FABULOUS FETE
A fabulous school fete was once again held last Friday afternoon with the huge crowd enjoying all the activities and the variety of stalls. Many thanks to Fete Coordinator, Mel Ferguson who did a great job bringing it all together. Thank you also to the stall coordinators who organised the various stalls, the families from our school who donated so many goods and their time to ensure such a successful fete and to the Gilgandra community for attending the fete, purchasing tickets and supporting our school. Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

Cow Pat Lotto - Peter Hazelton
Raffle 1st Prize - BBQ & Family Zoo Pass - Diane Eaton
2nd Prize - outdoor table and chairs - Mrs Terry Adams
3rd Prize – knitted Santa & Mrs Claus set - Chloe Mudford
Balloon Guessing Competition - Martin Byrne

A big thank you to GK & LH Rohr for donating the BBQ and outdoor setting for the raffle and to Mrs Lorna Connor who beautifully knitted and donated the Santa Claus set. Also thank you to Ken and Paula Purvis, Dean & Mel Ferguson and Andrew & Meichelle Schier who donated beef, lamb and chicken which was auctioned at the fete, to Anthony Thurlow for transporting the meat to the abattoirs and to 3D’s Butchery for cutting up the meat free of charge.

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION
The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents are having a sensational time in Sydney this week. Our travellers left at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday and visited Scenic World in Katoomba including the Skyway, Railway and Cablesway and then enjoyed a tour of ANZ Stadium. On Wednesday they walked across the Harbour Bridge and went on the Rocks Walking tour, a cruise on the harbour, visited Sydney Aquarium, Parliament House and Sydney Opera House before enjoying dinner at Darling Harbour and visiting Madame Tussauds. Today they have visited the National Maritime Museum, Sydney Tower and Mary MacKillop Place before enjoying a swim at the Sydney Aquatic Centre. Tomorrow’s itinerary includes participating in a surf safe program at Collaroy Beach and a trip to Luna Park before departing Sydney at 4:00 p.m. and stopping at McDonald’s in Lithgow for tea. Our weary travellers are expected to arrive back at school tomorrow night at approximately 10:30 p.m. Wow! What a trip. We look forward to having everyone back at school next week and hearing all about their adventures.

YEAR 4 LEADERS
The Year 4 students have been doing a fantastic job as our school leaders while the Years 5 and 6 students have been in Sydney. Well done Year 4!

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
All children from Kinder to Year 4 will celebrate All Saints Day tomorrow, Friday, 1 November with Mass at 10:30 a.m. This Mass is being organised by Year 3 and it would be lovely if as many parents as possible could join us. Morning tea will follow and we would appreciate if you could please bring a plate to share.

YEAR 4 MASS
Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 7 November at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION
The Knowledge Explosion for all children in Years 3 to 6 will commence next week on Friday, 8 November at 2:00 p.m. It will be held over three weeks and will continue on Friday, 15 November and Friday, 22 November. The children were surveyed as to what special activity they would like to learn more about and these include: Mosaic Tiling, Woodwork, Electronics, Sewing, Cooking, Calligraphy, Scrapbooking, iPads, Multimedia and Welding.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMSAFE LESSONS
With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in the school based swimsafe program run by Gilgandra Learn to Swim. These lessons are for children from Kinder to Year 2 and are held during school time with qualified Austswim instructors. The children will be involved in the swimming lessons for ten days from Monday, 3 December to Friday, 14 December at a cost of $55.00 (this does not include pool entry). We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms have been given to each of the infants children and if you would like your child to participate, we need the completed enrolment form returned to school with the payments (cheques should be made payable to the school) by tomorrow, Friday, 1 November.

TEA TOWELS AND NOTE TOTES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
There are still some tea towels available for purchase from the school. Theses tea towels have a small self portrait of every child in the school and are a lovely memento.

PALMS ENCOUNTER
Join an ‘Encounter’ to the Pacific nation of Kiribati with Palms Australia, a Catholic organisation which has prepared, placed and supported skilled Australian volunteers in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for over 50 years. A Palms Encounter is perfect for anyone interested in learning about another culture, as well as those interested in social justice and reducing poverty. During this cross-cultural experience you will gain insight into the life of work of Palms’ volunteers, and learn about pressing development issues facing Kiribati, including climate change. A limited number of spaces are available for our next visit to the Pacific Island nation of Kiribati, 11-23 February, 2104. For further information visit: http://www.palms.org.au/encounters, email: encounter@palms.org.

GILGANDRA LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM FOR 2013/14
Alicia Heffer is running swim lessons and courses for lifeguard and bronze star this season at the Gilgandra Pool. Lessons and course dates are as follows:
- 14th October – 20th December 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- School Program – 2nd December – 13th December
- Summer Program – 6th January – 17th January – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 20th January – 28th March – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Mums and Bubs Awareness Classes–6th January 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 pm
- Bronze Star – 7th January – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Bronze Medallion/Pool Lifeguard/First Aid – 6th, 9th & 10th January
- Pool Lifeguard Update – 22nd February

Please phone Alicia for details and prices on 0427078601.

GILGANDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL TWILIGHT FETE
Friday, 15th November – 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
There will be rides, face painting, stalls, performances, cakes and treats challenge corner, photo sitting, party planners, dipping dots and much, much more. Everyone is welcome. As mentioned, during the
MATHEMATICS was introduced. The long hand and the short hand were explained to the students and they all made their own personal clocks. We discussed where the long and short hands would be at different o’clock times. In PDHE we had a look at different types of signals and how different parts of our body can be signals that let us know when something is not right or good. During Science and Technology, we have been investigating ways to keep our school environment clean and what it would look like if there were no bins around for the rubbish. I hope everyone had a great time at the school fete last Friday and thank you for your support. Take care.  

