FOR YOUR DIARY
TERM 1

Mar
Thu  7 Final day for payment for School Photos
Fri  8 School Photos Regional Swimming - Dubbo
Tue 12 Book Club Orders Due
Tue 19 Grandparents Day
Fri 22 Year 6 -7 H/School Forms Due

AWARD SYSTEM
PBL - NEWS

Class Awards
Kinder Owls - Indiana McEwen-Reid, Wyatt Wieland, Natasha Maguire.
K/1 Turtles - Dominic Manusu, Sebastian Manusu.
1/2 Caterpillars - Raymond Milson, Aurora Fairley, Savanna Bamblett.
2/3 Heroes - Georgia Briggs, Blair Keogh, Mercedes Thurston.
3/4/5 Smiggles - Tayla Powell, Maddi Reid, Jake Stubbs.
5 Rabbits: Mikayla Bamblett, Zaroyd Thurston.
6 Masters - Tyler Edwards, Amber Crane, Jack Mudge.

Level 1 Lion Certificate: Jaidyn Holswich - Congratulations on being the first student in 2013 to reach this level.

School Review – Teaching and Learning:
Thank you to all parents and community members who attended the school during the School Review held from Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th February. Your input was greatly appreciated by the external team; led by Peter Snowden, School Development Officer in Orange. There are strict protocols governing this evaluation and information given to the team will be treated in a confidential manner and reported to the principal in a formal report.

School Fees
Many thanks to those people who have paid their school fees of $35 per child. Due to a significant reduction in funding this year the school needs your help to enable the continuation of programs which will benefit your child/ren. A reminder that the fees can be paid by instalments to assist families with more than one child. Early payment would be greatly appreciated.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who travelled to Dubbo last Thursday evening to compete in the Dubbo District PSSA Carnival. The weather made conditions very challenging, however all the students put in great performances and, as a result, six students have been selected to compete in the Regional Carnival on Friday of this week. Kaitlyn Brown will swim in the 11yrs 50m Butterfly, Freestyle and Breaststroke; Tahnee Carr has been selected in the Junior 50m Butterfly and the Junior Boys Junior Relay team comprising Jacob Wilson, Wayne Smith, Ty Sutherland and Caleb Sutherland also made it through to the Regional Carnival. We wish these students the best of luck on Friday. The most pleasing aspect of the evening was the manner in which our Gilgandra children conducted themselves. The effort and good sportsmanship observed was excellent and a great reflection of our school and community.

School Photos
A reminder that the annual school photos will be taken on Friday, 8th March. Every child will be photographed whether you are purchasing a pack or not so it is important that all children are at school in full summer uniform on this day.

Reading With Your Child at Home
When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. To find some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading go to: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home
Removing Head Lice and Nits
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Bedwetting
A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796

Calling All Garden Lovers
The school would love to hear from you if you would like to assist with the maintenance of our gardens so if you have some spare time and would like to help out please contact the school.

Smoking Bans
From 7th January, 2013 the NSW Government Health Department made the following settings smoke-free:
* In Public playgrounds within 10 metres of children’s play equipment;
* In open areas of public swimming pools;
* In major sporting facilities and at public sports grounds;
* At public transport stops and stations;
* Within 4 metres of the pedestrian access point to a public building; and
* From 2015, commercial outdoor dining areas.

Fines of up to $550 apply

HAVE FUN WITH SOCCER
Registration Forms for 2013 Soccer Season
Are available from
Public School, High School, St Josephs, Johnson’s Butchery, Easman’s Service Station, Gil Newsagency, Movie Mania

Registration Day - Saturday, 23rd March
Ernie Knight Oval
10 am - 2 pm
For Information - Please contact
Soccer President Jamie on 0429 691 240
or see our FB page

Infants Class Award Winners

Primary Class Award Winners

Level 1 Lion Certificate
2/3 Heroes

2/3 Heroes have been making a heroic effort in the classroom. We have been working hard on establishing our class routines. We have started our reading groups and we have some great parent helpers working with us.

Maths groups have changed and Year 3 are now working with Mrs Yager for their daily lesson.

In HSIE we are doing a simplified unit on British Colonisation and we have been writing descriptions where we have thought of great descriptive words.

Our PLP day is Wednesday 6th March. Interview notes have been sent home and I am looking forward to seeing you on the day.
2013 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

You don’t have to get in the water to become involved!

Carnivals are lots of Fun!

Swimming Carnivals can be very tiring!!