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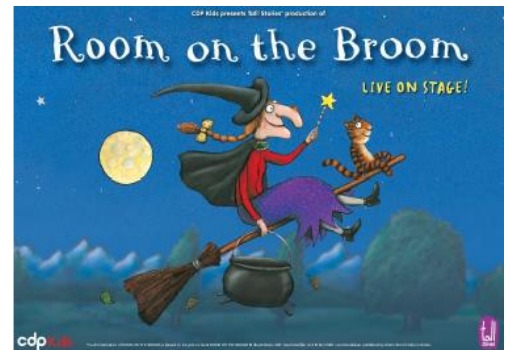
School News Week 9 Term 1

Coming Events			
Date	Event	Who	More Info
Mon 31 st March	Gilgandra Library Excursion	All students	Wear red
Thurs 3 rd April	School Photos	All students	Summer school uniform with black shoes
Week 10 and 11	Three-Way conferences	Parents, students, teachers	Book through School Bytes

News

Room on the Broom

We are thrilled to share the highlights from today’s excursion to the Dubbo Regional Theatre to see the enchanting performance of *Room on the Broom*! Our students had a fantastic time immersing themselves in the magical world of this beloved story, filled with vibrant characters, delightful music, and captivating special effects.



The excitement was palpable as the show brought the pages of the book to life, sparking the imaginations of our young audience. Many students left the theatre buzzing with inspiration and eager to explore more stories by Julia Donaldson, which can be found in our school library.

Prior to the performance, the students enjoyed recess at Victoria Park, where they made the most of the new playground equipment. It was wonderful to see them laughing and playing together, showing teamwork and camaraderie.

A big congratulations to our students for their exemplary behaviour throughout the day! Your enthusiasm and respectful behaviour made this excursion a memorable one. We can’t wait for our next adventure!



Cricket Coaching

This week marked the second session of our cricket coaching program, funded by the Term 1 Sporting Schools Grant. We were excited to welcome back Mrs Jennifer Baker as our cricket coach.

During this week's sessions, students focused on refining their skills, including proper hand placement when catching, ball skills, effective fielding techniques and correct bat handling, through a series of modified games. It was wonderful to see the progress our students made as they practiced these key fundamentals of the game.

With two successful sessions completed for K/1/2 and 2/3/4/6, we are excited to engage in two more sessions over the coming Tuesdays. We look forward to further enhancing our students' cricket skills and fostering a love of the game!



Technology Lessons

Stay in the loop with our exciting weekly technology lessons by reading the "What We're Learning" page! Our students have been actively engaging in hands-on activities that promote creative and critical thinking skills under the guidance of our technology expert, Petria.

In the K/1 class, students have been diving into the world of robotics as they explore the Bluebots to make them 'dance.'

Year 2 has embarked on a thrilling project where they will design, build, and code a cable river ferry using Lego Spike Essential. This activity not only enhances their engineering skills but also encourages problem-solving as they work on their individual designs to bring their ideas to life.

In the 3/4/6 class, students have been refining their ferry designs, focusing on improving functionality and efficiency. This process is essential in technology education, as it allows students to learn from their experiences and make necessary adjustments to their designs.

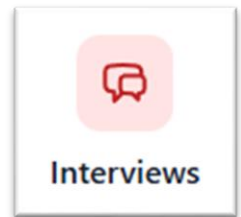
We are excited to witness the creativity and innovation that our students will continue to demonstrate in their technology lessons with Petria!



Three-way Conferences

Three-way conferences will be held in Week 10 and Week 11 of this term. We hope that all parents can come along and share a joint conversation with their child and teacher to share learning and make goals for the year.

Please book in your appointments with your child's main classroom teacher using the School Bytes 'Interviews' quick link. The table below shows days teachers are available.



Monday 31 st March	Tuesday 1 st April	Wednesday 2 nd April	Thursday 3 rd April
Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith	Mrs Smith Mrs Jenkin
Mrs Hutchison		Mrs Hutchison	

Monday 7 th April	Tuesday 8 th April	Wednesday 9 th April	Thursday 10 th April
Mrs Jenkin	Mrs Hutchison	Mrs Jenkin Mrs Hutchison	Mrs Jenkin

Gilgandra Film Festival

Students have been working on their film festival entries at school this week. We would like to encourage students to consider taking documentary footage outside of school. This year's theme is **"THIS IS MY FRIEND"** and students are encouraged to make a documentary about their friend/brother/sister/mum/dad/gran/pa/pet etc.

