

*Did you know... Every Day Counts!*



## Attendance at School

All of us here at Gilgai Plains Primary School want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by coming to school and missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially.

***"Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school."***

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do to make re-engaging them a little easier. First and foremost, ensuring open communication with your child's classroom teacher is imperative.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.







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Below are some 'top tips' regarding getting your children to school.

## Attendance Tips

- We want to work in partnership with our parents and carers- act early if you have any concerns by contacting us and ask for advice and support 
- There is no safe number of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term (where possible) 
-  • Remember that every day counts.
-  • Seek help. We are here to support you!

**You can find more information at this link:**

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/participation/everydaycountsprimparent.pdf>

