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## **TERM 4 WEEK 9 NEWSLETTER**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to Week 9 and possibly our last Newsletter for 2024. I can easily remember writing welcome to 2024 and now we are almost finished the year. I was meant to be in the relieving principal chair for Term 1 this year, but I had the opportunity to continue leading this fantastic small school to be the best it can be. Our staff and students are the best and I hope to be with you again in some way in 2025.

As we approach the festive season, I want to remind everyone to stay updated with important dates in our newsletter and on our Facebook page, so you don't miss out on any upcoming events. Swim school was a great success this year, with students showing fantastic progress and enjoying their time in the water. I know Gilgai Public School staff enjoyed the swim week too.

Additionally, we want to highlight the importance of sleep for our students. A good night's sleep is essential for health, wellbeing, and academic performance. We are all excited for the end of 2024, it's certainly been a busy year and I thank you for being an integral part of Gilgai Public School and for letting me be the relieving principal for a while, albeit longer than I expected. I hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and holiday break. I know our teaching staff can't wait to see you all in February next year. Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you a joyful holiday season. Hopefully Santa is kind to us all.

Regards,  
Gina Baker.

### **SWIM SCHOOL**

Thank you to Mrs Sue Wilcocks, Mrs Lyndall Barnes and Gilgai Public School teachers for providing swim school lessons in 2024. A special mention of thanks to Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Baker for organising our swim school again this year.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

Last week was the last borrowing day from the school library. Please remember to return all library books. Parents will be invoiced for any outstanding library books.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- December 11th** Presentation Night 6:00pm  
**December 13th** Year 6 Farewell 12:30pm in the Hall  
**December 13th** P & C Christmas Disco 6:00pm  
**December 16th** Student Progress Reports go home  
**December 18th** Students' last day of school for 2024  
**2025**  
**February 6th** Students return to school 2025

### **CANTEEN**

Thank you to our amazing Gilgai Public School P and C for all your hard work this year. Your efforts in supporting the school with library resources, subsidising excursions, and providing food on special event days is highly appreciated.

Usual canteen lunch menu this Friday, 13th.

**Budget lunch next Wednesday 18th will be:**

Nachos or Hot Dog \$2

Poppers \$1.50

Icy Poles 50c

### **PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING**

Please check that school uniforms are labelled with your child's name. We have many unclaimed jumpers and jackets. Teachers or office staff can write your child's name on their clothing if you would like them to.

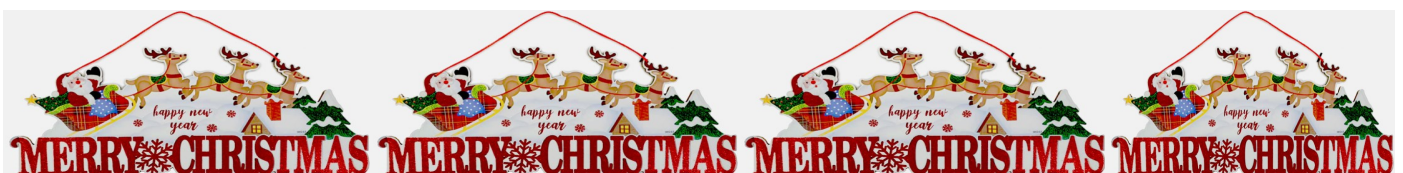
### **SCHOOL SECURITY**

Gilgai Public School does get some unwanted vandals throughout weekend and holiday times. Please report any strange noises or people hanging around the school to Inverell Police 67220599.



### **BRING IN A BOX**

Our students made amazing clay figures this year. It is time for them to go home and we are asking for each student to bring in a box to take their clay work home safely. Thank you for helping us to get these gorgeous creations home to you in one piece.



## LAKE AINSWORTH ADVENTURE: LEARNING AND LAUGHTER TO REMEMBER

We are thrilled to share the exciting experiences our Year 5 and 6 students had during their week-long excursion to Lake Ainsworth! From Monday to Friday, the students participated in a variety of activities that challenged them physically, mentally, and socially.

Monday started with an early rise as we arrived at Lake Ainsworth, eager to dive straight into the action. Students enthusiastically engaged in orienteering and beach games, setting a lively tone for the week ahead.

On Tuesday, the rain began to fall. Students participated in archery, traditional indigenous games, and kayaking. These activities not only encouraged teamwork but also helped students build confidence and resilience. The evening concluded with friendly games among students from other schools, where Billee and Rhyley celebrated their first wins playing "Garbage".

Wednesday brought more rain, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Students enjoyed a competitive game of archery tag, where Miss M showcased her skill by hitting bullseyes on two students. Our canoeing activity reinforced the importance of displaying all five keys to success, reminding us that learning extends far beyond the classroom walls.

As the weather improved on Thursday, we headed to the beach for an exciting marine studies session, followed by a refreshing swim in the ocean. The students had an absolute blast. The day continued with a challenging raft-building activity, where teams had to barter for resources. While the boys' team took home the win, the girls made a fantastic comeback and almost claimed the trophy. We wrapped up the day with some fun pool games.

On Friday morning, our Year 5 and 6 students woke up with mixed emotions; they were excited to return home to their families but reluctant to leave the fun-filled camp at Lake Ainsworth. After enjoying breakfast together, they participated in one last activity called "Goose Chase," where students tackled a series of challenges to earn points, adding a final burst of excitement to their week. Before long, lunchtime arrived, and it was time to say our goodbyes, as we boarded the bus for the journey home. Upon arriving in Grafton, Miss M surprised the students with frozen drinks from McDonald's, providing a delightful pick-me-up. The joy on the students' faces as they reunited with their families was heartwarming, and they were eager to share their experiences and catch up on some much-needed rest after an action-packed week. This excursion was not just about adventure; it was about learning, growth, and creating lifelong memories. Thank you for a great week 5/6!

Miss Muggleton.













## SWIM SCHOOL

Attending swim school for the week at Guyra Pool , our students improved their water safety skills, .....