The prize given to the school last year, a **DJI mic kit** that plugs into a phone/iPad **will be available for students to borrow for a few days at a time** in order to capture their home footage with reduced wind noise. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Mrs Smith.

Karen Smith,
Principal.



Notices

School Photos

School photos will be held on Thursday 3rd April. Please order your photos online following the details below, or use the envelope sent home earlier in the term.

order your school photos now

to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

enter code: X34 W7W 2JK



scan to order

or collect a cash order envelope
from your school office

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1 2025

WEEK	DATE	WORKER	HOME COOKING
9	28 th March	Margo	Margo & Brooke
10	4 th April		Steph & Kathryn
11	11 th April	Nadine	Sarah & Erin

Airshow P&C Stall Roster – Saturday 5th April

Time	Helpers
9am – 11am	
11am – 1pm	
1pm – 3pm	Jen
3 – 4.30pm includes pack up	

Coming Events

G.R.E.A.T. Day – Combined Schools reading event

On Monday 31st March, K-6 will be travelling to Gilgandra to participate in G.R.E.A.T. Day.

Students may wear **RED clothes** to Gilgandra Reads Everything Around Town (G.R.E.A.T.) Day. There will be three children's Book authors in attendance, and we look forward to taking part in this special day.

Our school library has a great selection of titles from these authors!



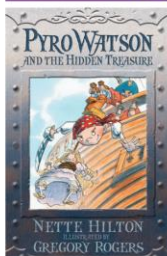
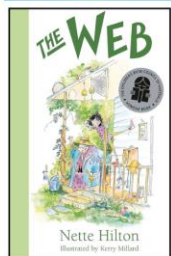
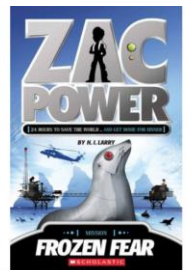
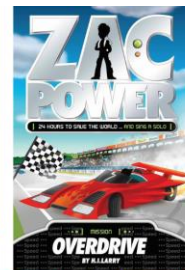
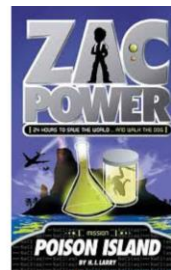
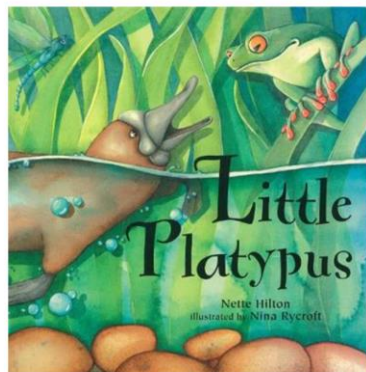
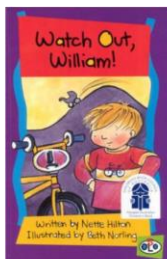
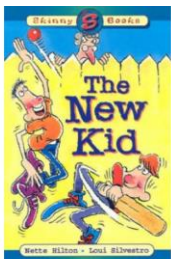
Melania Faranda



Nette Hilton



Louise Park



As the day will be held in the newly opened Gilgandra Library, there will be a photographer taking photos on behalf of the architect who designed the building. The building has been nominated for an architecture award and the photos will be used for the submission.

In addition to the permission note on School Bytes, please return the permission note **'Model Release Form'**, allowing photos to be taken while your child attends the excursion.

ANZAC Day- Friday 25 April 2025

As the end of term approaches, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the significance of ANZAC Day, which falls on the last Friday of the school holidays. This important day allows us to honour and remember those who have served our country.

Our students are actively participating in this commemoration again in 2025.



The School and Preschool students have been diligently practicing the song “Lest We Forget” by Michael Reynolds, which they will perform during the ANZAC Day service at the Tooraweenah War Memorial Hall. This heartfelt tribute is a wonderful way for our students to express their respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made by our ANZACs.

After the service, students are invited to march behind the Tooraweenah Public School banner, to the Kookaburra Memorial Cenotaph at the Tooraweenah Park, further instilling the values of remembrance and community spirit.



