School Leaders’ Induction Assembly
On Friday 6th February Gilgandra Public School held their Induction Assembly for students who have a leadership role in the school during 2015. Mr Neal Reed was our guest speaker and he spoke to the students about being a leader and the qualities of a leader using a delightful array of famous storybook and movie characters in a PowerPoint presentation the students could relate to. All the students received their badges and the Assembly was followed by a special morning tea held in the Library.

School Leaders for 2015
Captains - Tahnee Carr and Coen Naden
Prefects - Nikia Cain, Kirralah Pracy, Hamish Butcher, John Bunter

Library Monitors:
Callie Chatfield, Monique Knight, Summa Doherty, Elaena Holland, Sara Schier, Brielle Reid, Alicia Byrne

House Captains:
Castlereagh: Ty Sutherland, Jack Briggs;
Bogan: Simon Timmins Araiterangi Karaitiana;
Darling: Jaidyn Holsworth Renee Hammond;
Macquarie: Jiah Watson, Korrani Reid

Student Representative Council (SRC)
Year 2 Fish: - Kailee Edwards; 3/4 Ninjas: - Brock Dezuis; 4/5 Einsteins: - Isha Aro; 3/4/5 Knights: - Caleb Reid;
Panthers: - Preston Griffiths; Astronauts: Madeleine Duncan

5/6 Music and Band
Mr Lange has inspired our school to learn music. His lessons are teaching us all aspects of music, rhythm, timing and reading notes. All of 5/6 are learning the recorder. Some students have applied to become a part of a band. They have nominated an instrument that they wish to learn and will be supported by Mr Lange and his team. Some students are already able to play a tune on instruments they have only just been introduced to.

We trust you will join us for this Parent Information Evening to meet staff and gain an insight into your child’s education for 2015.

Junior League and Netball
Packs for the 2015 season may be picked up from the front office. Please note that registration days are Thursday, 26th and Friday, 27th February and Thursday, 5th and Friday, 6th March from 4pm to 5pm at the Junior League Canteen at McGrane Oval.
Office Hours
Please note that the School’s Office Hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm daily. It would be appreciated if all enquiries including uniform purchases, either by phone or in person, be made during this time except in cases of emergency.

School Photos
We have been notified that our school photos will take place on Wednesday, 18th March. Packs will go home soon. Prices range from approximately $25 for a Group only photo to $45 for the deluxe package so you may need to allow for this expense in the household budget if you wish to purchase as all photos will need to be pre-paid.

P and C
Welcome back to another school year. It was lovely getting to meet and know some of the new kindergarten parents at our morning tea. The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on the 19th February at 2:15pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.
Chantel Chandler, President

Uniform Receipts
At the beginning of the year we had a large volume of uniform purchases (which is great). If you need a receipt for your purchases please call, or ask your child to call, at the front office and collect it otherwise it will be discarded.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 18TH FEBRUARY
The school’s annual swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, 18th February. Students will walk to the pool, accompanied by teachers, following morning assembly and will return in time for school buses in the afternoon, unless picked up by a parent/carer.

It is compulsory for students in Year 3-6. to attend. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year are eligible if they can confidently swim 50m. If attending they will need to sign and return the permission note below.

Students need to bring swimmers, towel, entry fee of 80c (or season ticket), hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

Students may order their lunch on the form attached which must be returned to school by Monday, or they may wish to bring their own.

Students may wear ‘House’ colours—no singlets or thongs.

Bogan - Blue; Castlereagh - Yellow; Macquarie - Red; Darling - Green.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL - YEAR 2 ONLY
I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD ________________________ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL’S 2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL. MY CHILD CAN CONFIDENTLY SWIM 50M.

SIGNED: ______________________________ DATED: _________________________
Parent/Carer
Year 1 Fish

Teacher - Mrs Catherine Dunn

I am delighted to be teaching this beautiful group of students and I hope they enjoy their time at school whilst learning many new things. Our library lesson is on Wednesday and sport is on Friday. We will be doing art on Wednesday and it would be great if students could bring an old shirt or smock to protect their clothes. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Michelle Leven as our Classroom Aide until 1.45pm. Parent assistance is always appreciated for reading groups, hearing children read or helping with art lessons. Please let me know if you would like to assist us in any way even if it is once or twice a term.

Home Reading will continue this year and the students will also be given weekly homework that builds upon the maths and spelling that we have worked on during the week.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to getting to know your children.

3/4 Ninjas

Hello and welcome back for another great and busy year at Gilgandra Public School. We have started the year very well and have been enthusiastic in learning new routines in literacy and numeracy. We are lucky to have Leanne Morris and Henry Louie supporting in our classroom to ensure we do the best we can.

Year 3 students have been enjoying the new and exciting primary playground. All students have participated well in swimming for sport each Friday. Swimming will continue all term so please make sure you have everything you need each week. Congratulations to Brock Dezius who we voted as our class Student Representative Council member. We are confident he will do an excellent job.

Our Term 1 HSIE topic is 'British Colonisation of Australia' and our Health topic is 'As I Grow'. We began looking at the artwork 'A Starry Night' by Vincent van Gogh and got some great ideas to create our own artworks. I'm looking forward to a successful and fun year of learning with 3/4 Ninjas.

Laura Nelson
Classroom Teacher

PANTHERS

The Panthers are up and running in full force for 2015. Highlights for this term will include PE lessons at the Gilgandra Youth Club on Tuesdays, cooking lessons on Thursday afternoons and the exploration of our local community as part of our HSIE unit ‘Living in Communities’. Mrs Spora will take the Panthers for one hour on Wednesday and Thursday mornings for Science lessons. I’m pleased to say that the students have enjoyed their investigations during this time. I’m excited to be teaching the Panthers this term and am looking forward to many hours of safe, respectful learning.

Jason Root (Relieving Teacher)