FOR YOUR DIARY

**June**

**Wed**  3  District X Country

**Thu**  4  Ear Bus check-ups
          Debating 10.30am
          Volunteers in Classroom Course
          Information Session 2.30pm

**Fri**  5  Athletics Carnival

**Mon** 8  Queen’s Birthday Holiday

**Thu**  11  Netball at Coonamble

**Fri**  12  Book Club Orders Due

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**PBL Class Awards:**

**Panthers:** Jaidyn Holswich;

**1 Fish:** Stephanie Fardell, Courtney Harland, Shae Reid;

**2 Frogs:** Yindi Naden, Sebastian Manusu, Dominic Manusu;

**3/4 Ninjas:** Isaiha Barwick, Savanna Bamblett, Abbey Millard;

**3/4/5 Knights:** Ashdyn Smith, Elijah Reid, Cheyenne Ryan;

**4/5 Einsteins:** Brandon Walsh, Tony Sutherland, Alicia Byrne;

**6 Eagles:** Jessie Walsh, Jiah Watson.

**Level 1 Lion Certificates:** Malakye Gray, Luke Naider, Brandon Walsh, Yindi Carney, Tia Naden, Braydon Holland, Billy Townsend.

**Level 2 Lion Certificates:** Madeleine Duncan, Liam Tamsett, Emmaline Diamond, Shane DeBrett, Stephen Ryan, Chelsea Madgwick, Georgia Koch, Daniel Briggs, Mercedes Thurston, Raymond Milson, Abbey Mills, Corey Kaltenbacher, Najarra Naden, Ella Ward, William Doherty, Domanic Field

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**Ear Bus Check-ups**

On **Thursday 4th June** the **Ear Bus** will be in attendance at Gilgandra Public School to test students for their three monthly Hearing check-ups. If you are a parent concerned with your child’s hearing, speech or language you may collect a parent referral form from Chris Gwyn at the school to complete a permission note and checklist.

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**Boomali Consulting.**

The PaCE project commenced at our school in January as a legacy program supported by the Prime Minister and Cabinet through Boomali Consulting. The PaCE project created a culturally appropriate environment for our Aboriginal community with a room dedicated to culture for use by Aboriginal people connected to our school. The school commenced compiling local Aboriginal knowledge to benefit our whole school community. Recently Shannon delivered to the school Literacy and Numeracy resources as well as a device to record oral history and the finances to produce books based on the oral history collected. The project has enabled the school to gather local history stories orally as well as putting resources into our rooms to be used as a rewards system for students who show good attendance or participation in a positive manner at school. Shannon Barnes of Boomali Consulting has provided this project in a culturally respectful manner that reflected the needs and voices of our parents/carers and community members and we thank her for guidance and support.

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**Athletics Carnival**

The Athletics Carnival which was postponed last week due to the inclement weather has been re-scheduled for this Friday. Please come along to McGrane Oval from approximately 9.45am to cheer on the students in their events.
**Staff Development Day**
On Saturday 30th May the Gilgandra Public School Staff undertook professional development in the Aboriginal Education Policy Update, Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and Appraisal, Aboriginal Communication and Aboriginal Pedagogy conducted by Melissa Kirby: Western Plains Aboriginal Educational Engagement Officer. The training is mandatory for DEC employees.

**Junior Tennis**
Are you interested in attending a holiday tennis clinic? The clinic is for all school aged students and will run in the second week of the July holidays.

The clinic running and its cost are dependent on numbers so please express your interest to Amanda on 68472769.

**Soccer**
Last week Paul Wade, retired Socceroos captain, visited our school. He showed us some cool footage of him playing against different countries and he showed us some of his football jerseys from all over the world that he had swapped. He taught us strategies to become independent individuals. Paul also showed us a real cool photo of his brain and the staples in it when he had brain surgery.

*Jackson Wieland & Hannah Butcher*

**Fundraising**
Year 6 have commenced their fundraising for the year. This week they will begin to sell raffle tickets for a load of wood. The trailer load has been kindly donated by Chris Holland and is greatly appreciated. Tickets will be sold throughout the month and the raffle will be drawn at the end of term.

Also 50c from every Spaghetti Bolognese sold at the canteen is going to the Year 6 fundraising effort. Thank you to Bonnie Tink at the canteen for this kind initiative. All funds go towards reducing prices for excursions or travelling shows, Year 6 shirts, gift for the school and the end of year farewell.

**Head Lice**
Some things never change - they are still around! We have had several cases of head lice reported. Please continue to regularly check and treat your whole family if necessary. There are a number of products available from the chemist. Remember head lice do not discriminate between clean or dirty hair.

**Flashing Lights Installation**
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights to be erected in Wamboin Street. The installation of the signs outside the school will commence on Tuesday 16th June weather permitting.
Year 1 Fish are having a lovely time this term and we are working well as a team.

In Maths we have been investigating the “hands on” topic of measurement. We have been looking at length, weights and time. At home the children have been keeping a look out for the many places clocks are found. Najarra even made a list of the 10 different ways she could measure time in her house. We can now try to tell time to the hour and half hour so please give us practice at home if you can.

Most children find counting backwards harder than counting forwards and we have been trying to master this skill. Some of us are still getting confused. By the end of the year it would be great if we could all count from 100 down to 1 as it links into other areas of maths.

Mrs Leven is amazed at the wonderful job our families are doing with home reading. The vast majority of children read their home reader every night and we have noticed a huge improvement in their reading skills and confidence.

Finally, all infants would love to thank the generosity of Courtney Harland’s family who have provided strips of carpet for the children to sit on in assembly. It is very comfortable and warm on those cold days!

Catherine Dunn
Class Teacher

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!