MERIT AWARDS

Hamish Jenkin	20 nights home reading
Eloise Jenkin	20 nights home reading
Ally Hutchison	20 nights home reading
Charlie Hicks	20 nights home reading
Sam Trickey	Persistence in spelling and maths
Toby Jenkin	Showing kindness to others
Xander French-Hughes	Showing kindness to others
Amelia Hutchison	Outstanding story writing

MATHS AWARDS

Eloise Semmler	Silver Award	Data
Rose Alison	Silver Award	Non-Spatial Measure – Time
Toby Jenkin	Silver Award	3D Spatial Structure – Volume & Capacity
Thea Harte	Gold Award	Data
Billy Larkin	Silver Award	Geometric Measure – Position
Ally Hutchison	Gold Award	2D Spatial Structure
Maggie Lambell	Platinum Award	2D Spatial Structure
Ben Larkin	Silver Award	2D Spatial Structure
Bonnie Alison	Silver Award	Geometric Measure
Billy Larkin	Silver Award	Non-Spatial Measure – Mass
Charlie Hicks	Bronze Award	2D Spatial Structure
Billy Larkin	Silver Award	3D Spatial Structure – Volume & Capacity
Amelia Hutchison	Silver Award	2D Spatial Structure - Area
Xander French-Hughes	Silver Award	2D Spatial Structure – Area
Eloise Jenkin	Silver Award	Additive Relations – Addition 1
Eloise Jenkin	Silver Award	Geometric Measure – Length

Amelia Hutchison

Silver Award

Non-Spatial Measure – Time

Amelia Hutchison

Silver Award

Geometric Measure - Position

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE

Sam Trickey

DISTINCTION Certificate

for 15 merit awards



What We're Learning This Week

ENGLISH

Kinder/Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4/5/6
<p>Sounds/Spelling K-Jolly Phonics sounds ai, j, oa Year 1 - Spelling short vowels, days of week</p> <p>Reading Decodable readers</p> <p>Writing/Grammar 'Benny Bungarra's Big Bush Clean Up' by Sally Morgan <i>focusing on</i> narrative, persuasion and speech marks <i>Vocab words:</i> hybrid convince persuade</p>	<p>Spelling Soft c words</p> <p>Reading Decodable readers</p> <p>Writing/Grammar 'Sophie Scott goes South' by Alison Lester <i>focusing on</i> characters in narratives. <i>Vocab words:</i> Antarctica Ice-breaker scientist</p>	<p>Spelling f, ff, ph words</p> <p>Reading Fluency passage & independent novels</p> <p>Writing/Grammar 'The Thing about Oliver' by Deborah Kelly <i>focusing on</i> narrative writing. <i>Vocab words:</i> <i>tremble</i> <i>drastic</i></p>

MATHS

<p>Number Tens frames Teen numbers Large groups and how to calculate the total by grouping in tens</p>	<p>Measurement Volume & Capacity Mass Unit Assessment</p>	<p>Measurement Mass Volume & Capacity</p>
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TECHNOLOGY K/1 will explore the Bluebot App on their iPads.
Year 2/3/4/6 will work on their cable ferry and then build a taxi with Lego Spike Essential

PDHPE

Kinder/Year 1/2	Year 3/4/5/6
Cricket Coaching	Cricket Coaching

HISTORY

<p>Family Life How generations change over time i.e. grandparents were once parents and children</p>	<p>Great Journeys Burke & Wills</p>
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CAPA

<p>Visual Arts Room on the Broom puppets, ANZAC Day singing and Film festival project</p>	<p>Visual Arts Room on the Broom artworks ANZAC Day singing</p>
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SCIENCE

<p>Living Things Live in Different Places How needs of animals effect the places they live</p>	<p>Survival/Classification of Living Things Research for animal report</p>
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Term 1 2025

Mar	9		School Counsellor visit 24	25	DRTCC Room on The Broom 26	27	28	29	30
Apr	10	Combined Schools Reading Day Gil Library 31	Three-Way Conferences 1	Three-Way Conferences 2	School Photos Three-Way Conferences 3	4	5	6	
May	11	Three-Way Conferences 7	Three-Way Conferences 8	Three-Way Conferences 9	Three-Way Conferences 10	Last day of Term 1 11		12	13

Tooraweenah Working Dog School

Join us on the 15th & 16th of April for a 2 day working dog clinic
proudly hosted by the Tooraweenah PA & H Association

Day 1
15th April

Beginner school with local
trainer and dog trialler

Brendan Butler

Cost: Adults \$110 Youth \$55

Day 2
16th April

Advanced school with
renowned dog handler &

champion trialler

Matt Sherwood

Cost: \$330

Fence sitters welcome – \$20

Where: “Oakfield” 4046 Tooraweenah Road, Tooraweenah 2817

When: 15th & 16th of April 2025 – 8am start both days.

Places are limited– so get in quickly!

For more information and to book please phone

Brendan Butler on 0447 481 048

BBQ lunch will be available for purchase with thanks to the Tooraweenah Lions Club