Centacare
Centacare from Dubbo is presenting a programme called “Acting Out” which is designed for primary school students and their parents at Gilgandra Public School on Thursday 4th December. The presentations are delivered by Centacare’s trained facilitators and have been made available to schools in the Warrumbungle Shire under the government’s drought assistance package that supports families and relationships. This programme is designed for both students and parents to receive the most up to date information on anti-bullying strategies and cyber safety. For Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 students the programme has a strong emphasis on making friends, kindness and being a good friend. These strategies assist the students build resilience and support an anti-bullying culture.

The sessions for Years 3, 4, 5, & 6 assist students to understand what constitutes bullying and has the students undertaking role plays to reinforce strategies to deal with bullying. This year the programme also highlights the powerful role of the bystanders. In addition for the Year 6 students we explore how to use social media such as the internet and mobile phones in a fun but safe way.

Parents are invited to a session that provides an overview of the strategies with an emphasis on the current research on cybersafety.

2/3 Swimming Scheme
Please note that no applications for the Swimming Scheme will be accepted after tomorrow so if you wish your child to participate and have not returned the form please do so by tomorrow. The program is being subsidised by the school and the only cost to students is $20 per child. This covers entry into the pool and is to be paid regardless of whether or not your child holds a season ticket.

Presentation Day
The school’s Annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, 16th December at 10.00 in the School Hall. Students will be rewarded for their efforts throughout the year and the announcement of the 2015 school leaders will take place. If your child is receiving an award or has been elected on the prefect body you will be notified by mail in the week prior to Presentation Day. The students really love to have their parents/carers be there if they are getting an award and it is hoped that as many as possible can make it.
Infants Excursion
Last Wednesday Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students had a great excursion to Hunter Park, the Town Library and the Gilgandra Swimming Pool.

At Hunter Park the students enjoyed all the fixed equipment and they also had fun with hoops, beanbags and balls. Liz in the Town Library read a book “Too Many Elephants” which was really great. Looking for all the elephants hiding around the library kept us busy. Thank you Liz.

It was fantastic to have our lunch and cool off at the pool. Students were organised into eight groups that rotated around eight water fun activities. Sprinkler fun, water bottle squirting, floating people and floating things, swimming through hoops and pretending to be different animals in the little pool, bubble blowing, water relays and water safety education were all popular. Thank you to Bonnie and Laura who taught us about water and pool safety.

Later in the afternoon, there was time for buying at the pool canteen and there was more time to spend with friends in the little pool or the shallow end of the big pool.

It was a wonderful day for our students to be Safe, Respectful Learners out and about in our community.

Interested in Tennis?
The Far West Academy of Sport Tennis Program Trials will be held on Saturday, 29th November in Warren. Students must be at least 10 years of age to be eligible. These trials are free. Application forms and Program information are available from the front office or contact the Far West Academy of sport: Ph: 6847 3638, Fax: 6847 3651; e-mail: programs@fwas.com.au

Please note that Applications close this Friday, 28th November.

Work Experience
Over the past two weeks Gilgandra Public School has had three Work Experience students from the High School working in classes and supporting staff in a variety of activities. Rhiannon Reid, Bianca Jackson and Kaitlyn Sutton have been great role models for our students and have conducted themselves in an excellent manner.

Year 6 Fundraising
Year 6 are having a Cup Cake Stall this Friday, 28th November to raise funds for their end of year gift to the school. Students may purchase cup cakes for 80c at lunch time. They also have a “guess the jellybeans in the jar” contest for 50c each or 3 for $1 which they are selling at lunch and recess.