**Term 1 - Week 11**

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**Regular Events**

- **Mondays**
  - School Banking
- **Fridays**
  - Whole School Assemblies

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**SCHOOL ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

This Friday our school will be holding an ANZAC Day service in the hall, replacing our usual Friday Assembly. Special guests have been invited and all parents and community are welcome.

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**MAITLAND ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

Our school will be marching from the fire station in Church St Maitland, to Maitland Park Cenotaph. Students will need to wear their school uniform and meet at 10:30 am. The service should be finishing around 12noon.

Mrs Johanson will be there to supervise and march with the children. Please encourage your family to be part of this community event.

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**CHANGES TO BELL TIMES**

As part of a School Welfare initiative, next term will have changes to the times students eat and play.

- **Lunch Eating Time**: 11:05 to 11:15am
- **Lunch Playtime**: 11:15 to 12:05 pm
- **Recess Playtime**: 1:35 to 2:00pm

School starting and finishing times will remain the same. The plan is to spend less time putting hats on and off, lining up, unpacking and packing equipment.

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**Wednesday 10th April, 2013**

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

It's that time of year again!

As of Monday 8 April, we started collecting points to earn wonderful learning resources for our school. Sticker cards are available from the school office or your local Woolworths store. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths, you will receive a sticker that you place on the card. Once your card is full, it can be returned to the box at school and you will be given a new card.

Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

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**READING BUG AWARDS**

Emmalinne, Paige, Paul, Braedan & Jasmin

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**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**KC Awards**

Sam, Lily, Tiffany & Drew

**K/1R Awards**

Maddison B, Paige & Aleah

**1/2L Awards**

Rory, Jack, Kayla & Marko

**2/3CH Awards**

Jacob HA, Malcolm, Brianna G & Hayden

**3/4M Awards**

Alyssa, Amy, Mikealee & Jasmin

**5/6T Awards**

Lincoln, Ainsley & Alana

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**WANTED! PARENT HELPERS**

If you are available to help out please leave your name and contact details at the office, with your child’s class teacher or Mrs Hunter.
SHAVE FOR A CURE
On Tuesday, Mrs Childs was kind enough to come to Gillieston Public School to help assist with Gillieston’s ‘Shave for a Cure’ effort. To the amusement and delight of the students, Mrs Childs shaved my beard and hair off as part of this worthwhile cause. Thank you to the families of Gillieston who have already been so generous in sponsoring me in this endeavour. I am sure that your generosity will be greatly appreciated and go towards finding a cure.

If you are able to assist us raising as much money as possible for this worthwhile cause, we will be collecting donations at the school up until this Friday.

Thank you again for your wonderful support.
Paul Toohey

Is it too late!

ASTHMA ACTION PLANS
All students who have asthma need to have their plans updated annually. Yellow forms have been sent home. If your child has asthma it is important that this form be returned.

UPDATE YOUR DETAILS
If any of your details such as phone, address etc have recently changed could you please notify the school so that we can keep our records up to date. Up to date records are essential to ensure data provided to the department is accurate.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Winter uniform orders have arrived and may now be collected from the office.

P & C MEETING
The next meeting will be Thursday 11th April at 9:10am.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY READING FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES
Encouraging your kids to pick up a few good books during the holidays is a great way to keep their hard-earned reading skills from slipping.

Choosing good holiday reading books for your child
It may be stating the obvious, but the best books you can buy or borrow for your kids during the holidays are the ones that your child will actually read. Find out how many words they like to see on the page for it still to be fun to read, check out the last book they enjoyed, ask them what topics interest them – and don't be afraid to expand their horizons.

When reading to young ones, you may want to pick a book you love too (as you will be reading it over and over with them).

Books for young kids
For boys and girls in Kindergarten to Year 2, you can't go past the fun rhyming text of Ursula Dubosarsky's *The Terrible Plop*. The team also recommends Libby Gleeson's *Clancy & Millie and the Very Fine House*.

For boys and girls in Years 3 and 4, *Ballroom Bonanza* by Nina Rycroft is a fabulous rhyming alphabetical picture book. Nette Hilton's *The Adventures of a Late-Night Swearer* and *The Walk Right in Detective Agency* series by Moya Simons have heaps of humour and a quirky appeal.

Books for tweens
Girls in Years 5 and 6 will enjoy Sally Murphy's *Pearl Verses the World*, the story of a girl who writes in blank verse and belongs to a group of one, and boys will enjoy any of the crazy but cool books in Andy Griffith's *Schooling Around* series. More advanced readers in this age group may like *Noodle Pie* by Ruth Starke, an Australian-Vietnamese story.
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