



# Pilliga Public School Newsletter

*The little school that's BIG on learning*

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## 2 Ways Athletics Carnival

On Thursday we were joined Gwabegar for our 2-ways Athletics Carnival. The clouds started to build early in the day, however we remained optimistic and started the day with our track events. All students did their school and their parents proud as they participated in their Age Races, 200m and 800m!

We started the Field events, but unfortunately only completed one rotation before the rain set in and we had to call off the carnival.

Thanks to all who came along to support, and a special thanks to Shelley and Paul Phelps for their work on the BBQ!



### COMING UP...

- **25/6** Mrs Lord L3 Training in Dubbo
- **28/6** Vision Testing at school
- **1/7** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM 2
- **19/7** Term 3 begins
- **27/7** Transition begins

### Helping Your Child At Home

Last week at the parent meeting, we discussed the need for parents of students in K-2 to be constantly talking about letters and their sounds with their children at home. Please make time each night to do this. Use books, newspapers, school letters – ANYTHING.

Counting is also important: forwards and backwards from any number, and counting by 10's from numbers OFF the decade (12,22,32,42 etc. rather than 10,20,30,40 – which is called ON decade counting)

## Sick Students



With the weather getting cooler, we are finding students coming to school and playgroup with the flu.

It is important to keep your child at home when they are sick for two reasons: So they can rest and recover more quickly, and to avoid spreading it around.

Winter can be hard on school staff as we are constantly being sneezed and coughed on as we work in close proximity to our students.

If your child has been unwell overnight with disrupted sleep, has green mucous, has a chesty cough or has a fever. Please keep them at home.

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## Kindergarten Transition

We will be starting our extended Transition program next term (Term 3) on Wednesdays. Children who are turning 4 this year are eligible to attend our school readiness program.

Transition will be for the whole school day: 9am – 3pm.

The starting date for Transition will be **Week 2, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**.

Please call the school to put your child's name down.

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## Canteen

School Canteen will be running fortnightly on Fridays, starting this week.

Please return your lunch order to school on Friday morning with the correct money as food will be cooked to order.

The canteen is organised and operated by our school parents. If you have any questions about the day you are rostered on contact Jasmine Pagett 0411 383 531

### Price List

Pie	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Pizza	\$2.00
Nestle Milo	\$1.50
Icy Pole	.50
Frozen Yogurt (strawberry or mango)	\$1.50

## School Reports

Half-yearly reports will go home in Week 10.

If you wish to arrange a parent/teacher interview on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, please call the school and make an appointment.

## Vision Screening

Vision Testing has been rescheduled for Week 10, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Please make sure your child is at school to ensure they get their vision tested.



## SMART tables

Last week our SMART tables were delivered to the school. The SMART table is a social, inclusive collaboration tool that is designed to engage learners, allowing up to 8 students to learn at the same time, interacting with activities on the multi-touch surface.



## School Excursion

For our school excursion this year, we will be spending a week at the Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre from **the 29th of August—the 2nd of September.**

A note will be sent home next week with more information regarding the cost and the facilities of the camp.

As discussed at the parent meeting, Kindergarten will have the option to stay for 3 days, however parents will be responsible for arranging transport home for their child. We recommend that you organize a payment plan with the school to ensure the excursion is paid in full





## Kamilaroi Language Lessons

Yaama everyone!

Every Tuesday afternoon we learn Gamilaroi language.

We start off our lesson by paying respect to our elders both past and present, and acknowledge that the land our meeting is taking place on is Gamilaroi land. I have been explaining to the kids why it is so imperative to acknowledge our elders and our land; we do it out of our respect for our land, our nation and our ancestors.

Today we read the story of how the Platypus (buubumurr) was born. . We then moved on to identifying the native Australian animals, and then we went through the Gamilaroi names.

Gamilaroi bird names (generally) reflect the sound that it makes for example; The Willy Wagtail, known as 'Dhirri Dhirri', you can see the name reflects the sound of the bird.

We are learning the Gamilaroi words for the Chorus of 'We are Australian' It's amazing how well they pick up all the words. Whilst we aren't sounding like a professional singing group as of yet, give us a few weeks and you will be pleasantly surprised!

**Maddie**

