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**GIL VETERINARY CLINIC OPEN DAY**

The new Gilgandra Veterinary Clinic will hold an Open Day on Saturday, 24 September commencing at 10:00 a.m. Free sausage sizzle and lucky door prizes. Everyone is welcome.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Brooke Beaton and Scarlett Chandler for giving of their best in all areas, Alex Cosier for his knowledge about a globe, Mason Evans, Xanthe Gale and Tilla Chandler for giving of their best when ordering numbers and Toby Davis for giving of his best in Story Writing.

**YEAR 1:** Bonica Henry and Eliza Larkin for beautiful reading at our Liturgy. Darron Mulligan for sharing interesting information about animals and Molly Temple for sharing her knowledge about Ayres Rock.

**YEAR 2:** Tahleigh Davey for a great effort to improve the presentation of her work, Rani Diamond for super work in Operations, Will Younghusband for a marvellous effort in Maths, Taylor Hayes and Rhyian Hutchinson for a great effort in Problem A Day and Operations and Michael Ibe for excellent contributions to class discussions.

**YEAR 3:** Cameron Davis for excellent landscape drawing, Harry Mudford for a wonderful self portrait, Jasmine Zell for working hard on researching information and Lucy Mcsae for working hard on challenging Operations.

**YEAR 4:** Tom Dunn for a great effort completing 4-digit subtractions with trading an Emily Zell for creating a lovely watercolour artwork of a cow.

**YEAR 5:** Anton Davis for fantastic results in Maths Operations, Rani Diggs for being helpful during our paper maché art lessons, Harrison King for thinking critically about challenging problems in Grammar and Samantha Miller for being an enthusiastic member of Year 5.

**YEAR 6:** Hamish Beveridge for carefully designing his Australians At War artwork, Tyler Evans for an improved effort in Maths Operations and Olivia Ferguson for working with speed and accuracy in Maths.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 9**

- Thursday, 15 September
- Fete

**WEEK 10**

- Wednesday, 21 September
- Catholic Schools Sports Day – Coonamble
- Thursday, 22 September
- AECG Meeting
- Saturday, 24 September
- Moorambilla
- Friday, 23 September
- Last day Term 3 – Whole school Mass – 9:00 a.m.

**TERM 4**

**WEEK 1**

- Monday, 10 October
- First Day Term 4
- Miss Harvey commences Long Service Leave
- Tuesday, 11 October
- Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 13 October
- PLC Cluster Meeting – Gilgandra
- Friday, 14 October
- Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion Expo – 2:00 p.m.

**WEEK 2**

- Tuesday, 18 October
- P & F Meeting
- Thursday, 20 October
- AECG Meeting
- Friday, 21 October
- Baradine Horse Sports

**WEEK 3 – Year 3 Reconciliation**

- Wednesday, 26 October
- Pupil Free Day
- Thursday, 27 October
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, 27 and Friday, 28 October
- Principals Meeting

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** In Kindergarten this week we have been reading “No One Likes Me” and revised sentences and when speech marks are used in stories. Next week is revision week with all the sounds we have learnt so far. In Mathematics we learnt about the different properties of 2D and 3D shapes and continue to learn about ordering numbers from 13 to 20. In Story Writing we used our imagination to write a story about magic. There were some great ideas shared by all. In Science we discussed where we are located on a world globe and what oceans surround us. We learnt new words including continents and discussed famous landmarks in our own country. In History we continue our discussion about the features in our classroom and compared them with another classroom. During Religion we read the story about Jonah. We then discussed that it is important to trust God and to pray to God if we need help. I look forward to seeing everyone at the fete tomorrow afternoon.

**YEAR 1** This week in Year 1 we have started our ‘Fairy Tale’ unit and have enjoyed discussing the features and special characteristics of fairy tales. We began by reading ‘Cinderella’ and then summarised the main events in the story. In Maths we have been completing our diagnostic review and trying hard to remember features of 2D shapes. Our Religion unit focuses on loving one another and seeking forgiveness. We have discussed what friendship means to us and read the beautiful story about the rainbow fish. We are all looking forward to our fete tomorrow and we hope to see lots of family and friends there to join in the fun. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

**YEAR 2** We can’t wait for the fete!! Everyone is excited about tomorrow. Thank you to everyone for bringing in things to sell at the fete. During he week we’ve been marching proudly in readiness for the Catholic Schools Sports Day next week. In the classroom we’ve researched many different Saints and their qualities during Religion. We’ve written some great information reports on dinosaurs. Origami and painting kept us busy in Art and we’ve made some beautiful pictures for our portfolios. Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Michelle Scher & Miss Lisa Harvey

**YEAR 3** What a great week we have had in Year 3! We are really enjoying reading the book “James and the Giant Peach” and today we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day by learning about all this talented author. During Grammar we have been very clever creating sentences using alliteration and looked at the book “Anamalia” to help us with ideas. In Science we used a T chart to classify animals and during Geography we explored the earth using Google Maps and identified Australia’s states and territories. We can’t wait to enjoy all the fun at the fete tomorrow!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris

**YEAR 4** is very excited about the fete tomorrow afternoon. Thank to all those who have contributed to the Tombuli stall. This week we’ve been learning about conjunctions in Grammar and homographs in Spelling. We’ve also written a narrative about a cabin in the woods. During Maths we’ve focused on contracted multiplication, written methods to solve division problems and used a scale to interpret information in a basic map. In Geography we have researched some of Australia’s endangered species and in Sport we’ve continued preparing for tug-o-war, ball games and marching at the Catholic Schools Sports Day next week. Hope you have a lovely time at the fete.

Mrs Phillipa Smith

**YEAR 5** We are all super excited for our fete tomorrow! This week in Year 5 we have been looking at the use of apostrophes in grammar while in writing we have been thinking of creative ways to start speeches. Maths has seen us investigate hectares and trying to decide just how large our school playground is. During Geography we have researched the different types of rainforests as well as completed a study on the Daintree Rainforest in Australia. Hope to see you all tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady

**YEAR 6** In Maths this week we have completed our diagnostic review and learnt about dividing decimals and rounding numbers. In Writing we wrote an explanation about how rainbows are formed. Our Geography focus has been on the Daintree, we learnt what makes it so unique. Wow! Our marching practices are sure paying off, we all look great! It sounds like everyone is looking forward to our school fete tomorrow, I hope everyone has a great time.

Mr Damien Soares

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 16 September – Briony Mills & Belinda Murray
Monday, 19 September – Tanya Hutchison & Alicia Heffer
Wednesday, 21 September – Catholic School Sports Day Coonamble
Friday, 23 September – Lesley Riley & Kirstie McKenzie

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 18 September – Madison Hourigan, Jessica Scholte, Rani Diggs, Ella McAnally-Etwin