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## **Term 2 Week 5 Newsletter**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

I would like to thank all the parents, students, staff and wider Gilgai community who have continued to make me feel so welcome here at Gilgai Public School. It is apparent how much you value your child's education and their wellbeing. Your support makes a positive difference to our school community.



The Gilgai Public School staff are proud of the range of opportunities we offer our students. This encompasses sporting, academic, creative, cultural and social and emotional. One initiative that I am excited about is the introduction of the Life Skills program. The students have already participated in a wellbeing day to learn self-regulation strategies. This week a check in app has been introduced. Students use this to communicate how they are feeling. This information will allow staff to assist students to better understand their feelings and how they can manage these to have success at school.

Congratulations to Rhyley and Will who represented our school at the Zone Touch trials on Monday. Good luck to Seth, Rhyley, Will, Lacey, who are competing at the Zone Cross Country this Friday in Bingara.

I would like to remind everyone of our processes for ensuring student and staff safety at our school. All our gates will remain locked during the school day. Staff will unlock them as the students leave at the end of the day. To access the school during the day the process remains the same, present at the front gate and a staff

member will come to open the gate. When on site all visitors and parents must sign in at the front office. This is so

we know who is on site in case of an emergency. If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher an appointment needs to be made. You are encouraged to place any concerns in an email to the school ([gilgai-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gilgai-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) so they can be addressed in their entirety. I appreciate your respect and cooperation in these areas, as they are essential for maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for our students and your children.

Thank you to the parents that provided feedback through the school survey sent via the School Bytes form. I appreciate you taking the time to complete this, the information will assist to inform future directions and initiatives to support our students.

As the weather gets colder, ensure your child wears the appropriate winter school uniform. Labelling your child's clothes with their initials or name will assist in returning items if they get misplaced.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our beautiful school community. Together, we are having a positive impact on the lives of our students.

I am looking forward to another great fortnight at Gilgai Public School.

Kind regards,  
Melinda Partridge  
Principal

### **NATIONAL CHAPLAINCY WEEK**

National Chaplaincy Week is an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the valuable role that school chaplains play in supporting students, families, and staff within the educational environment. It highlights the contributions of chaplains in promoting wellbeing, providing pastoral care, and fostering a positive school culture.

Lyndall Barnes is our school Chaplain and we would like to thank Lyndall for all the work she does within our school.

**VISITORS**

**WELCOME!  
PLEASE SIGN IN  
AT OFFICE**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

30/5 Zone Cross Country  
4/6 P&C Meeting 3.30pm  
9/6 Long weekend holiday  
19/6 Small Schools Soccer @ Barraba  
25/6 Principal Assembly  
26/6 Small Schools Athletics Carnival  
29/6 IHS Year 6-7 Information session  
3/7 End of semester reports issued  
4/7 End of Term  
21/7 Staff Development Day  
22/7 Students return for Term 3  
28/7 to 1/8 Book Fair  
30/7 Book Week Dress Up  
4/8 to 8/8 Education Week  
12/8 100 days of Kindergarten



## **SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**



## **Canteen's opening an extra day!**

Gilgai Public School and P&C are happy to announce the canteen will now run Tuesday and Friday each week. This will begin Tuesday the 3rd of June 2025. Flexi school online ordering options will now be available for both days.

Please ensure you carefully select the correct day to avoid any orders getting missed.

### **Menu- 🍴**

Chicken burger	\$5.00
Cheese & bacon pie	\$6.00
Plain pie	\$5.00
Pizza	\$4.00
Sausage roll	\$4.00
Ham & cheese toastie	\$3.00
Strawberry milk	\$2.50
Chocolate milk	\$2.50
Sunshine popper	\$1.50
Tropical popper	\$1.50
Zooper dooper	\$0.50
Tomato and BBQ sauce	\$0.20





# PRIMARY SPOTLIGHT



## VISUAL ARTS

Primary have been embracing the cool and colourful change of the seasons. Students have been exploring how warm colours can be used to represent autumn in art. 3-6 have worked hard to create these amazing autumn landscapes.

## MATHEMATICS

This term in maths 3-6 have been learning all about numbers. Numbers that are whole and parts of numbers aka decimals. Students enjoyed combining maths and crafts to deepen their understanding of greater than and less than symbols. We made origami alligators to help us determine the greater number, as the alligator always eats the greater number.





**Year 6 had their first take home assignment this term. The topic was on 'Persistence'. Ellie's and Melia's brilliant work is showcased below.**

**ELLIE**

## Persistence

Persistence means to me  
Is that when things seem hard  
You keep going.



I interviewed my mum, and she believes  
That persistence is an important quality  
to have because...

It allows you to keep going and to not  
give up so you can achieve your goals



### My goal

My goal is to try and be a better soccer player and I can achieve that by practicing and working hard.

### You can do it

#### How I use persistence in School

Sometimes when I'm  
doing a test or a work  
sheet and I have trouble  
I keep trying and I can  
achieve my goal

**MELIA**

Persistence

When I use persistence at School when we have a test and I don't give up.

Persistence means to me never stop and keep going.

When at home I use persistence on my horse when she is being silly.

I interviewed my mum. persistence is important because it allows you to keep working towards your goals even when faced with setbacks.

going to more shows in trick riding and practicing my tricks.

## POSITIVITY FROM PRIMARY

"Don't give up, never forget to have fun and anything can happen if you are positive! :)"