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Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 9 and to the joy this week brings. Leading up to Easter, I think of the importance of team work and the associated benefits that come with it. Teamwork is important in many aspects of life: education, work, home, sports and relationships. At Gilgai Public School, another term we use for teamwork, is 'Getting Along'. It is the green key in the You Can Do It education program and it's a life long skill we promote and develop here at school. The benefits of team work can include: boosted confidence, developing problem solving skills, effective communication, improved social skills, creativity and promotion of diversity. Being part of a team or group can also make the activity more fun, and a little easier, as we all share the work involved. I always smile when I see the faces of students in a classroom whenever I mention 'group work'. They know it will be fun, and possibly a little noisy, working through strategies, sharing ideas and being equally responsible for the task at hand. It is a real skill to be able to work cohesively as a group, to practise taking turns, listening to others and respecting each others' ideas and opinions. Getting along skills also importantly come into play on the sporting fields, within our homes and our local communities.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter break.

REMEMBER TO SIGN IN

When you enter the school grounds.

Please sign in at the office.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 29th	Good Friday Holiday
April 2nd	Students Return Tuesday
April 10th	Term 1 Principal's Assembly
April 11th	Gilgai Public School Disco
April 12th	Last Day of Term 1
April 25th	ANZAC Day Gilgai Memorial
April 30th	Students Return Term 2
May 2nd	Small School Cross Country at Tingha
May 3rd	Zone Soccer Trials

EASTER HAT PARADE

Thank you to all parents, carers, families and friends who celebrated our Easter Hat Parade with us. We had a great morning with you all.



P & C EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to all Easter raffle winners and a big thank you to all parents, carers, families and staff who donated prizes.

LUNCH AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder to pack food that your child can open on their own, safely.



ZONE SOCCER TRIALS

Information and Consent notes for the Zone Soccer Trials will be going home this week to interested Year 5/6 students who are skilled at playing the game of soccer. Please return notes by Thursday 4th April.

END OF TERM 1 STUDENT DISCO

On Thursday 11th April, the second last day of term, Gilgai Public School is hosting a student disco in our school hall. Students are to wear their school uniform and can bring accessories to dress up for the disco in the afternoon.

ANZAC DAY

Permission notes are going home this week for ANZAC Day service attendance at Gilgai and in Inverell. Gilgai Public School runs the service in Gilgai and our students do the readings. ANZAC Day this year is in the holidays. If you are home for this day, come and join us at 8:30am at the Gilgai memorial.

VANDALISM

We have had some unwanted visitors in the school lately. School Security patrols are continuing as a result. If you see any suspicious activity within or near Gilgai Public School please phone police on 67220599. Upgraded security for the school is currently underway.



YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 2025

'The Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2025' booklet is an information guide, with an expression of interest form for your child's Year 7 high school placement preference. Year 6 into Year 7 transition days will occur later this year for both Inverell High School and Macintyre High School. Please return forms as soon as possible.



FRUIT & VEGIE WEEK

Designs were yummy!



HARMONY DAY

Lots of fun activities, celebrating the day.



EXTENDED LEAVE

Mr Stewart is extending his leave to the end of 2024.
Mrs Gina Baker will continue in the relieving principal position.

LIBRARY

Please return your books each week so you can borrow more books. Remember there are prizes at the end of the year for the most books borrowed.

5/6 CLASS TEACHER

Mrs Richards will be on maternity from the beginning of Term 2. Mrs Rebel Bright will be teaching 5/6 from Term 2. Mrs Baker will continue teaching 5/6 on Monday and teaching library with Mrs Mercer every Tuesday.

HAPPY EASTER

Gilgai Public School staff wish you all a happy and safe Easter. See you all next Tuesday in Week 10.