School News Week 3 Term 4, 2014

The Merit Selection interview for the position was conducted two weeks ago. The successful applicant was notified on Monday. It was with great pleasure that I have accepted the position as your “new” permanent principal at Tooraweenah Public School.

**Active After School Communities Gala Day**

Mrs. Jenkin and Mrs. Zell report that a great time was had by all and the children had an opportunity to practise their skills last Friday at the gala day in Dubbo. A busload of satisfied customers got off the bus at 3pm still with plenty of energy buoyed by excitement about the show on Saturday.

**Tooraweenah Centenary Ball and Show**

Our congratulations to the Tooraweenah P, A and H Association for an outstanding Centenary Show Ball on Friday night and the show on Saturday and Sunday. The children had been practising hard prior to the show with their items and they did an amazing job at the official opening on Saturday, especially considering that there were 23 students who sang instead of the usual 29. To top off a great performance, it came as no surprise to me and many others when our School Captain, Georgia Peart, was sashed as Miss Junior Showgirl 2014. Congratulations Georgia. The sashes go straight to the pool room.

The Honourable Rick Colless MLC, who opened the show, spoke to me after the opening and both he and his wife expressed how impressed they were with the staff and the students who had just performed. Mr. Colless also mentioned that he intended to pass on his impressions to the NSW Minister for Education and Communities, Adrian Piccoli. Go TPS!!

Our congratulations and thanks also to our very own P and C for a great job running the canteen. The toasties I had were 10/10.

**Kinder Orientation**

There were two very excited little girls, (Maddi Peart and Lily Smith), yesterday morning for the first Kinder Orientation. At day’s end they seemed suitably impressed with their first “formal” taste of “Big School”.

**Wear Western Day #2**

Wear Western #2 is on next Wednesday. Children may dress in green and red (Western Sports colours). A gold coin donation would be appreciated, which is forwarded to Western who passes it on in a lump sum to Stewart House.

**Ice-cream Day**

To coincide with Wear Western Day, I am putting on an ice cream day for the students in recognition of their behaviour, attendance and the great job they did to prepare and present at the centenary show. There is no cost involved. If for some reason you do not wish your child to be included, please let their teacher, Mrs. Imrie or Mrs. Horwood or me know.

**Illness Information**

We have had a succession of cases of conjunctivitis in recent weeks. Attached to the newsletter is a list of infectious conditions and the NSW DEC policy statements on exclusions from school as a result of infection.

“One in, all in”

Col Hare, Principal Tooraweenah Public School
Please Note:

Next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 29th October at 3.15pm

Dates To Remember
Term 4 – 07.10.14 to 19.12.14

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A big thank you to Don Milgate for donating the bales of hay to the Tooraweenah Show and Ball. Don does not want them back so anyone in the community is welcome to pick up a bale or two for their garden from the showground.

Canteen Roster Term 4

Date: Fri. 24/10/14  Workers: Mel. Peart, Fiona Dann
Home Cooking: Mel, Fiona Dann, Karen Smith

Date: Fri. 31/10/14  Bindi Haling
Home Cooking: Bindi, Kate McWhirter, Cath. Peart

Parent Tips: Primary School

Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet?

Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3
Infectious Diseases

Frequently parents contact the school to check the department's policy on sending children to school with diagnosed infectious diseases. Set out below are the regulations covering the most common ailments.

**Acute Conjunctivitis**
Children must be excluded from school until discharge has ceased.

**Acute Tonsillitis**
Children must be excluded until symptoms have cleared up.

**Chicken Pox**
Exclusion from school necessary until a doctor certifies a patient is not likely to convey infection. Contacts are not excluded.

**Measles**
Required information for school communities about measles - August 2012 see. NSW Ministry of Health website

**Mumps**
Exclusion from school necessary for 10 days from the onset of the swelling. Contacts are not excluded.

**Rubella - German Measles**
Exclusion necessary for at least 7 days from appearance of the rash. Contacts are not excluded.

**Impetigo - Scabby Sores**
Children may attend only if sores are kept effectively covered with a clean dressing. Contacts are not excluded.

**Pediculosis - Head Lice**
Exclusion until the hair is completely free of lice and nits. Contacts are not excluded but are to have their hair inspected once a week.

**Scabies**
Exclusion from school until the skin is completely clear or a doctor's certificate states a successful treatment. Contacts are not excluded.

**Ringworm - Scalp**
Exclusion until all evidence has disappeared and a medical certificate produced stating that the patches of ringworm are inactive.

**Ringworm - Body**
Children are allowed to return to school after 7 days of effective treatment. Contacts of both types of ringworm are not excluded but must be inspected each week.
Snapshots of Tooraweenah students participating in and enjoying the Tooraweenah Centenary Show 2014
Community Exhibition

Gilgandra Alive presents Hats & Boots
3 December 2014 to 18 January 2015
Gilgandra Alive your local Arts Council is holding a community art exhibition at Gilgandra Art Gallery in December & January! Everyone is welcome to enter an artwork. The theme is Hats and Boots and artworks should express your interpretation of these everyday items.
We encourage entries from organisations, groups, individuals, artists and community members alike.
Use only hats or only boots or use both to make an interesting creation. Choose a theme such as wartime, racing, sporting, farming, colour, size or just be creative. Artworks may be in the form of sculpture, waste to art, paintings, drawings, mosaic, collage, photography, craft and textiles.
Your artwork can be freestanding or hanging but should measure no more than 1.5 square metres. Hay, soil, food or any live matter is not permitted in the gallery. Come and support our community at this exhibition. Voting for your favourite entry will be by gold coin donation.
Entry forms available at Coo-ee Heritage Centre reception and MH Thomas Gilgandra.

Kylie Moppett
Cultural Officer
Gilgandra Shire Council
Meeting Community Needs.