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## NEWSLETTER 30TH JUNE 2020

### GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

#### Principal's Message

It is a bittersweet moment in one's career to step into another school (even in a relieving capacity), however, it is with confidence that I do so. The confidence in the staff here at Gilgandra High School to continue on the journey of our school; a school they are all heavily invested in and are proud of. I am confident, too, that the journey of the students will be one which is flavoured by a nurturing and caring approach to their growth as young people; one day ready to represent us and our community with pride.

Much has changed since I first came to Gilgandra in 2002, and much has also changed since I undertook this position in 2016. Together, we have brought the focus of our school onto learning, on providing a rich and varied array of opportunities for students, and just as importantly, we have always endeavoured to attract the best and brightest to our school. It has been very warming to see former students return to our community, and to our school as teachers which again reinforces the value we place on learning and education here in Gilgandra.

I would like to wish Year 12 every success as they venture forth into the final term of their studies, and I would like to thank them for their leadership during their time here at Gilgandra HS. We have outstanding leaders in this cohort, and our School Captains Kyle, Cassie, Brock and Georgia have done a valiant job as young leaders.

I look forward to learning of the continued success of our school and students from afar and wish all members of school community every success for the year ahead.

*Neal Reed*  
Principal



**Agriculture students Madison Hourigan, Amelia Murray and Thomas Eason with teacher Teresa Standing and AMPS Commercial Agronomist, Martin Murray pictured in the brassica crop.**

## School Photos

If you have placed an order for school photos and have not received them yet, please see Mrs Stacey O'Neill before the last day of term, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to collect them.

Thanks

### Welcome to Week 10

Firstly, I would like to start off by wishing our Principal, Neal Reed, all the best for this temporary placement as relieving principal of Muswellbrook High School, and welcome his return in 2021. Neal has done an amazing job since his appointment in 2016 to shift the culture of the school into an environment that is focussed on learning now and in the future. An announcement on the relieving Principal will be made shortly.

Speaking of which, we are in the final week of Term 2. Once again, I sincerely thank all community members for your support in transitioning students back into the classroom.

Due to the outbreak in Victoria, and other schools in Sydney closing due to COVID-19 infections, please keep a very close eye on updates from NESAs and NSW DOE regarding school learning platforms. The current situation may change depending on conditions.

Remember, if your child presents as ill, keep them home, or if they present as ill, you will be called to collect them.

I wish you a safe and happy holidays.

*Josh Webb*  
Deputy Principal

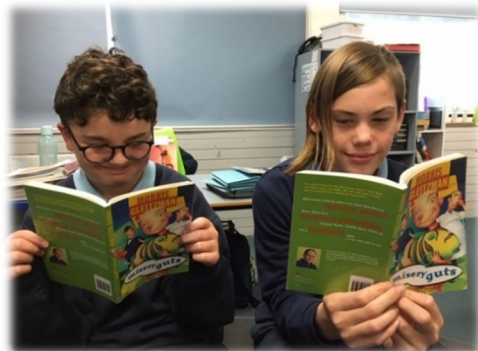
### From the Support Faculty

Fun fact: Did you know about 99.9 percent of the DNA of every person on the planet is exactly the same? It's that 0.1 percent that is different that makes us all unique. We learnt this plus other fascinating facts while studying Genetics. This unit has provided plenty of conversation about our hereditary and personal traits.

We've also read the novel "Misery Guts" by Morris Gleitzman. It was great to see the students engaged in their activities and becoming avid readers.

Our units on Pandemics through History and identifying stress were timely learning opportunities and ones that offered some insight into our current situation. In light of this, keep safe everyone and we are looking forward to seeing refreshed faces after the holidays.

*Di Irvin*  
Head Teacher Support



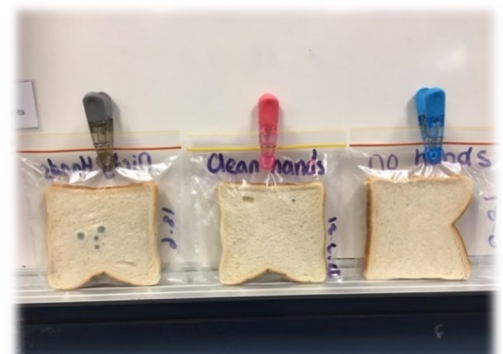
Shane & Levi



Chelsea, Emmaline & Jasmine making DNA strands



Commemorating our Anzacs



Experiments demonstrating the importance of good hygiene

## Attendance - The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

You are reminded that absences invariably affect a student's performance at school. The Education Reform Act (1990) clearly states that students of compulsory school age must attend school each day the school is open for instruction. An explanation for any absence, including late arrival, is required by law and must be received by the school within seven days of the absence.

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### Gilgandra Shire Library School Holidays Competition: "Reading Passport"

Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Why not enter the Library's Reading Passport competition? Pick up a passport at Gilgandra Shire Library and get reading! You will need to get a parent or carer to sign off in your passport for each ten minutes you have spent reading.

There are twelve boxes in the passport, so once you've completed all of them, you will have read for a total of two hours. Bring your completed passport to the Library by Friday, 31 July and you will receive a special reward! This competition is open to everyone under the age of 19 years. For children under the age of 6 years, time spent being read to counts too.

For more information, phone the Library on 68178877, or email [library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

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**Last day of Term 2 is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Term 3 resumes on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

**Please note that Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July is a Staff Development Day and the front office will open from 1:30pm to purchase uniforms or pay fees.**

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## School bus route number change

### From Monday 6 July 2020

All school buses will be changed to new route numbers.

New school bus route numbers will start with a capital 'S' and be followed by a new 3 digit bus number, e.g. S100.

For more information:

- ask for the schedule of school route number changes from your school office;
- view school service changes on the Langley's Coaches website [langleycoaches.com.au](http://langleycoaches.com.au); or
- contact Langley Coaches on (02) 6882 8977.

If you have any more queries please contact Transport for NSW at [transportnsw.info](http://transportnsw.info)

