Welcome back to another busy term. We welcome Miss Sam Robson who will be teaching Year 6 this term. The term is only 9 weeks with a number of important events taking place such as NAPLAN, Athletics Carnival and assessing and reporting.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing will be held on 13th, 14th and 15th May. Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in this nationwide testing.

Attendance
Just a reminder – if your child is away from school it is Department Policy that we receive a note explaining your child’s absence. If you are aware that your child will be absent for a number of days an exemption may be given in approved circumstances. The exemption must be filled out by the parent/carer prior to the absence.

PHOTOS
In the school foyer we have a display of photos of students who receive their PBL Award or a Merit Award Each week. Sporting team photos are also displayed. Please feel free to pop in and have a look.

School Leaders and House Captains Photos are also displayed and anyone wishing to order should collect an envelope from the front office which will detail instructions on how to order. Any manual orders must be returned to the school by 19th May.

Fun Friends Program
Infants staff will be trained in the “Fun Friends” program after school in weeks 2 and 3. This is a social skills program that compliments the “GOT IT” program currently being implemented.

‘GOT IT’
The winner of the iPod raffle conducted in Term 1 was Abbey Millard. Thank you to all the parents who took part in the survey.

Easter Raffle
The raffle conducted by the SRC raised an amount of $262. The winners were: 1st - Felicity Batten, 2nd - Emma Bennett, 3rd - Chantel Chandler. A big thank you to all those who purchased tickets and congratulations to the winners.

PBL Level Reward Day
On Friday 11th April students who reached a PBL Level during term one participated in a number of fun activities held at the school due to the wet weather. We had approximately 80% of students reach their Level 1, congratulations to these students!
Mothers Day Stall
The P and C will be holding a Mothers Day Stall this THURSDAY!! Gifts range in price from $1 - $5. Students will have a special time to select their gifts. We are looking for volunteers to help on the stall; set up will be before school and the stall will run from 9:15 to 11:15.
So that no child misses out on the opportunity to purchase the stall will also be available on Friday for those students attending Rugby League or Netball on Thursday.

The next P & C Meeting is on 15th May at 2:15 in Mrs Goodwin’s room. So come along and find out what is going on in the school and have your say. If you are unable to make it, remember we have a facebook page - Gilgandra Public School P & C. Like this page and be kept up to date with what the P & C is doing between newsletters.

Working Bee
Thank you to those parents who gave John a helping hand during the holidays with the new garden bed in the staff car park.

Netball Gala Day
The girls' netball team will participate in the next round of the PSSA knockout this Thursday 8th May at Dubbo. Good luck girls!

Peachey Shield / Richardson Cup
Two Rugby League teams will travel to Dunedoo on Thursday 8th May to participate in this event. We wish both teams all the best.

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015. Online applications opened on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Application forms, whether submitted online or lodged with the principal, should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014.

Free Forum for Parents/Carers of children with Intellectual Disability
Date: Monday 19th May
Time: 6-8pm
Venue: Family Planning NSW
2B/155 Macquarie St
Dubbo
More Information: T- 0287524388

P B L Award System
Class Merit Awards:
Kinder Lemurs: Stephanie Fardell, Daniel Briggs, Lochy Nolan, Sarah Chandler, Ava-Jay Duffy;
1 Birds: Indy Knight, Katie Louie, Domanic Field;
1/2 Crocodiles: Yindi Naden, Tyrone Manusu-Sandry, Sean Crane, Dominic Manusu;
2/3 Stars: A-Jay Cowan, Aurora Fairley, Brock Dezius, Azmond Nautu, Sophie Winterton, Tyler Wieland;
4/5/6 Sharks: Chloe Wieland, Nikia Cain, Jake Stubbs, Chloe Griffiths, Malachi Trudgett;
3/4 Leopards: Summa Doherty, Tahlee Duffy, Jessica Smith;
4/5 Favourites: Brielle Reid, Tamara Harland, Jacob Wilson;
6 All Stars: Cassie Nolan, Allen Allport, Mallory Blackman, Shane Ritchie, Matt Pankhurst, Robyn Holland;
Bears: Shane DeBrit, Emmaline Diamond, Preston Griffiths.


Stewart House
Stewart House is a not-for-profit organisation assisting disadvantaged country students and has helped many students from our school in the past. They rely heavily on donations to operate. If you would like to help out please return the attached envelope with your donation no later than Monday, 12th May. You will then be entered into the draw for a chance to win a $4,000 holiday.

Music Stars
If you would like your child to receive Guitar & Keyboard Tuition from Term 2 please return the Registration form to the front office by Friday, 9th May. All relevant details are in the letter which is being sent home.

Head Lice
Since returning from holidays there has been an outbreak of head lice in the school. Please check your children’s hair carefully and regularly, if necessary, treat with one of the many products available from the chemist. Your child may return to school once treated.