FOR YOUR DIARY

June
Week 9  Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 20  Far West Fundraiser
       Excursion Instalments Due
Wed 24  Anxiety Disorders Public Forum
Fri 27  Term 2 Ends

July
Mon 14  Staff Development Day
15  All Students Return - Term 3

National Consistent Collection of Data
Some parents would have received a letter referring to the National Consistent Collection of Data. Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a learning adjustment or disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students. All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school or your child’s classroom teacher.

Early Action for Success
Gilgandra Public School and Gulargambone Central School are fortunate enough to be appointed an Instructional Leader Teacher to support the learning of students in K-2 across both schools. Instructional leaders have been appointed to schools where a proportion of students have been performing below the minimum level in the national literacy and numeracy assessment. They work with the school executive to determine the professional learning needs of staff to strengthen the delivery of literacy and numeracy programs in Kindergarten to Year 2. Within the classrooms they work to build staff capacity through the collaborative evaluation of teaching and student learning. Brenda Purvis will be in the role of Instructional Leader based at Gilgandra Public School and will she will work collaboratively across both schools.

Whooping Cough
There has been a suspected case of whooping cough (pertussis) at Gilgandra Public School. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to younger brothers and sisters at home and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Students who have not been immunised against Whooping Cough can be granted exemption from school by completing the exemption form available from the front office.

Children with symptoms should see a GP.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.
Absences
Unfortunately we are still having a lot of unexplained absences. If your child is away the school must be notified either by a written note or a phone call stating the reason. This is a Departmental requirement.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent/teacher interview will be taking place in week 9 this term. Your child will be receive a note inviting you to attend an interview. If you are unable to attend on this day please contact your child’s teacher to arrange an alternate time.

Eisteddfod – Congratulations Girls
Last week Mrs Leven’s dance group competed in the Dubbo Eisteddfod in the Senior Primary Dance section where they had to compete against a number of large schools. Congratulations to the girls who received a Highly Commended for their performance. A special thank you to Mrs Leven who trains the girls. Thank you also to those parents who assisted with travel arrangements that allowed all dance students to compete in the event.

Zoo Holiday Adventures Program
Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre’s Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years and will be held during the July 2014 school holidays. This education program is designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates: Tuesday 1st July to Friday 4th July 2014
Monday 7th July to Thursday 10th July 2014
Age: 5-12 years
Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm
Cost: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - $40.00 per child per day (If booked before Friday 20th June 2014).
Normal Rate - $55.00 per child per day (bookings after Friday 20th June 2014).

How to Book:
All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website http://www.taronga.org.au/ZooAdventuresDubbo
Contact the zoo on 6881 1433.

Rugby League
Our senior Rugby League team travelled to Bourke to compete in an opens PSSA game. We slept the night in the Bourke High School hall and once again our students displayed fantastic manners and friendship skills; you guys are a credit to yourselves, your parents and your school – well done! The following morning we packed up and headed to the oval in readiness for a tough game. To call the game tough was an understatement – our boys all played with great determination and teamwork and it was a draw when the fulltime whistle blew. The game went into extra time and after a hard fought 10 minutes the game was still a draw. The game then went into golden point and at the end of the next period of time the game was still a draw so the eventual winner was Bourke as they had scored the first try of the match. The match was very evenly contested and played in the right spirit by both teams and all competitors should be very proud of their game. After such a great contest where every player put their bodies on the line it is impossible to name any standouts – I am equally proud of all the boys. A massive thank you to both Bonnie Tink and Jaime Watson who volunteered their time and vehicles for the overnight trip. Without parents like you guys these fantastic opportunities for our students do not happen.
Mr Darcy, Team Manager

Athletics Carnival
Last Friday our school participated in our annual athletics carnival. The participation and encouragement displayed by all students was fantastic and a great advertisement for our school; students cheered loudly for their house mates as well as for their friends and this made the day enjoyable for everybody. Each event was hotly contested with multiple heats. The finals were all close affairs with students participating with maximum effort. Unfortunately the rain set in before the end of the carnival. The remaining events will be conducted this week for sport. There will be a full report with photos in next week’s local paper and the next newsletter, highlighting Age and House Champions.

Western Plains Cultural Centre
July School Holiday Workshop—Masterclass
School of Rap - 8th July - 10am - 4pm
Mono Magic in Blue - 7th July - 10am -12 or 1pm -3pm
Clay Sculpture - 9th July - 10am - 12 or 1pm - 3pm
Chalkboard Art - 10th July - 10am - 12 or 1pm - 3pm
Parchment Lamps - 11th July - 10am - 12 or 1pm - 3pm
Details of the above classes are available at the front office or contact the Centre on 6801 4444.
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