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Term 1 Week 8 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Swim School in Term 1 was different, but it went smoothly. Big improvements were witnessed over our swimming week and I thank all parents and carers for organising your children, in order to participate in this life saving activity. Our little school is settling into school routine well and I notice an increased confidence among all of our students. Kindergarten students are enthusiastically contributing to our singing of the national anthem at our whole school assemblies and are sitting nicely as an audience too. Our director, Theresa Miles visited Gilgai Public School last week and was very happy to meet our school community. I was told by Mrs Sharon Morton that children from Gilgai Public School played and behaved well at the Preston Campbell Cup last week, where they joined other school teams to participate in some rugby league or league tag skills and then played a game. Well done to all these students. We also had some students try out for zone soccer, with two students having another opportunity to try out for the zone team. Congratulations to all the Gilgai Public School children who are participating in these sporting opportunities. We have gone past our mid-term and it is with great excitement I share that our car park will be starting soon. I would like to ask all parents and carers to hug your children a bit more as there are some sad events happening around our community. Together we can achieve the best for all our children.
Gina Baker.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day will be Friday, 17th March. Please remember to return your order forms to Mrs Gallagher in the office

WEEK 7 AWARD WINNERS

K/1



2/3



5/6



LIBRARY

All classes will have library on **Wednesday** for the remainder of the term. Please return your borrowed books in a bag so you can borrow more books next library visit. The prize barrel is looking full and the lists of contenders is getting smaller.

EASTER HAT PARADE

This year at Gilgai Public School, we will be making Easter hats with all students at school for our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 6th April. We will be enjoying hot cross buns at lunch time and invite parents, carers and friends to join us for this celebration.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Thank you to all the people who have brought in Easter eggs for our P and C Easter egg raffle. If you would like to contribute, Easter eggs can be brought into the office before the end of Term 1. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon.



YEAR 6 to YEAR 7

Please discuss with your child which high school your child would like to be enrolled, complete the form and return it to the office by **24th March**. After your expression of interest has been processed (at your child's primary school), your child will be offered a place at a government school. The high school will send you an 'Application to Enrol', which you will be expected to complete and return to the high school.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers and the P & C, who make the running of our canteen possible each week. Our kids have been enjoying the yummy specials that you provide for them. This Friday's lunch special will be **Chicken Burgers** at \$4 each.



STUDENT LEARNING PLANS

Gilgai Public School teachers are currently meeting and consulting with parents/carers, caseworkers and students to create or update specific learning plans: Personalised Learning Pathways (PLPs) for our Aboriginal students, Personalised Learning Support Plans and Behaviour Plans for students with specific support needs. We highly value your input and partnership in formulating these plans.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15th - 27th NAPLAN Year 3 & Year 5

March 17th School Photos

Scripture Commences

March 24th Year 6 to 7 closing date for forms

March 28th Harmony Day

April 6th Easter Hat Parade

SAFER CHILDREN

We are noticing children talking about and acting out some video games they have been playing. Unfortunately, young brains can experience trauma from violent video games and can show the behaviours from these video games at school, resulting in physical violence toward others. Please monitor what your children are watching and accessing when using a device, to ensure everyone's safety. Our children are precious, please don't leave them alone when they are social media, on the internet or watching YouTube. Together we can keep our children safe in every way.

SCHOOL SECURITY

I would like to thank the Gilgai Public School community for taking care of our school. Through surveillance and diligence we are keeping our school safe for everyone. The Inverell police service is patrolling the school at various times and School Security are also patrolling at different times of the day. Together we can keep our school safe, tidy and calm.



BUS TRAVEL

We held a meeting with our bus travellers last week and discussed bus rules, expected behaviours and good manners. Thank you to the senior students for setting a positive example for our littlies. Charlie Combes assists with the bridge gate each day and our bus monitors are keeping a close eye on things. Thank you also to parents for your support in assisting us to promote safe bus travel for our children.



5/6 MAJOR EXCURSION

This year 5/6 will be going to Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. Due to rising transport costs, Coffs Harbour is an easier location to get to and we can keep costs down too. This excursion will provide amazing opportunities for our 5/6 students.

HELLO HARRISON

Mrs Richards and Harrison came to visit Gilgai Public School a couple of weeks ago. Children cheering and teachers grinning was observed. Mrs Richards will rejoin our teaching team in term 4 2023.



LET US KNOW

From time to time, school can create some interesting questions or concerns. Please share any exciting, sad, upsetting or happy stories with us and please contact the school if you need to discuss a concern. Please phone the school, email the school or make an appointment to see a staff member. Verbal abuse and swearing will not be tolerated at Gilgai Public School. Please share any thoughts or concerns you have with us, we can't help if we don't know.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations on informing the school of your child's absences. Our data is looking very positive thanks to your dedicated efforts.

Well done to our zone soccer trial participants

IMPORTANT UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Plain Clothes Day Thursday 16th March

Students are invited to wear plain clothes to school next Thursday 16th March. This is the day before school photos, to allow for the laundering of uniform items, ready for photo day. Please ensure students have covered shoes and are dressed appropriately for school and the weather.



Easter Hat Making Thursday 6th April

All students K-6 will enjoy Easter hat making under the COLA on Thursday 6th April. This is the last day of Term 1. Once the Easter hats are made, there will be a parade for parents, family and friends to enjoy, along with other activities. A note with specific details will be sent home closer to the day; however, we encourage students to start bringing in materials for hat-making. They may want to bring an actual plain hat for their base, or an ice-cream container, a box or any other item that could be a base for decorating. Decorations such as: ribbons, streamers, pipe cleaners, stickers, balloons, packing straw, tiny Easter decorations, artificial flowers etc would be ideal. Please put them all in a bag or box and label with your child's name.



Easter Egg Raffle



We have a few Easter eggs coming in, but we still need some more supplies to create amazing raffle items. We appreciate any effort you can make to help us increase our Easter egg numbers.



Harmony Day Tuesday 28th March



Our school will be observing Harmony Day on Tuesday 28th March. Students will be involved in a number of interesting workshops based on different cultures from around the world. Students are invited to dress up in the national dress or costume of a different country. We would like students to share an interesting fact about their chosen country if possible, before they parade past the other students in costume.