Welcome back to Term 3
Gilgandra Public School staff trust that you all had a good holiday with your children and they are ready again to tackle the challenges of another term's learning and sporting events.

Gilgandra Public School welcomes intern Jackie Danson to our school. Jackie will be teaching with Mrs Dunn on Year 1 Fish for the term as well as completing a project for her last practicum before graduating from university. We trust that Jackie enjoys her time at the school.

Staff Development Day
Gilgandra Public School staff resumed on Monday 13th July to undertake a CPR update with the Royal Lifesaving Society of NSW. All staff are required by the Department of Education and Communities to be updated annually in CPR.

Donation of Sporting Equipment
Mr and Mrs Frank Gorrel from the Aboriginal Children’s Advancement Society (ACAS) visited Gilgandra Public School on Thursday 18th June and presented the Captains and Prefects with a selection of sporting equipment to be used in the playground during the breaks. The ACAS had previously donated a Smartboard to the school during 2014 and because parents, students and staff had completed the survey requirements for the project we were rewarded with the sporting equipment. School Captain Tahnee Carr thanked Mr and Mrs Gorrel on behalf of the school for the sporting equipment.

Athletics Carnival 2015
Our Annual Athletics Carnival was held on Friday the 5th June. Due to the wet weather we couldn’t run the high jump event on the day. Thank you to Ricky Roach who ran these final high jump events at school.

The points before the high jump event was finalised were very close with a number of age champions sitting on tied points. The high jump points also saw a change in the house leader with Bogan coming first on 356 points, followed closely by Castlereagh on 342 points, Macquarie on 341 points and Darling on 340 points.

The age champions are:
Junior Girl: Tallara Walford-Fernando/Danika Brown
Junior Boy: Blair Keogh
11 Yr Girl: Callie Catfield
11 Yr Boy: Robert Brown
Senior Girl: Nikia Cain
Senior Boy: Jiah Watson

A huge thank you to the number of parents who assisted with the carnival and Bryson Luff for assisting with the sound system. Thank you also to the P&C who ran a canteen on the day.
A team of students will be selected to represent Gilgandra Public School at the District Carnival at the new Athletics Track at Barden Park on Friday 14th August. These students will receive a note shortly.

**Canteen**

Due to increasing prices, lunch bags will now be charged at $0.10c per bag. Alternatively bags can be purchased from IGA in the wrapping sections.

Don’t forget home cooked meals are available for purchase for lunch and recess.

- Lasagne $3.00
- Curried Sausages and Rice $3.50
- Chicken Curry and Rice $3.50
- Spaghetti Bolognaise $3.50

**Astronauts and Panther’s Multi Sports Day**

On the 5th August 2015 both the Astronauts and Panthers classes will be travelling to Dubbo to participate in the Dubbo Multi-Sports Day. It will be at Dubbo Sports World on Sheraton Road.

**Clothing**

We have a large quantity of unmarked clothing in lost property at the moment. Any unclaimed items will be put in the clothing pool. Please ensure your children’s clothing is clearly labelled so that we may return any clothing found in the playground.

Panthers had a fantastic term 2. We worked hard on our reading, writing and maths skills. Highlights of the term included our weekly cooking lessons and hands on science investigations. We enjoyed investigating the effects of food colouring and soap on milk.

We are looking forward to friendly, fun learning in term 3.

Mr Root
Frogs had a wonderful time dressing up to celebrate receiving 10 Lion Heads. The students wrote some great descriptions of what they were dressed up as.

In H.S.I.E Frogs have been studying the topic “Celebrations.” Miss Kristina showed the class a traditional Indian wedding dress she was married in.

We even had a mock wedding with Kapene being our minister. This was a very entertaining lesson.

Literacy continues to be a busy and productive time in our classroom. The students are focused on improving their writing skills as well as their Reading skills. Please feel free to volunteer to help out during this time.

Thank you to the parents who attended teacher/parent interviews.