**Kindergarten 2015** Welcome to our 14 Kindergarten students.

**Principal’s /Teacher’s Time**

Please be aware you do need to ring ahead and make an appointment as you may not be able to see your child’s Principal or Teacher without prior arrangements. The school is an extremely busy place and it is important to stick to routine to provide the best education for your children. Working together is key to ensuring great success for our children.

**PLP Meetings**

Parents/Carers will be invited to PLP meetings during week three. These meetings are for students, teachers and parents to agree on the best approach and focus for each individual student’s achievement and will be timetabled in at 15 minutes per meeting, if parents would like
longer parent teacher interviews these need to be arranged at separate times with teachers. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have homework, please note that our school policy on homework is that this should be an enjoyable time for both parents and students and provides an opportunity for parents to see what their children are learning and to praise them for the effort they are putting in to their learning. Reading every night is important, if your child is too tired to read then reading to them is fine, but above all it needs to be enjoyable if it is to support children to achieve their best.

Inverell Show Entries
Children may bring art work, sculpture, handcraft and pottery entries to Mrs T for the Inverell Show. Entries need to be at school by Friday 6th Feb. Entry Fee is $1 and needs to accompany the entry.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS
Maximum attendance at school supports the achievement of your students in becoming:

- Participating community members
- Self-sufficient individuals
- Ready for life and work
- Effective communicators
- Lifelong learners, and
- Environmentally and culturally aware

Therefore, parents, carers and students have certain responsibilities, as does Gilgai Public School, in ensuring that our children and young people regularly attend school.

Parents and Carers are required to –

- Send students to school on every day that instruction is provided
- Promote a positive attitude towards attending school
- Provide written or verbal explanations for each absence WITHIN (FIVE (5) DAYS)
- Co-operate with the Gilgai Public School Attendance Policy
- Take measure to resolve attendance issues involving student/s

Students are required to –

- Attend school on each day that instruction is provided
- Attend all lessons on time
- Remain in class at all times, unless given permission to leave
- Bring notes from parents/carers to explain absences, WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS to school office
- Co-operate with the Gilgai Public School Attendance Policy

What to do if my child/ward is absent from school:

- If the date/s of absences are known before hand, call, fax, email or send a note with your student to the school BEFORE the date, giving date/s of absences and reasons for absences.

- If the absence is unexpected, call, fax, email, or send a note with your student to the school WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS of the absence. Please note that any information received after the five days CANNOT be accepted because the reason for the absence cannot then be legally changed.

- Letters are sent home with students for whole day absences. These should be signed by the
· Students who are late to school need to be accompanied by a parent/carer to sign in. A slip must be signed by the parent with an explanation and this slip will be present to his/her classroom teacher. If your child is to leave school early again a parent/carer will have to report to the front office to sign the child out and have a note with the reason for the absence.

Medical notes are needed if a student is sick for three or more consecutive days.

Parents you will be notified if your child is close to reaching the maximum number of days absent

**Change to Address/ Phone**
If you have changed address or phone number please let Mrs Gallagher know as soon as possible as it is important that we have current information if we need to put the Bushfire Plan into action.

**School Photos**
Please mark in your diary school photos Tuesday 10th March 2015

**P & C News**

**Year 6 Shirts**
Parents and students in Year 6 if you would like to order a new shirt to be embroidered please collect and return a uniform order to the office asap we need the information for numbers. If your child would like their old shirt embroidered please deliver to the office washed.

**Playgroup**
Play group will start on 10 February at 10am for Mums and Bubs. The next date will be 24th February.

**Preschool**
Preschool will run on Wednesdays and Thursdays this year. Please contact Michelle on 0429443411 for more information.

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