Canteen Lease
On behalf of Gilgandra Public School I would like to offer my thanks to Bonnie Tink for her service in the school canteen over the past two years. Bonnie has secured another position that will commence in 2016. The school wishes Bonnie all the best for her future position. The process of readvertising the canteen lease is currently in progress and an advertisement has been placed in the Gilgandra Weekly calling for tenders which close this Friday.

Scripture
Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed having Ayumi Tamsett come into our class each week to share not only her scripture lessons but also her enthusiasm. I am sure we will continue to be inspired by the messages that have been presented to us. Scripture teachers across the school are very valuable and all classes are appreciative of their time.

2016
School will commence for staff on Wednesday 27th January, 2016. Staff will undertake mandatory professional development as issued by the Department of Education.
Students in Years 1-6 will commence on Thursday 28th January and Kindergarten will commence on Tuesday 2nd February, 2016. Kindergarten will have a staggered start from Thursday 28th January, 2016 and a letter will be sent to all parents from Mrs Hazelton to advise them of the appointment for Best Start Testing for their Kindergarten child. Best Start is a DEC initiative where all Kindergarten students are tested on their prior to school knowledge in Literacy and Numeracy to gather baseline data across the state and enable staff to establish personal goals for each child. A Best Start report will be issued to Kindergarten parents after Week 5.

Infants Students
A reminder to all infants students to bring their swimming gear and a t-shirt tomorrow for the water fun day activities.
Thank you and Merry Christmas

The staff and students would like to thank the Gilgandra Community and Businesses for their support throughout the year at various school-based events or fund-raising activities. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to the parents who support our school in a variety of ways whether it be assisting in the classroom, on excursions or just attending the events staged throughout the year. Again the school students and staff appreciate your support.

The school staff and students wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and trust that the New Year will be a good one.

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Class Awards:

**Astronauts:** Stephen Ryan, Chelsea Madgwick, Emmaline Diamond;

**Panthers:** Jaidyn Holswich, Alex Sandry;

**Kinder Cows:** Jarvis Budworth-Louie, Lilly Field;

**Kinder Geckos:** Malakye Gray, Jessy-Lea Ryan, Charlie Hutchison, Will Bunter;

**1 Fish:** Cobie Carr, Sarah Chandler, Jess Reid;

**2 Frogs:** Kailee Edwards, Isla Louie-Wood, Indiana Knight, Kapene Karaitiana, Joshua Reid;

**3/4 Ninjas:** Raymond Milson, Iesha Gray, Savanna Bamblett, Kaydance Wieland, Glen Hammond, Brianna Madgwick;

**3/4/5 Knights:** Caleb Reid, Cael Brown;

**4/5 Einsteins:** Kaidyn Bush, Breanna Dann, Jessica Smith, Tamara Harland, Jyi Newman, Isha Aro;

**6 Eagles:** Monique Knight.

**Level 1 Lion Certificates:** Jyi Newman., Ariella Chatfield-Noter, Ty Morgan

**Level 2 Lion Certificates:** Harmonie Djuheric, Ashdyn Smith.

**Level 3 Lion Certificates:** Elijah Reid, Summa Doherty, Cheyenne Ryan, Blake White.

**Level 4 Lion Certificates:** Dontae Sandry, Manaaki Diamond, Tallara Walford-Fernando, Corey Broom, Alex Sandry, Connor Sutherland, Chloe Wieland, Ashdyn Smith, Tyrone Manusu-Sandry, Holly Barrett, Bridget Olaya, Alicia Byrne, Cobie Carr, Aidan Pearson, Ryan Gorman, Brock McKenzie, Tahlee Duffy, Bailey Kaltenbacher, Caleb Trudgett, Jayden Holswich, Danika Brown, Kirsten Louie.

**Level 5 Lion Certificates:** Blair Keogh, Joshua Louie, Aali-yah Priddis, Emmaline Diamond.

**Level 6 Lion Certificate:** Sebastian Manusu
In the Astronauts classroom Tuesdays are a special day because we do cooking. Throughout this year we have cooked many different things. The reason we cook each Tuesday is so that we can learn valuable life skills of cooking. Some of the things we have learnt is how to butter our own bread, safely use the oven and how to open tin food safely.

Last week for the first time we had to do the cooking without Miss Robson or Mrs Eason’s help. Our goal was to set up a table for eating and cook our own food independently. We cooked cheesy rolls. Our first job was to cut a roll in half, butter the roll, put cheese on top, safely cook under the grill until cheese was melted, remove from grill and serve at the table.

Both Mrs Eason and Miss Robson are very proud of all of the Astronauts. They all did a wonderful job and will always be Master Chefs in our eyes.