Entry on to School Grounds
Parents/caregivers **students are to be dropped at the school gate** if you enter school grounds all visitors, including **parents, community members, contractors and volunteers** should **report to the administration office** to register their presence at the school. Visitors/parents should sign the visitors’ book on **arrival and departure**. Visitor/parent registration needs to be accurate so that all people on site are accounted for in the event of an emergency.

Parent Helpers
Class teachers are currently preparing for Parent Helpers to assist with reading at school. All parents interested in participating in this valued reading program are advised that a current **Working With Children** certificate will be required for this program. Please watch this space for the training course to begin this program.

Zone School Swimming Results:
Congratulations to Lilly Seagrott, Jesse Seagrott, Sebastian Owen and Liam Pearce for their great effort at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Lilly Seagrott has now progressed to the Regional Swimming Carnival at Armidale on 3rd March in 4 events - well done Lilly.

Parents to Remember
- Year 6 to Year 7 Please return forms ASAP
- School Photo Envelopes please return - photo day is 10th March.
- Ear phones for your child - Each child need to be sent to school with their own ear phones in a labelled snap lock bag.

Road Safety K to 2
Students from K to 2 will participate in a Road Safety exercise next Monday at the Gilgai School Crossing.

Taste of Macintyre 27th March - Students from year 1 to 6 will be invited to participate in this event. More information will be available at a later date.

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Playgroup
Due to dropping numbers playgroup will no longer be held at Gilgai Public School

Changes to Exemptions
Recently the Department of Education and Communities reviewed the guidelines for applying for exemptions. Family holidays are no longer an accepted category for exemption from school attendance. Families who need to travel outside the school vacation periods for family holidays or other domestic circumstances eg(bereavement) can apply for Extended Leave. These absences will be counted towards your child’s attendance data.
If travelling overseas you will need to provide a copy of an itinerary or plane tickets.
To apply for Extended Leave please contact your School’s Principal for the application form.
Jane Hunter
Home School Liaison Officer