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Term 1 - Week 8

Wednesday 20th March, 2013

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Whole School Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all students who successfully completed the cross country on Friday. It was wonderful to see all students trying their best to complete the course. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped on the day to ensure the event ran smoothly. We will announce the winning house at the next assembly. Good luck to all those students who are eligible to represent the school at the Zone Cross Country on 4 April 2013.
P & C Information

MEETING
Congratulations to our newly elected President, Stan, Secretary, Jody and Treasurer, Sharee. The next meeting will be Thursday 11th April at 9:10am.

GUESSING COMPETITION & CAKE STALL
Gillieston Public School P&C will be hosting a Guessing Competition & Cake Stall for Easter. A special letter has been sent home today with Guessing Competition tickets attached as well as Cake and Drink Stall information.

Tickets will also be on sale at the school office and on the Eggstravaganza Day.

Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. Great Easter Prizes to be won!

DISCO
The P&C are organising an event for the children, as a fundraiser.

For all K-6 children who attend Gillieston Public School

Venue: Our school hall.
Date: Thursday 11th April.
Time: 6-8pm.
Cost: $5 (will include entry, an iceblock, pack of chips and glowsticks).

Tickets for sale at office, or please send money in sealed envelope (ticket will be sent home with child).

NOTE:
*We are asking parents to drop off and pick-up on the night. There will be strict supervision all evening. (Please bring your child/ren directly to the hall entrance.)

*If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Belinda-0499517708 or Andrea-0409317028.

PARENT HELPERS
We are looking for volunteer parents to help out at school. If you have a skill or expertise that you think we may need, please ring the school to let us know.

Thank you to Mr Childs and Mr Mowbray for your recent gardening work.

PARENTS TAKING PHOTOS
It’s great to have parents at school for our events such as the Cross Country and the Easter Hat Parade and take photos to remember these special moments. We do ask that parents only take photos of their own children and not of others. There are families who do not wish their children to be photographed at all and we need to respect their privacy.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
Each year families are asked to contribute money to the school that will assist us in providing interesting and engaging lessons. We are asking again for $20 per child up to three children, (the 4th is free).

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Shaye, Samuel F, Hayden J, Matthew S & Drew O

READING BUG AWARDS
Joel, Callum & Emily

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
KC Awards
Chelsea, Lucy, Toby B & Caitlyn A
K/1R Awards
Luke W, Mackivy & Keaton
1/2L Awards
Andrew, Cameron, Marko & Deakin
2/3CH Awards
Lilly T, Charlotte C, Riley M & Haylee
3/4M Awards
Hollie W, Brody, Beckham & Caitlyn G
5/6T Awards
Zach K, Stryder & Bridget
**Easter Harmony Eggstravaganza**

**Thursday 28th March 2013**

Parents and grandparents are invited to the Gillieston Public School Easter Harmony Day Eggstravaganza.

9:05 – 9.30 Book fair to operate all day. Kathleen March to man the book fair all day from 9am. Classroom Visits and portrait viewing Children are invited to come out of uniform, wearing the Harmony Day colour of Orange

9.30-11.05 Easter Hat Parade
We are asking parents to provide children with a hat, bunny ears or mask to participate in the hat parade.

11:00 – 11.30 Recess & ice block sales
11.30-12.30 Harmony Day games
12.30-1.30 Family Lunch BYO picnic and iceblocks for sale
1.30 -3.05 Book fair

**BOOK FAIR**
Our Library will be having a book fair next Thursday from 9am to 3pm. Quality books from well-known authors are available for families to buy and keep or buy and donate to our Library. The books range from $7 to $30.

**Stewart House Donation Drive 2013**
WIN A $4000 HOLIDAY - to a destination of your choice!

Please remember to return envelopes to school by Stewart House Day on 10 May 2013.

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**Driving and parking safely near the school**

- School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all children.
- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on each gazetted school day.
- Park safely if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs – they are planned with children's safety in mind. Fines and demerit points apply if you park illegally.
- NEVER double park – it puts children at risk.

- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

**Minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone**

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*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.


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Gillieston Public School  
P & C Association

We would like to welcome all Parents (and carers) and Citizens, as well as Gillieston teaching, administrative and support staff, to the 2013 Academic year.

On March 14, 2013, the Gillieston Public School P & C held their Annual General Meeting. Below are your elected representatives for the coming 12 months:

President: Stan MIKOLAJSKI
Secretary: Jody MIKOLAJSKI
Treasurer: Sharee OLDHAM
Vice President (1): Andrea COCKS
Vice President (2): to be elected
Treasurer’s Assistant: Geoffrey MOWBRAY
Canteen Co-ordinator: Jody MIKOLAJSKI
Uniform Co-ordinator: Ursula PRICE

With your support, the P & C endeavours to promote your children’s development and well-being at Gillieston Public School.

Some of the initiatives your P & C will be working on in the coming months:

1. Fencing of new areas;
2. Construction of new footpaths/pathways;
3. Opening of new Canteen (scheduled for Term 2, 2013);
4. Book donation coinciding with Anzac Day;
5. End of Term Disco;
6. Guessing Competition Tickets and Cake Stall coinciding with the Easter Hat Parade and Grandparents’ Day;
7. Suggestions Box (to be located in front office) for those that have some great ideas/suggestions but can’t make it to a meeting;
8. P & C/Information Board in front office;
9. Improved traffic and parking management around the School;
10. Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings (20 October);
11. Fundraising BBQ at Masters.

If anyone has any suggestions for improvements to the school as well as fundraising, please let us know.

Also, if any parent/carer has any specific skills/profession/qualifications, please let us know if you are able to provide your time and/or services to make our school even better than it already is. Funding for school projects is tighter than ever and there are a number of projects in and around the school that may not come to light if we cannot get the support we need from our School Community.

Thanks again – looking forward to huge 2013 at Gillieston Public School.

Stan Mikolajski
PRESIDENT
Most families know that Gillieston Public will finally be getting their canteen. Thanks to the hard work of the 2012 P & C and administration.

My name is Jody, and I have the honour of being the Canteen Coordinator. At the time of writing this there have been no details decided, such as the number of days the canteen will operate or when it will be opening.

What is it that you would like to see on your child's canteen menu?

Please keep in mind that I have guidelines that I have to follow. I will not have any fried foods, fizzy drinks, or high sugar drinks (cordial type drinks).

Parents and Teachers, please use this form to write 3 or 4 suggestions. Return this form to the front office ASAP so we can get the ball rolling.

Thanks,
Jody

Please use this space to give me an idea of what you would like to see on the menu in the canteen.

We have students with different food allergies and whilst we don’t encourage nuts, we understand that some products will contain nuts.

Is your child gluten, dairy or egg free? Please let us know here. I don’t need names, just suggestions. Please return to administration office as soon as possible.
2012 Christmas Guessing Competition Sponsors

Jim’s Cleaning (Maitland)
Telephone: 0466 089 904
Call Centre ph: 131 546
E-mail: evie@jimsclening.net.au
www.jimsclening.net.au

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Harvey World Travel
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