FOR YOUR DIARY

**Aug**
- Wed 20 Book Fair
- Thu 21 Book Fair extended
- Tue 16 Solid State Circus Show - $6 ea.
- Wed 27 Kinder 2015 Orientation Day
- Fri 29 Evaluation Surveys Due

**Sept**
- Mon 8 NAIDOC Week

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**Before School Care**

Parents are reminded that the playground at Gilgandra Public School is supervised from 8:50am each morning. Teachers arrive early to prepare and organise for the day, before the first duty commences at 8:50am. We encourage parents to keep their children at home until 8:45am as there is minimal supervision provided.

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**2014 School’s Evaluation**

As part of the new Local School Local Decisions, a situational analysis is required by the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) to seek the opinions of parents and community members. A survey for parents to complete and return to the school to assist us with the analysis and 2015-17 planning will be sent home this week. All surveys are anonymous. To encourage the return of the survey, students will be given two lion tokens towards their PBL level and a chocolate Freddo. Your input is greatly appreciated and I encourage you to complete the survey and return to the school by Friday 29th August.

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**Life Education Van**

Thank you to the Gilgandra P&C for their generous support to subsidise each student to make the visit to the Life Education Van more affordable. For parents who have paid the $9.00 they will receive a cash reimbursement of $4.00 on Friday 22nd August. The money will be given to your child in an envelope on the 22nd August so please check their bags.

Students who attended have reported having received very enjoyable and interesting lessons.

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**Kindergarten 2015**

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. An Orientation day will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 27th August from 9.30am - 10.30am or, if you are unable to make this, from 6.00pm - 6.30pm.

Information on the school’s Kindergarten program as well as our Early Bird program, which commences on Monday, 13th October, 2014, will be available. Enrolment/Information packs will be available on this day or may be collected from the office.

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**Gilgandra Branch of the Australian Red Cross**

The Gilgandra Branch of Australian Red Cross is celebrating the outstanding achievements of Red Cross over the past 100 years in Australia at the Gilgandra Art Gallery at the Coo-ee Heritage Centre until the 14th September. The display consists of photographs, posters, books and memorabilia celebrating the centenary of the Australian Red Cross.
L3 Program at Gilgandra Public School

L3 is one component of the Best Start Initiative. It is a research-based, cost effective classroom intervention targeting text reading and writing. L3 has been designed to complement the daily literacy program for students who enter school with diverse literacy backgrounds. The program goal is to reduce the need for more intensive and resource demanding programs in future years, including Reading Recovery. Students receive systematic and explicit instruction in reading and writing within small groups of three to four.

Last Week I had the pleasure of listening to three Kindergarten Lemur students read a level 10 book. I would like to share with parents some L3 statistical information from the growth graphs for Kindergarten Lemurs from the beginning of the year-it is outstanding. At the beginning of Kindergarten 70% of students were reading below a Reading Recovery Text Level 2 and now 45% of students are reading between a level 3-5 text, 44% between a level 6-8 text and 11% between a level 9-11 text. Congratulations to Lyn for all her hard work and the students for being so focussed in their L3 lesson.
District Athletics
Congratualtions to all students who participated in the District Athletics Carnival held at Dubbo last Friday 15th August. All students are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. We had a very busy day with a large number of students being successful in their individual events making the finals and three out of our four relay teams also making the finals. A huge thank you to Mrs Terri-Lee Naden who did a superb job managing the team of 34 athletes.

Results:
Senior Girls Relay Team - 1st (Cassie Nolan, Jess Keogh, Nikia Cain, Taleitha Ashby).
Cassie Nolan - 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 2nd 800m.
Jess Keogh - 2nd High Jump, 2nd Long Jump.
These four athletes will go on to represent Dubbo District at the Regional Carnival at Dubbo on Friday 29th August.

Girl's Touch Football
On Friday 8th August Gilgandra Public School Touch team competed against South Dubbo Primary School in the next round of the PSSA knockout competition. The girls successfully beat Dubbo South Primary School 9-2. Jessica Keogh scored three tries and Kameka Bamblett, Cassie Nolan and Camella Hazelton also scored tries. Henry was very impressed with the teams' effort and looks forward to the next game. Congratulations to the girls.

Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE)
Parent Project
Boomalli Consulting Pty Ltd has been funded by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to facilitate the PaCE program with the parents, families and communities of Aboriginal students attending school in the Gilgandra community.
The program is to identify information relating to attendance and engagement of Aboriginal students, parents and carers in the school environment.
The information gathered will be anonymous and will help provide evidence bases solutions and recommendations regarding these areas and will be gathered through one on one consultation with families and relevant stakeholders in the community.
The school has a strong commitment to improving parental and extended family engagement and all contributions are valued. If you have any hesitation in participating or need more information, please contact the school or Shannon Barnes Ph: 0431991150.

NAIDOC Week 2014
This year's NAIDOC theme “Serving Country” honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought for their country. This term I will be creating a cultural room within the school which recognises the role of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women in the Gilgandra district. The students of Gilgandra Public School will be encouraged to research members of the community who have served their country. This information will be displayed within the cultural room. Also being displayed will be Aboriginal artefacts belonging to the school.
If you or a family member have served for your country and would like to share your experiences, contact me at the school on 68472043. Shar Cowan NAIDOC Week will be held during week 9 of this term.

C.W.A Projects
During Term 2 students in Stage 3 completed a research project on the Republic of Botswana. On Wednesday morning at 11a.m the students have been invited to the C.W.A rooms to have morning tea and look at the projects on display. This is an annual event that schools have been taking part in for many years and the staff and students are looking forward to this outing.

P and C News
Don't forget to book your FREE ticket to the healthy lunchbox seminar at www.Trybooking.com/95448 or text Gilgandra Preschool on 0439772330 with the word “Event”, your name and the number of tickets. There is a P and C meeting this Thursday from 1:45 in Mrs Goodwin's room. We will have Neal Reed, assistant principal of the high school talking to us. Everyone is welcome
Chantel Chandler
President

Welcome to Walk With Me New South Wales
Walk With Me is a national disability walk that provides an opportunity for engagement, celebrating the achievements of people with a disability. In addition the event will foster awareness and raise much needed funds for the work of Northcott, Polio Australia and the people they support.
It is not a fun run, nor a competitive fitness event but a recreational walk, providing family, friends, colleagues, businesses and members of the general public with the opportunity to walk along side people with a disability in a non competitive, lively, fun and very public environment.
Register and Walk as an individual, family or team.
Support A Hero by making a donation to an individual fundraiser or team.

Register today at: www.walkwithme.org.au