Morris-6 Masters</td>
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<td>Thursday 7th March</td>
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Swimming Carnival
On Friday 22nd February, the school’s Swimming Carnival was held at the Gilgandra Swimming Pool. Congratulations to all the students who participated in their races and earned points for their house team. Thank you to Mrs Morris for her organisation of the carnival and Ricky and Mr Darcy for their assistance with setting up and taking down the shade tents. Thank you also to the Gilgandra Swimming Pool staff for assisting with the carnival; it was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to the following students on their success as 2013 Age Champions:

Junior Boy - Ty Sutherland
Junior Girl - Tahnee Carr
11 Years Boy - Shane Ritchie
11 Years Girl - Kaitlin Brown
Senior Boy - Josh Masling
Senior Girl - Belladonna Dwight

Congratulations to the winning house Castlereagh - well done.

A special thanks to Alex Carr, Libby Carr, Amanda and Bruce Bunter who assisted at the carnival.

Your support and help is greatly appreciated.

The District Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 28th February in Dubbo.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the school at the carnival:


2013 Swimming Champions

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

For Sale

Cheap books for reading, research or projects.

The library has some books it no longer needs for sale. These include novels, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, atlases and record books.

If you are interested in purchasing a whole set of encyclopaedias please see Mrs Dunn in the library as soon as possible otherwise we will begin selling them individually. Each set is $3 each (some volumes may be missing).

The dictionaries are $1 each. There is also a globe that needs to be mended with its stand. It could be a fantastic resource in someone’s home and is $3. Novels and other individual books are 20c each or 6 for $1.

Any funds raised will go to purchase items to encourage our students to participate in the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that all children will be photographed on Friday, 8th March.

All students should have received an envelope/order form. If not please call at the front office. Envelopes for family photos may also be obtained from the front office.

Envelopes with payment must be returned to the office prior to the day.
Last week Miss Dunn brought in some photo booth props for us to use. We each chose a prop and then posed for the camera. What do you think?

Last week, ten year 4 students were chosen to join Booknutz extension literacy program. This occurs every Thursday with Mrs Dunn in the library. Please ensure your child has their work completed to ensure they get the most out of this opportunity. Don’t forget to book your appointment for your PLP interview on Friday.

JUNIOR LEAGUE/NETBALL REGISTRATION DAYS
28TH FEBRUARY & 7TH MARCH 4PM
McGRANE OVAL
REGISTRATION PACKS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL
COST: Netball $75, Football $70
Form to be completed and money paid on the day
Limited Places Available

JUNIOR SOCCER MEETING
WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY
7 PM GILGANDRA SERVICES CLUB
For ALL PARENTS OF INTERESTED SOCCER PLAYERS TO DISCUSS THE 2013 SOCCER SEASON
MORE INFORMATION: Ph: President Jamie Skinner on 0429 691 240
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Water Fun Day

While brothers, sisters, cousins, Year 6 buddies and older school mates were participating in the Swimming Carnival at Gilgandra Town Pool, our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students had some water fun activities at school.