FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sept**
- Wed 17: Deadline for Exc. Payments
- Thu 18: PBL Lunch (Achievers will be notified)
- Fri 19: Term 3 Ends

**Oct**
- Tue 7: Term 4 Commences
- Wed 8: Zoo Excursion Leaves
- Thu 9: Zoo Excursion Returns
- Mon 13: Early Bird Program Starts
- Wed 15: Burrendong Excursion Leaves
- Fri 17: Burrendong Excursion Returns

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Thank you for Surveys

Thank you to all the parents who returned the parent survey before last Friday to assist with gathering information to form the 2015 School Plan. The executive team are currently in the process of entering data from the surveys and will report the outcomes early in Term 4.

Emergency Procedures

The Department of Communities and Education (DEC) require schools to undertake a mock exercise of their Emergency and Lockdown procedures every six months to ensure we are all aware of the requirements for both staff, visitors and students. Last week the school conducted a mock fire drill on Wednesday 10th September. The school successfully completed the drill in an orderly manner and all students followed instructions.

Girls Touch Team

Last Thursday 11th September I had the pleasure of accompanying the Girls Touch Team to Parkes with Henry and Noel to watch them play in the Western Region Semi-finals. The girls just were beaten in extra time 3-2. Kameka Bamblett and Jessica Keogh were the try scorers for the game but all girls played at their best. I was very impressed with their sportsmanship and commitment to each other as a team. Thank you to Henry Louie and Noel Wade for coaching the team over the past term and the girls for their dedication to the games played. - Tricia Howard

School Holidays

School holidays commence on Friday 19th September. Both students and staff return to school on Tuesday 7th October. Monday is a Public Holiday.

Excursions

Please note that arrangements for both the **Burrendong** and **Zoo** excursions need to be finalised by Thursday of this week.

If you wish your child to attend either of these excursions final payment must be made **tomorrow** (if you haven’t already done so) to enable these arrangements to be completed before the holidays.

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**P B L Award System**

**Class Awards:**
- **Kinder Lemurs:** Jesse Taylor, Douglas Nautu, Courtney Harland, Jai Ashby;
- **1 Birds:** Domanic Field;
- **1/2 Crocodiles:** Landon Ashby, Isaiah Aro;
- **2/3 Stars:** Sophie Winterton, Savannah Bamblett, Lily Gorman;
- **4/5 Favourites:** Billy-Jack Townsend, Luke Naider;
- **4/5/6 Sharks:** Tayla Powell, Tallara Walford-Fernando, Tillie Manusu-Sandry;
- **Bears:** Shane DeBritt.

**Level 1 Certificate:** Landon Ashby.
**Level 2 Certificate:** Jessica Smith, Lilly Field, Blake White, Kameka Bamblett, James Fogg.

**Level 4 Certificates:** Sarah Chandler, Jace Baker, Sarah Schier, Monique Knight, Nikia Cain.
Kinder 2015
It would be appreciated if Enrolment Forms are returned by the end of this term to enable the enrolment process to commence.

Hat Policy for Term 4
All parents/carers are reminded that the School's Policy for Term for is “No hat Play in the Shade”. Please ensure your child brings a hat each day as the school does not have a supply to lend out.

Gilgandra Amateur Swimming Club
Registration - Tuesday 7th October at the pool. Rego forms will be available at the school prior. For more details see our Facebook page or contact Katherine Gaff 0417279382.

Gilgandra Shire Library School Holidays Competition: “Three words”
Looking for something to do these school holidays? Why not enter the Library's “Three Words mini book review” competition? All you need to do is to pick up a form at the Shire Library, read a book, write on the form what the book was about and then write three words to describe it. Bring your mini book review to the Library and you will go in the draw to win one of three $30 iTunes cards.
You can enter as many times as you like, read as many books as you like. We will display the reviews around the Library, so other people see what books might suit them. This competition is open to everyone under the age of 19 years. For children under the age of eight years, only the three word description of the book is required. Children who are too young to be able to write can give their parents three words to write for them.
The competition closes on Friday 31st October. For more information, phone the Library on 68178877, or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS
Gilgandra Public School NAIDOC Day was a great success with the Hungi (lunch) being the highlight of the day. Thank you to Quintin Karaitiana, the chief cook who did a fantastic job. Students started out in the community room with Henry, Mrs Smith and Miss Cowen each giving talks. Henry spoke about the indigenous artefacts, Miss Cowen talked about the community room and the importance of the tree on the wall and Mrs Smith read dreamtime stories to the students. A big thank you to the guest speaker, Mr Brandon Naden, who addressed the assembly. Students then performed a variety of musical items to the delight of the large audience. The students participated in traditional indigenous games organised by the High School Students during the afternoon. Those community members who attended the day conveyed to staff their enjoyment and knowledge gained throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who helped out or came along to celebrate this special day.

"To kick off the NAIDOC celebrations, each class came into the cultural room for an explanation behind the theme as well as learn about the different artefacts on display. I informed students about the purpose of the tree and how it celebrates and honours those who have served for country. Henry spoke about each of the different artefacts and their purpose as well as reminded students why we have to work together to achieve a sense of community. All those who were involved considered the morning a success." - Shar Cowan

NAIDOC Awards:
Kinder Lemurs: Cale McEwen, Jai Ashby, Connor Sutherland;
1 Birds: Halle Smith, Katie Smith, Kapene Karaitiana;
1/2 Crocodiles: Landon Ashby, Yindi Naden, Brianna Madgwick;
2/3 Stars: Raymond Milson, Lily Gorman, Molly Wilson;
4/5/6 Sharks: Maddi Reid, Braydon Holland, Nikia Cain;
3/4 Leopards: Tony Sutherland, Jakiel Naden, Chloe Mackney;
4/5 Favourites: Korrani Reid, Monique Knight, Coen Naden;
6 All Stars: Mason Budworth-Louie, Taleitha Ashby, Kameka Bamblett;
Bears: Chris Powell, Kaleb Trudgett, Emmaline Diamond.