FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct
Fri 31 Red Day for Daniel

Nov
Mon 3 Early Bird program Continues
Tue 4 Deadly Australians Performance
Thu 6 School Production - 6pm
Mon 17 Selective Schools Reg. Close

Dec
Mon 1 Yr 2 Swimming Scheme

Anaphylaxis-Urgent

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It can occur when a susceptible person is exposed to an allergen (such as food or insect bite). Currently we have a child diagnosed with Anaphylaxis attending Early Birds who is allergic to nuts, and egg products. To ensure that the school environment is safe for the student, parents are asked to be mindful of the lunches they send to school with their children. Gilgandra Public School asks all parents to be mindful of the food that they send with their child/children so we can prevent a serious incident from occurring.

Some parents have contacted the school and asked for a list of foods that they should avoid in their children’s lunchboxes assisting with keeping the school a safe environment.

Food items to be avoided: peanut butter, nutella, hazelnut purees, peanut muesli bars and health bars, picnics, snickers, Beuno bars, peanut or nut sprinklers, kiwi fruit or fruit salad with kiwi fruit, eggs are okay in cooked cakes but not meringues, pavlova or boiled eggs. It was hard to find a specific list of foods to avoid but just check the labelling on the food for an ingredients list.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

School Production

Just a reminder to Parents that the School Production will be held at the Gilgandra High School Hall on Thursday 6th November 2014 so please note it in your calendar. This year classes will be performing famous movie musical scenes and I am sure “Let it Go” from Frozen will feature. The concert will commence at 6pm.

Staff Development Day

On Saturday 1st November Gilgandra Public School staff will undertake professional development based on the new Department of Communities (DEC) School Plan. Staff will complete modules on the new School Plan procedures and then have an opportunity to discuss future plans/strategies for Gilgandra Public School students’ learning.

Day for Daniel

As part of the school’s PD/Health lessons a Day for Daniel, will be held this Friday, 31st October. Children are encouraged to wear red on this day. Please see attached flier.
Early Action for Success (EA4S)
It is nice to be back into another term at Gilgandra Public School. This term our focus is on writing and mathematical skills. We will do this by having intense lessons in both literacy and numeracy where students will be supported by the classroom teacher, Interventionist teachers and the Instructional Leader. This will involve whole class, small groups and individual work with the teachers across all stages. Our term three data has shown growth in all areas of literacy and numeracy, with some of our student’s already meeting end of year expectations, stage outcomes and clusters. Teachers will continue to work intensively with these students to keep accelerating them in their area of strength. Chantel Chandler, Amanda Bunter, Amy Spora, Laura Nelson and I are looking forward to another rewarding and fulfilling term at Gilgandra Public School.

Brenda Purvis
(EA4S Instructional Leader)

Student Representative Council (SRC) 2015
Year 5 have been informed that nominations for the 2015 SRC (Captains and prefects) are being taken by the school executive and that speeches will be delivered at the Week 7 (Friday 21st November) assembly to the school and staff before voting. Voting is restricted to Kindergarten to Year 5 students and staff to determine the outcome of the elections. Students have been informed that they may seek assistance with their speeches from Mrs Rogers, Mrs Spora and Mrs Howard to discuss the content after they write their own first.

Selective high schools
Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Special Swimming Scheme
A reminder that students in Year 2 need to return their enrolment form by Friday, 20th November for the classes which commence on Monday, 1st December and continue until Friday, 12th December. If you did not receive a form please ask at the front office.

“Deadly Australians”
Please remember to get your money in for this performance no later than Monday, 3rd November. Cost is $6 per child or $12 per family of two or more students. Extra forms are available from the front office if needed.

P and C Raffle
Get your tickets at the school concert and go in a special stubb draw. Any ticket bought on the night will go in an extra draw to win tickets for a trike ride at the fetes!!

Tickets are just $2
Main prize to be drawn at the fete is 2 nights at Sea World Resort for 2 adults and 2 children, one day entry into Sea World, $100 food card and $100 Caltex card. Second prize is a patchwork quilt donated by Karen McBurnie.

MEGA TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS FETE
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER
Planning for the fete is well underway and it’s getting very exciting!!

Things you can do from home to help -
• Start gathering 2nd hand books
• Collecting 2nd hand goods
• Thinking about donations for tombola
• Collecting jars for tombola
• Saving your money

If you would like to be involved with planning or you would like to hold a stall – contact Chantel Chandler at gilpublicpandc@yahoo.com.au

Presbyterian Flower Show
On Friday eight students from Year 4-Sarah Scheir, Brielle Reid, Luke Nalder, Jacob Wilson, Tyrell Barwick, Tyson Pearson and Callie Chatfield performed three songs at the Presbyterian Flower Show at midday. The reason there was only eight students was that the rest of their classmates were at the Year 5/6 excursion to Burrendong Sport and Recreational Camp. The students performed “Made to Worship”, “Unreal Banana Peel” and “Jump for Joy. The songs were taught by Mrs Nola Wilson the Scripture Teacher on Year 4/5 to the students during Scripture in Term 3. The students were great representatives for the school and sang clearly for the audience.
3/4 Leopards

3/4 Leopards have had a productive start to term 4. Our rendition of Shrek’s ‘karaoke swamp dance party’ is coming together nicely for the upcoming concert. All students are fine tuning their respective roles and the costumes look fantastic; thankyou to all parents for your efforts in sourcing costumes!

Students are continuing to uphold our class motto. We all strive to be safe respectful learners by simply being nice, reliable, honest and happy. Upholding these values ensures a pleasant class environment and all 3/4 Leopards are to be commended.

Students continue to strive to succeed with their work and we are in the process of publishing a descriptive piece of writing highlighting all the sounds, sights and smells of our playground. Additionally, in HSIE students will be learning about their individual roles, rights and responsibilities at school and in their community. Students will also be completing a PE unit on cricket this term. Mick Darcy, Classroom Teacher

DREAM CRICKET

Last Tuesday K-6 Bears attended the Dream Cricket Gala Day at Victoria Park in Dubbo. Our class was one of several schools to attend this cricket day that is organised by Dubbo West Rotary for students with disabilities. Students joined other students in activities to build our catching, throwing and batting skills and enjoyed a free sausage sizzle and popper for lunch. We then played a game of Run Out Cricket with our new friends and were then presented with medals for our great participation. A great day was had by all and we are already looking forward to going again next year!