**Miss Bourke**

**YEAR 1** has had a lovely week. We have been working on the ‘gr’ sound in Spelling. For text types we have been concentrating on adding more detail to our narratives so we designed our own monster and began planning a narrative about it. In Maths we have worked on addition number sentences, subtraction and reading digital and analog time. I am very impressed with the children’s ability to tell the time. In HSIE we looked at what it was like when our parents grew up and were very intrigued by the computers of the 70’s and 80’s. For Art this week we have painted monsters and drawn a perspective drawing. I hope you have a great weekend.  

**Miss Smith & Mrs Thomas**

**YEAR 2** During Religion we have discussed Moses receiving the Ten Commandments and how they are rules for all of us to follow. In Maths we focused on mass, division being linked to multiplication and counting in 10’s. We have created a wonderful rainforest mural which depicts the various layers in the forest and the animals, birds and reptiles that inhabit it. We also looked at Kakadu as another ‘wet’ environment. Congratulations to the Year 4 students who have so easily filled in and completed the tasks for our absent Year 6 leaders.  

**Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead**

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 received Reconciliation with Fr Martin. They showed great reverence in the church. Year 3 is looking forward to our All Saints Day Mass tomorrow and we hope many family and friends will be able to join us. We have been trying hard during our preparations for this Mass. In the classroom we have been looking at adjectives and how they can enhance our writing. In Maths we have examined calendars and how information can be presented on them. Our PDH topic has led us to look at safety and Year 3 has discussed both safe and unsafe places to cross the road. Keep up the hard work!  

**Mr Soares & Mrs Morris**

**YEAR 4** Congratulations to the Year 4 students who have been busy looking after all the jobs that Year 6 are usually in charge of – you have been great leaders of the school! Thank you. Year 4 has been busy preparing for Reconciliation and their Mass next Thursday, the theme being ‘Peace and Friendship’. Hopefully lots of family and friends will be in the church to help celebrate this Mass. Maths challenged us with data readings, extended multiplication and working out mixed operations. In HSIE we looked closely at Australia’s diverse lands – deserts, beaches, farms and forests and identified which capital cities were the most populated. Knowledge Explosion begins next Friday and Year 4 is very keen to try out some of the great activities on offer. Have a lovely weekend.  

**Mrs Bray**

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**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

**KINDER:** Ava Meyers for great results in our memory game, Ben Standing for showing enthusiasm in Religion, Audrey Carter for demonstrating strong balancing skills and Elten Walker for great results in our sound words.

**YEAR 1:** Daniel Kirkop for showing initiative when completing work, Ry Heffer for a wonderful improvement in his reading, Emily Zell for writing a very original narrative, Jack Oehm for his singing and enthusiasm at the Year 1 Liturgy and Isaac Grimshaw for great details in his writing.

**YEAR 2:** Max Cruickshank, Patrick Spora and Jinda Green for super magic potion recipes, William Gaff for truly amazing handwriting and Mason Fryers for super spelling.

**YEAR 3:** Jett Grimshaw, Mikey Raglus, Billie Buckland, Heidi Purvis, Amber Tarrant and Abby Tate for writing creative alliteration poems.

**YEAR 4:** Grace Alchin, Alex Beveridge and Olivia Newshead for excellent Sydney Harbour landscapes in Art, Tarah Foran and James Kildey for improved results and hard work in Reading Groups and Lachlan Fairley for fantastic results in Spelling.

**YEAR 5:** Kyle Welsh for fabulous enthusiasm during cricket coaching last week, Shari Grimshaw for fantastic work during Maths Operations, Maddie Eason for always producing work of an outstanding standard and Tobey Creenaune for consistently applying himself in all areas of school life.

**YEAR 6:** Brooke Bonus-Straub for great subtraction work in Operations, Jacob Lummis for asking intelligent questions, Tom Flannery for a more dedicated approach to work and Olivia Gale for being a helpful and thoughtful member of Year 6.

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**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 4 -** Year 4 Reconciliation  
Tuesday, 29 October –  
Friday, 1 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion  
Friday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-4) 10:30 a.m.

**WEEK 5 -** Year 5 Reconciliation  
Wednesday, 6 November - Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.  
- Year 6 - GHS  
Thursday, 7 November - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 8 November - Knowledge Explosion – 2:00 p.m.

**WEEK 6**  
Monday, 11 November - Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, 12 November - Kinder Orientation Day  
- Deadly Australians – School Performance  
Wednesday, 13 November - Netball Coaching  
- Year 6 - GHS  
Thursday, 14 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, 15 November - Knowledge Explosion – 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 16 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

**WEEK 7 -** Father Martin away on Retreat  
Tuesday, 19 November - Summer Sports Trials  
- P & F Meeting  
Wednesday, 20 November - Final Active After Schools – Family Fun Golf Afternoon  
Thursday, 21 November - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 22 November - Knowledge Explosion – 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 24 November - Christ the King – Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:45 a.m.

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**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week Kindergarten continued to revise and learn our new sound of the week, ‘wh’. This week’s big book is ‘The Monster’s Party’ and the children seem to be enjoying the story as they are all reading with enthusiasm and great expression. In...