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## **Term 1 Week 7 Newsletter**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

As we move into Week 7, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the importance of being an upstander, showing kindness, and the value of asking for help. Each of us has the power to make a difference in our school community, and it starts with our daily actions. Being an upstander means standing up for what is right and supporting those who may be facing challenges. It's about creating a safe and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued. I encourage each student to look out for your classmates and to speak up if you witness unkindness or bullying. Adults can call out any behaviour you witness that needs help. Together, we can foster a culture of respect and understanding. Kindness is a simple yet powerful act that can change someone's day. Whether it's a smile, a compliment, or offering help to a friend in need, your small gestures can have a significant impact. Let's make it a goal this week to perform at least one act of kindness each day. Remember, asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Whether you're struggling with schoolwork, personal issues, or just need someone to talk to, don't hesitate to reach out to teachers, peers, or school counsellors. We are here to support you, and together we can overcome challenges. I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our student leaders, dedicated teachers, and engaged students. Your hard work and commitment to our school values make a tremendous difference. Thank you for your leadership, passion, and enthusiasm. Let's continue to inspire one another and work together to make our school a better place. Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Warm regards,

Gina Baker

Relieving School Principal

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**



Gilgai Public School photos are on Thursday this week. Check all order forms and money are returned to the school office prior to Thursday if possible. All students should be in full summer uniform. If they are not in full uniform they may be in borrowed uniforms on the day. Check navy socks and black shoes are worn this photo day. Thank you.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- March 13th** School Photos
- March 21st** Harmony Day– wear orange today
- March 28th** Food Bank 'Food Fight'
- April 1st** Principal's Award Assembly at 12:45pm in the school hall
- April 9th** Easter Hat Parade 12:30pm in the COLA
- April 11th** Last day of Term 1
- April 25th** ANZAC Day service at Gilgai and school leaders also attend the Inverell ANZAC Day ceremony and luncheon

### **FOOD BANK FOOD FIGHT**

Make your online profile before March 28th and get ready for some fun.

### **READING VOLUNTEERS**



If you are interested in becoming a 'reading buddy', please contact the office and drop in a copy of your working with children check. Come as soon as we have your working with children check, at 9am.

### **CONTACT THE SCHOOL**

If ever you have any concerns about your child or school related issues, contact the office to make an appointment to talk to school staff and together we can find a solution or ask for further assistance.

### **STEWART HOUSE CHARITY DRIVE**



Stewart House provides essential medical care, confidence-building activities, and a supportive environment where public school children in need can reset, thrive, and embrace a brighter future.

**Envelopes must be returned to enter the draw!**

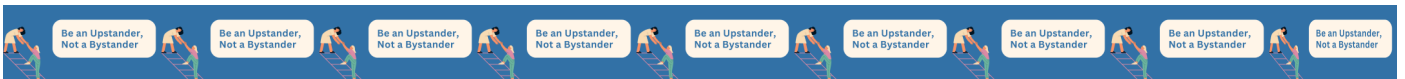
**Draw: Friday, 23 May 2025**



#### **Important:**

Online payments ARE NOT an automatic entry into the draw.

Please return your envelope(s) to your school with a receipt number (if paying online) for entry in the draw.



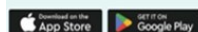


## GILGAI PUBLIC P & C SCHOOL CANTEEN

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**School life simplified.**

Easy ordering and cashless payments for school canteen, uniforms, fundraisers, and events



Thanks to Molly and her team of helpers from the P & C for creating yummy lunches for Gilgai Public School every Friday. There is an app for parents/carers to order lunch and uniforms online. When you go onto the app, go to Gilgai Public School. There is a transaction charge added on to online

orders. You can still order lunches using the brown bag system and cash through our school office.

### Canteen Menu

Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Meat Pie	\$5.00
Cheese & Bacon Pie	\$6.00
Pizza Ham & Pineapple	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$3.00
Popper	\$1.50
Nippy's Flavoured Milk	\$2.50

If paying at the office, please have your order in a bag with your child's name and class on the bag and the correct change. No money is held at the office.

## YEAR 6 LEADERS IN ACTION



## THE BALLOON DIDN'T TOUCH THE GROUND!



**Macintyre High School**  
**YEAR 6 TO 7**  
**PARENT**  
**INFORMATION**  
**EVENING**

Thursday 13 March 2025  
6pm - 7pm  
MHS Library

- Meet the Principal, 2026 Year 7 Adviser and teaching staff
- Tour the teaching and learning spaces
- Learn about our high-performance class
- See what academic and extra-curricular activities are offered
- Hear about how much our students love MHS

For more information call  
6722 1555



## **EASTER RAFFLE**

The P and C is again running an Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn during the Gilgai Public School Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 9th April. Raffle books will go home in the next couple of weeks. The school office is now accepting any Easter egg donations.



## **EASTER HATS**

Students will be making their Easter hats at school again this year. Parents and carers can send in some decorations in a labelled bag to assist with hat creations. Items can be brought in now. The hats are being made in a few weeks, before the parade date.



## **GILGAI PUBLIC SCHOOL P AND C MEETING**

The next P and C meeting is Tuesday 25th March at 3:30pm in the school staffroom. This will be an Annual General Meeting where all positions will become available. Come and vote and see the amazing work the P and C carry out working alongside school staff.

## **IMAGINATIVE PLAY IS THE BEST**



## **NEW everyday lunchbox ideas**

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try. Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping



Mini rice wheels



Fruit scone



Roasted fava beans

For more ideas and recipes, visit [www.swapit.net.au/recipes](http://www.swapit.net.au/recipes)

## **NAPLAN 2025**

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. It measures students' skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), and numeracy. NAPLAN helps to:

- Identify areas where students may need additional support.
- Provide valuable information about student progress to parents, teachers, and schools.
- Contribute to improving educational outcomes across Australia.

### **How can you support your child?**

- Encourage your child to do their best and to approach the tests with a positive mindset.
- Ensure they are well-rested and have a nutritious breakfast on test days.
- Familiarise them with the types of questions they may encounter.

### **Further Information**

For more details about NAPLAN, please visit the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) website or speak to your child's teacher.

## K/1/2 LEARN ABOUT SNAILS IN SCIENCE. YES THEY CAME OUT OF THEIR SHELL!



## 3/4/5/6 WERE INVESTIGATING AND DEBATING SUSTAINABILITY



### **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

#### **Gilgai Public School Newsletter Preference Slip**

If you would like to continue receiving a printed copy of the school newsletter, please fill out the slip below and return it to the office.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to keep receiving a printed version of Gilgai Public School's Newsletter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_