FOR YOUR DIARY

2014 Mar
Wed 19 Grandparents Day Book Fair
Thu 20 P & C AGM - 1pm Close the Gap - 10-4
Fri 21 Yr 6 Expression of Interest Book Club Orders Girls Netball - Nyngan
Sat 22 Soccer Registration Day

Award System

Week ending - 7/3
Kinder Lemurs: Cobie Carr, Lucas Priddis, Najarra Naden;
1 Birds: Hayley Riley, Katie Smith, Natasha Maguire;
1/2 Crocodiles: Isaiah Aro, Dominic Manusu;
2/3 Stars: Montana Reid, Aurora Fairley, Yindi Carney;
4/5/6 Sharks: Faith Knight, Alex Sandry, Chloe Griffiths;
3/4 Leopards: Taylisha Reid, Brandon Walsh;
4/5 Favourites: Elana Holland, Sarah Schier, Luke Naider;
6 All Stars: Dylan Welsh, Raigen Carter, Mikayla Bamblett;
Bears: Christopher Powell.
Level 1 Lion Certificates: Elvis Cowan Sarah Chandler.

Week ending - 14/3
Kinder Lemurs: Cael McEwen, Courtney Harland;
1 Birds: Micah Tamsett;
1/2 Crocodiles: Luka Tamsett, James Fogg;
2/3 Stars: Tyler Wieland, Mercedes Thurston, Cassidy Piggott;
4/5/6 Sharks: Tayla Powell, Camella Hazelnut, Tallara Walford-Fernando;
3/4 Leopards: Chloe Mackney, Georgia Briggs;
4/5 Favourites: Jiah Watson, Blake White;
6 All Stars: Shalirah Reid, Abbie Mills, Taleitha Ashby;
Bears: Caleb Trudgett
Level 1 Lion Certificates: Lori Thurston, Yindi Naden, Sarah Keogh, Nikia Cain, Tess Rogers, Jace Baker.

GOT IT
Interviews for selected families took place at Gilgandra Public School on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March. A number of families will now be offered placement to participate in the GOT IT program that will commence in Term 2 on Wednesday afternoons.

Year 6 to High School
Students in Year 6 were given an Information Guide and Expression of Interest form this week where they are to indicate the High School that they intend to attend next year. These forms are due back to Gilgandra Public School (office) by Friday 21st March. If you require any assistance to complete the form please contact the school.

Netball
The girls’ netball team will travel to Nyngan on Friday 21st March to participate in the first round of the PSSA netball competition. We wish the girls all the best.

Closing the Gap
On Thursday 20th March students from Gilgandra Public School will attend the Closing the Gap information day at Hunter Park. Students will visit the displays for approximately 30mins in the morning and will be supervised by their teachers. Closing the Gap is a strategy that aims to reduce Indigenous disadvantage with respect to life expectancy, child mortality, access to early childhood education, educational achievement, and employment outcomes. All parents and community members are welcome to attend the stalls and displays between 10am and 4pm.

Best Start
Parents of students in Kindergarten will be sent home information regarding their child’s progress so far this term. If you would like to discuss this in more detail please contact your child’s teacher.

P & C News
The P & C will be holding their Annual General Meeting this Thursday on 20th of March at 1 pm in Mrs Goodwin’s room. All positions will be declared vacant. The monthly meeting will follow at approximately 2:15.

Agenda items for the March meeting include, donations to the school for bean bags, swimming caps, iPads and laptops. Discuss pens for students earning their pen licence and possibility for changing meeting format. So come along and have your say.

Aspire
All families will receive an envelope containing a survey on Rural community thoughts on university education. You are asked to complete the survey and send it in the prepaid envelope provided. As the current program is coming to an end the surveys will provide the University with feedback as to how successful the program has been.
Basketball
The school’s representative basketball teams for the P.S.S.A knockout gala day travelled to Dubbo Sports World on Tuesday the 4th of March 2014.
Both teams performed extremely well and played in the spirit of the game. The boys’ first game was against Dubbo South which they won and that put them through to the grand final. They came up against a strong opposition in West Wyalong and played well but unfortunately were defeated by 10 points.
The girls had a bigger pool and their first game was against Wellington, who they kept scoreless, to progress to the next round. The next game was against West Wyalong and they again played strongly and came out on top to progress through to the grand final. The last game of the day was a very tight match against Dubbo South. It was very close with only a 2 point difference at three-quarter time. After the final buzzer the score read 24 to 18 Gilgandra’s way. The girls now move onto round 4 of the competition where they will be playing against a team from the Broken Hill region.
The behaviour and sportsmanship shown by both teams was exemplary and most importantly everyone had an enjoyable day and left with a smile. A big thankyou to Ricky Roach for his organisation and coaching of the boys’ team.

Rugby League
Last Tuesday our students had the privilege of participating in an NRL coaching blitz. Alex Prout and another NRL employee ran modified rugby league drills for all students in our school. The drills were an opportunity for students to showcase their skills as well as learn new and exciting fitness games. All students participated in a safe and respectful manner and should be congratulated for their positive attitude towards both the instructors and their drills. Well done everybody!

Book Club
In the last Book Club order we inadvertently issued a Lego Ninjago Pack to the wrong child. If you ordered from last month’s issue could you please check to see that your child received the correct order and if not return it to the school. We also have a book from the order which may be picked up on identification of the title. We apologise for these errors.

Grant
Gilgandra Public School was successful in receiving a grant from the Aboriginal Progressive Interactive Learning Activity (APILA) project from the Aboriginal Children’s Advancement Society. The money was used for the purchase of a smartboard for Miss Goodwin’s classroom and some new PM readers for our Kindergarten room. Mr Frank Gorrel (ACAS CEO) and his wife came to visit our school late last year. We would like to thank the ACAS for this grant and also Mr Phillip Naden for his assistance in obtaining this grant.

Uniform Price Rise
Please note that the Sports Polo Shirts are now $18. At this stage there are no other increases.

University of NSW Education Assessments
Students in Years 3-6 should have received a form regarding testing in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths. This form, together with the appropriate money, must be returned by Friday, 4th April so that we can determine if there are sufficient numbers to run the competitions.

EBM Insurance
Anyone wishing to take out accident insurance for their child can do so with EBM for $29. If you would like more information please ask for a form from the front office.

For Sale
Black and white rabbits - $10 each.
Can text photos. Ph. 0438 532 163
When: Wednesday 19th, March.
(After Grandparents’ Assembly)

Where: In our School Library

Why: To encourage children to read at home and to raise funds to buy new books for our library.

If you are unavailable to visit our Book Fair each child will have the opportunity to look at the books prior to this day and will take home a Wish List for you to consider.

Thankyou for your wonderful input into your child’s education.

Thanking you,

Sally Jordison
Year 1 Birds

We have been very busy in Year 1 Birds and we are having a great time.

We’d like to say a big thank you to our parents, nans, pops, uncles, aunts and big sisters who get us ready every day. The children get an energy boost with their healthy fruit and vegetable snacks and we really appreciate our water on those hot days. It is also fantastic to see the majority of the class doing homework. It is not always easy but even the smallest bit makes a difference.

Here are some pictures of the things we’ve been doing. We are keen artists and have designed tee-shirts and made birds. We were inspired by the 2/3 stars ‘fraction’ art and made our own designs with halves, quarters and some other shapes that we liked.

Mrs Dunn and Year 1 Birds