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SAS Staff Recognition Week 31st August-4th September "Our Jobs, Your Children, Their Future"

This week, students, parents, and staff at Gilgandra Public School will acknowledge the hard work done by School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) as part of National SAS Recognition Week. Every day of the school year SAS Staff face new challenges in the running of our public schools and the provision of quality education which our children will need for life in the 21st century. They are constantly adapting to change so that our children can have the best education possible.

National Recognition Week is a great time to thank all our SAS staff for their hard work and dedication this year.

Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

A key question for parents is often, should their children have access to the internet in their bedrooms? Education and child safety experts recommend against it. This handy article on the School A to Z website provides some straightforward advice on the matter.

Cybersafety

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about Cybersafety.
2. Set a technology curfew.
3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
5. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
7. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.
9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint if required.
10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

STUDENT BANKING

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
NAIDOC Week 2015
Gilgandra Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC week from Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September.

Items on the agenda include:
- A flag raising ceremony at the 9:10am Morning Assembly.
- Class activities such as, including Aboriginal culture into every day learning, Mathematics, Reading and Art and Craft activities.
- **Friday 11th September**, we will hold a formal assembly at 12pm. **Lunch will be provided for all parents, students and community members at 11:30am before the assembly**.
- A traditional games and activities session. Please come along and join in the week of activities.

School Concert
A reminder that we would like to see as many parents as possible dressed in the “Australia” theme for our concert on Thursday night. There will be a prize for the best outfit. Entry will be by a gold coin donation.

Classroom Helpers
The school is running a 12 week training course for volunteer classroom helpers. This course will equip volunteers to support children in learning to read, write and use counting in the early years of schooling both, at home and in the classroom. It involves 6 x 2 hour training sessions and a minimum 15 hours practicum in classrooms. An information session will be held on 3rd September at 2.30pm in the school library. For more information contact Brenda Purvis on 6847 2043.

Private Vehicle Subsidy Travel Claims
Transport NSW has been reviewing PVC Subsidy claims for accuracy because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused delays in processing travel claims. We are now able to complete the Return so hopefully payments will be sent out soon.

Regional Athletics
On Friday 28th August a team of four students, Nikia Cain, Jiah Watson, Blair Keogh and Kaleb Sutherland, travelled to Dubbo to participate in the Western Region Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to these students who displayed great sportsmanship on the day.
Results:
- Nikia Cain – 4th in senior girl long jump
- Jiah Watson – 12th in senior girl 100m final
- Blair Keogh – equal 3rd junior long jump

Father’s Day Stall
The Father’s Day stall is on this Thursday. There will be lots of gifts that will cater for any special man in your children’s life from $1 up to $6. If you would like to help with the stall you can help sell on the day from 9:30 in the library or you can donate something to be sold on the stall. Any donations can be left at the front office. If you would like to help contact Chantel Chandler.

Before School Care
Parents are reminded that the playground at Gilgandra Public School is supervised from 8:50am each morning. Teachers arrive early to prepare and organise for the day, before the first duty commences at 8:50am. We encourage parents to keep their children at home until 8:45am as there is minimal supervision provided.
3/4 Ninjas excursion to Eumungerie Public School

Last Thursday, 27th August, 3/4 Ninjas went to Eumungerie Public School. We travelled by bus and our bus driver ‘Tiny’ was very nice.

I was sitting up the back of the bus with Yindi and Brock. We had fun on the bus and we had a chat.

When we arrived we got welcomed by their teacher, Miss Griffiths.

We got to talk, listen to music and play games while we were waiting for recess. They are not like us, they have recess before lunch.

When it was recess I played tips and a little bit of handball with Luka, Brock and Yindi. I met some kids and made some friends. We listened to the author, Rachel Spratt talk about her books.

I bought a book and it is called ‘Nanny Piggins’ and so far it is really funny!

By Corey Kaltenbacher

Last Thursday, 27th August Eumungerie Public School invited us to visit as part of their Book Week celebration. We travelled by bus and ‘Tiny’ was our bus driver. We were welcomed by Miss Griffiths and then we had a play and ate our recess. We listened to the author, Rachel Spratt talk about her books. Some of the students bought her books ‘Friday Barnes’ and ‘Nanny Piggins’. I had fun and made more friends.

By Skye Doherty

Last Thursday, 27th August we were invited to visit Eumungerie Public School! We said sure. We left at 10:15am and travelled by bus. ‘Tiny’ was our bus driver for the day.

When we got to Eumungerie Public School, we sat down for recess and then we went inside to play some games and to dance. I played jenga and talked to Miss Mudge.

When the author, Rachel Spratt came she read to us from her two books ‘Nanny Piggins’ and ‘Friday Barnes’. Her books are really interesting. Then it was lunch time and we all sat down and ate lunch. When we finished eating we played and it was really fun!

We got back to our school in time for our recess. I had a wonderful day and I hope we can go back again!

By Abbey Millard

Lunchtime at Eumungerie

Rachel Spratt and ‘Nanny Piggins’