Henry Louie Retirement
Gilgandra Public School community would like to congratulate Henry Louie on his recent retirement from the Department of Education after twenty years of service as the school’s Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO). Henry has always supported public education and the students with learning, sporting achievements and working with the community for better educational outcomes. The school wishes to acknowledge the great work Henry has achieved during the past twenty years and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Melbourne Cup Visit
On Friday 21st August, Jockey John Marshall will attend our School Assembly at 12pm to talk with the students and staff about the Melbourne Cup. The 18 carat gold Emirates Melbourne Cup will also be shown to the students. John Marshall is a regular rider for the legendary Cummings stable, and etched his name in racing history riding Rogan Josh to victory in the 1999 Melbourne Cup.

The event is being hosted in Gilgandra by the Gilgandra Jockey Club and we thank the organisation for enabling the students the opportunity to view the Emirates Melbourne Cup and listen to jockey John Marshall.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 21st August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.
Western Band Day

On Thursday the 13rd of August students of both Gilgandra Public and High Schools participated in the Western Regional Band day hosted at Tullamore Town Hall. The day’s activities included guitar workshops run by Gregory Lange, string ensembles run by Martin Lee and the big concert band which ten Public school students were involved with run by Justin Screen. Gilgandra’s High school students were under Mr Lange’s tuition, along with Trundle Central and Trangie Central Schools, learning a variety of guitar techniques and performances. Our Gilgandra Public School students were under the excellent instruction of Justin Screen, learning two easy favourites, Old Macdonald and Ode To Joy.

NAIDOC Week 2015

Gilgandra Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC week from Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September. The school has been very busy working towards preparing our students for a full week of activities. We will commence the week with a flag raising ceremony at the 9:10am Morning Assembly. Students will be performing traditional dance and elder Ralph Naden will raise our Aboriginal flag to open NAIDOC week celebrations. Following the flag raising a number of students and staff will also participate in the High School, Gilgandra Multi-Purpose Services and Community flag raising ceremonies.

Our week will consist of a number of in class activities such as, including Aboriginal culture into every day learning, Mathematics, Reading and Art and Craft activities. During the week there will be a number of students participating in performances at the High School and in the community. At the end of the week, Friday 11th September, we will hold a formal assembly at 12pm. K-2 students have been working hard practising their performance items. After the assembly; lunch will be provided for all students, parents/caregivers and staff. Following lunch, students will participate in a traditional games and activities session. We are looking forward to a great week and encourage and invite parents and caregivers to come into your child’s classroom and participate in an art lesson or tell a dream story. If you would like to come in please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher and make a time and day to participate in a great week of activities.

School Concert

The theme for our concert is “Australia” and we would like to encourage parents to come dressed in “typical Aussie” outfits on the night. There will be a prize for the best outfit.

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Class Awards:
- Astronauts: Faith Knight, Shane DeBritt;
- Panthers: Preston Griffiths, Jaidyn Holsworth;
- Kinder Cows: Brock McKenzie, Lorelai Hawke, Lily Madgwick, Dylan Wright;
- Kinder Geckos: Malakye Gray, Maddison Bush, Charlie Hutchinson, Ali-yah Priddis;
- 1 Fish: Elia Ward, Wyatt Johnson, Ariki Karaitiana;
- 2 Frogs: Kapene Karaitiana, Candice Carey, Indiana Knight, Jack Louie, Wyatt Wieland, Nikisha Ireland;
- 3/4 Ninjas: Landon Ashby, Isaiha Barwick, Wendy Ward, Azariah Iffland, Mercedes Thurston, Sean Crane;
- 3/4/5 Knights: Chloe Griffiths, Tallara Walford-Fernando, Tyrone Manusu-Sandry;
- 4/5 Einsteins: Georgia Koch, Chloe Mackney, Tyson Pearson, Tyrell Barwick, Callie Chatfield, Kaleb Sutherland;
- 6 Eagles: Will Gray, Tia Naden.

Level 1 Lion Certificates: Harmonie Djuheric, Katina Brown, Taylisha Reid, Tyra Reid;

Level 2 Lion Certificates: Hayley Riley, Brielle Reid, Cheyenne Ryan, Tyson Pearson, Tyrell Barwick, Brandon Walsh, Spirit Sandiliards, Aurora Fairley, Kaydiance Wieland, Sam Fox, Zach Jackson, Hayley Riley, Summa Doherty, Elaena Holland, Jessica Smith, Jessie Walsh, Jack Green;


Level 4 Lion Certificates: Tony Sutherland, Aali-yah Priddis.

PBL Acknowledgement Day

Congratulations to all classes on receiving 10 Lion Heads for showing that they are Safe Respectful Learners. To celebrate your achievement we are having a CRAZY HAIR DAY tomorrow, Wednesday 19th August. Hair can be coloured or done in different ways. You could even make crazy extras to wear in your hair or on your head.

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