



# CLASSROOM CORNER

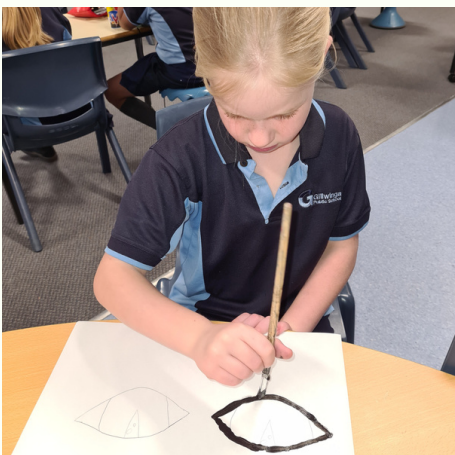
SEE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING IN  
**3/4T**

Hear us ROAR!! In 3/4T we are busy building concepts and skills using dinosaurs as our theme. We have been improving our research skills and learning to write information reports about our favourite prehistoric beasts (did you know that Tyrannosaurus Rex was a distant ancestor of the modern chicken?). We have been measuring and comparing dinosaurs, and recording our findings using graphic displays ('*dino-graphs*'!).





In art, we have been working on creating abstract multimedia dino heads using free drawing, patterning, oil pastel techniques, collage and paint. In the photos you can see students collaging a background from paper strips which they decorated using various methods and mediums. Other students are beginning work on the eyes of their dinosaurs, which they designed, drew and are painting the outlines of, ready to bring to life with oil pastels, cut, treat and collage onto their background. They really will look 'roar-some' when they are done!



## Staff Spotlight – 3/4T

Giinagay nujawin, yaam ngaya Bec Twidale-ga (Hello everyone, I here Bec Twidale). This year, I am delighted with the opportunity to teach one of our Stage 2 (combined Year 3 and Year 4) classes, after leading Kindergarten with our youngest students at Gillwinga over the past three years. Before arriving at Gillwinga Public School, I taught in both large and small schools in the Gunnedah region, and prior to that, in schools across Queensland, where I undertook my teacher training while my children were young. I have a real passion for helping students develop positive self beliefs, and deep understandings, particularly in maths. I believe in the power of buidling genuine connections, and I work towards this daily with the students in my class and across the school. I am an adventurous soul, who loves travelling and the performing arts. This year I have embarked on training in singing and drama, and I have begun to rebuild Gillwinga's school choir after COVID. I can't wait until we are ready to share our music with you all.



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My name is Rodney Gallagher and I've been a proud member of staff at Gillwinga Public School for 11 years. My SLSO journey has provided me with many different roles including working with students in both Stage 2 and 3, a bus driver, and training and coaching many teams, such as, Touch Football and Rugby League. I had also been given the opportunity to run the Rock and Water program for 2-3 years and enjoyed the success in student engagement. I always try to develop a rapport with the kids and build their confidence and resilience. For 13 years I also have made strong connections with the students and families through actively volunteering in the community as the President and a coach of South Grafton Rebels Junior Rugby League. I enjoy working with the Gillwinga team!