Thank You

On behalf of Gilgandra Public School I would like to extend a big thank you to Marion Ferrier for her generous financial support over the past ten years in sponsoring the Andrew Gillett Memorial Senior Student Scholarship. The award was made possible through the generous donation by Marion Ferrier in memory of a much loved teacher. The award was presented to a Year 4 student and consisted of a scholarship to the value of $400, which was administered from the school. The recipient was able to utilise $200 both in Year 5 and Year 6 while at Gilgandra Public School, for school excursions, performances and school uniforms purchased through the office.

Gilgandra Public School thanks Marion for her support and the ten recipients have been grateful for the assistance with their education.

Tree Maintenance at Gilgandra Public School

At the beginning of 2014 at a Sydney school a young female student was killed as a result of a falling tree branch and several students and a staff member were injured. The Department of Education then instructed the Maintenance Branch to do a tree audit on all school sites across NSW. Principals are responsible for maintaining the trees to provide a safe environment so recently at Gilgandra Public School; A1 Trees Service provided another assessment by an arborist and prepared a report. Our school will soon have trees pruned or removed to get rid of diseased or dead trees/branches to ensure the playground is safe for all students.

Mock Emergency Drill

The Department of Education (DoE) require schools to undertake a mock exercise of their Emergency procedures every six months to ensure we are all aware of the requirements for staff, visitors and students. The school decided that, due to the heat last week, it was unsafe to have the students out in the hot sun in the evacuation area for any length of time. The school will conduct the mock exercise in Week 6. If your child talks about the mock exercise please reassure them that it was a drill and DoE require us to undertake the training. The school will also reinforce this message.

Clean Up Australia

We will be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign this year this Thursday. The infants classes will be collecting rubbish within the school grounds and the primary classes will be collecting rubbish in the area surrounding the school. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council. Thank you to the students of Gilgandra Public School for helping to keep Australia beautiful. Amy Spora and Catherine Dunn
Year 6 Buddy Assembly
On Friday 4th March the Year 6 Buddy assembly will be held in the school hall commencing at 12pm. Year 6 during Early Birds, are assigned a Kindergarten buddy who they spend time with in the playground eating lunch and making sure they are okay at school during Term 1. Year 6 spend time with their buddies getting to know them, their families and what they hope to achieve or become when they finish school. Year 6 with their Kindergarten Buddy will present a snippet of this information at the assembly.

After the assembly, parents of Kindergarten and Year Six are asked to join with their child/children in the library for refreshments.

We hope you will be able to join us at the Assembly on Friday.

Moorambilla
On Wednesday 9th March Michelle Leonard will be attending Gilgandra Public School to deliver workshops for students in Years 3-6. All primary school children in years 3—6 are invited to take part in a music skills development workshop with Artistic Director Michelle Leonard. Two hundred children and young people are then selected to take part in the Moorambilla Voices program as a member of the Regional Choir. Those chosen have a voice that is fully developed, or one that shows great potential to develop and improve during the course of this project. They are naturally gifted “raw” musicians who will be given the opportunity to work and thrive in an innovative and creative environment with professional musicians.

PSSA Swimming
Eight amazing athletes represented Gilgandra Public School at this year’s District Swimming Carnival.

A huge congratulations to Sarah Schier, Kaleb Sutherland, Jackson Wieland, Missy Karaitiana, Landon Ashby, Ethan Moody, Jace Baker and Ariki Karaitiana for their brilliant efforts in each of their events last Thursday evening.

Sarah, Kaleb, Ariki, Landon and Missy swam in the 50m Freestyle. In Breaststroke, we had Missy, Kaleb, Jackson and Jace followed by Sarah, Kaleb and Missy in Backstroke. Sarah also participated in the 50m Butterfly and our 8 – 10 year old boys 200m Relay Team consisted of Landon, Ethan, Jace and Ariki.

All students did an exceptional job of representing our school and showed true sportsmanship by supporting each other, encouraging each other and cheering as loudly as they could!

We are extremely grateful and appreciative of all the families who took the time to join us on the evening and cheered along our students! You’re all a very special part of our school community and we are exceptionally lucky to have you all.

Thankyou also to Steve Schier and Jason Root who were timekeepers on the evening.

GPS’s representatives may have been small in numbers – but we were huge in TEAM SPIRIT!
PSSA Basketball

On Friday the 26th February the Boys and Girls basketball teams travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Dubbo District Basketball competition. Both teams had strong wins over Orana Heights in the first round to progress to the finals. In the finals they came up against Dubbo South Public School who proved to be very strong opposition with both our teams going down. Both teams tried their best right up to the end and all players are to be congratulated for their effort and attitude throughout the day. At the end of the day trials were held for the Dubbo District Boys and Girls sides with Kaleb Sutherland and Landon Ashby making the boys team and Monique Knight, Brielle Reid, Missy Karaitiana and Jardi Naden making the girls team. Congratulations to everyone!

Kaleb Sutherland, Jackson WIELAND, Kooper Fox BLAIR Keogh, Corey Broom, Landon Ashby, Tony Sutherland, Kayden Bush

Missy Karaitiana, Monique Knight, Tallara Walford, Brielle Reid, Jasmine Newman, Callie Chatfield, Jessica Smith, Summa Doherty, Jardi Naden

School Banking - Please note that from next week Student Banking will take place on Wednesdays. Deposit books with money need to be in the office by Tuesday afternoon.

Hear Our Heart Ear Bus
The Ear Bus will be visiting our school between 21st - 23rd March. A separate letter and permission note with checklist will go home shortly.

School Fees
The Voluntary Contribution Fees for 2016 will remain unchanged at $35 per student. To ensure your child gets the benefit of these fees for the full year payment would be appreciated before the end of Term, either to the front office or direct to: Gilgandra Public School Administration A/c No. 151616 BSB 032-001.

Show Entries
The closing date for show entries in all Photography and childrens and students Fine Arts is 18th March.
Buddy Assembly

Year 6 will proudly introduce their Kindergarten buddies to the school community on Friday 4th March 2016.

The assembly will start at 12pm and will follow with refreshments in the school library for parents and visitors.

Kindergarten and Year 6 students will receive an ice-block to enjoy their time together.

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Monster Book Fair Grand Opening

11.15—12pm Friday, 4th of March.

It will continue after the Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddy Assembly.

Loads of books on display in the library

Book fair will then run on Tuesday and Wednesday the following week during lunch and recess.
Year 1 Monkeys have had a great start to the year being Safe, Respectful, Learners.

This week we are reading about monsters and learning about shapes.

We have painted some wonderful monkey artworks to decorate our room.

Last week we read ‘The Gruffalo’. During the week we wrote our own descriptions and drew pictures to match.
YEAR 1 /2 FOXES

What a wonderful start to the year for this beautiful class.

Here are some pictures of us during our learning in the classroom.

Mrs Dunn