MINI HOT DOG REWARD

Congratulations to the whole school for reaching our first Gillo Gold target. On Monday everyone had a mini hot dog as a reward for reaching the first line on the big box.

Our next reward will be a cricket match with the teachers. So keep earning those Gillo Golds so we can reach the next level on our big box.

The PBL focus this week is - Follow Instructions

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Kindergarten 2015 Orientation sessions are now completed and we are all very excited about them starting next year.

The dates for next year are now in the diary for families to put into their calendars.

In previous years we have announced the class lists, teachers and rooms before the holidays ready to start. This year we will be leaving it until the end of the first week. As you can imagine, with the many new houses in the area we have students transferring in across many grades. Our plan is to have pencilled plans that can be finalised once we have students enrolled and attending.

Our school has been selected to display our PBL journey so far with other schools, as we have made such great progress this year. Mrs Chapman and I will be in Newcastle on Thursday showing what a great school Gillieston is to lots of other schools in our area.

Our Mascot Competition starts today with details mentioned on another page in this newsletter. I am looking forward to working with parents and staff to choose our finalists, who will then have their work selected by the students.

Information about Presentation Evening is also included in this week’s newsletter.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

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KOALAS

Koalas have had another fun week of learning. In our Math lessons we have been doing some detective work where we traced around our shoes and compared their area with the area of our friend’s shoes. Then we placed our shoe prints in order from the smallest area to the largest area. We discovered that Byron’s foot has the largest area of all the Koalas and that Destiny has the smallest. A huge welcome to our new friend Luke, we are very happy to have you as a member of our class!

WALLABIES

As we head toward the end of the year, we are still doing a lot of valuable learning in the Wallabies room. We have discussed the changes in technology from the past to the present, and examined some footage of what school was like in the past. Did you know that recess was called playlunch? While we noticed lots of differences there were many things the same, for example, reading, maths and craft. Our multiplication and division skills are improving with many of us discovering strategies to help with our 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

Secret Santa notes went home this week, and if you would like your child to participate, please return the signed note by Friday 28.11.14.
QUOLLS AND BILBIES

We have been learning about Local Government in our classes. Our school is located in the Maitland City Council Local Government area and we had a visit from the Mayor of Maitland, Peter Blackmore. He spoke to the children about the roles and responsibilities of being the Mayor of Maitland and what role the Maitland City Council has within the community. The students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and the interested questions which they asked the Mayor. It was an interesting afternoon and a wonderful way for the children to make connections with how the local government works and what it’s responsibilities are.

Thank you to Mayor Peter Blackmore for coming along to share his experiences and knowledge with stage two.

Mrs Thompson and Mrs Morante
**KOALAS**
Jacob K
Jett M
Sienna E

**POSSUMS**
Joshua
Logan
Temperance

**WALLABIES**
Katelin P
Caitlyn A
Jack P

**DUGONGS**
Music
Boom Bam
Playing Singing Dancing
Moving to Music
Soundwaves
By Izzy D

Music
Soccer Field
Whistle Chatter
Running Kicking Dribbling
We will win today
Football Oval
By Ainsley and Bella

Music
Cricket
Whack bang
Running hitting catching
Cricket is a fun sport
Sport
By Tyelah J

**Horses**
Neigh clickety clop
Running, trotting, bucking
The Horses make me feel free
Wild
By Shaye D

**Elements**
Drizzle swish
Cracking burning lightning
Elements are unpredictable
Weather
By Stryder

**PRESENTATION EVENING**
Our school Presentation Evening will be held at Maitland City Bowling Club in the Ruby Room on 16 December. All parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited. There will be music performances, awards and presentations as well as recognising our year 6 students who will be continuing on to high school and the announcement of our new school leaders for 2015.

All students are expected to attend, wearing full school uniform. The evening will begin at 6pm.

To be able to show our school value of respect, there will be no food or drink allowed in the Ruby Room during the school function so that the audience can give their full attention to the stage. All mobile phones will need to be on silent.

To be safe, we ask that strollers and prams not be taken into the Ruby Room so that there is space for the audience to find a seat.

Students will be sitting on the floor in class groups to allow safe access to the stage for awards and performances.

**Week 6 Award Winners**

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**SKOOLBAG APP**
Did you know you can send an absentee note through this App. Use the Parent eForms.
“Save time do it online!”
We are safe, respectful learners
striving for personal best in a happy
and friendly environment.

Our Mascot Competition opens today. All students are encouraged to design an Eastern Rosella school mascot. Entries can be in texta, pencil, crayons or paint and no bigger than A4 (size of newsletter). Every entry received before the closing date will receive a prize. Parents and carers are invited to attend the next PBL meeting after school, to collaboratively choose the finalists with staff members. The winning entry will be voted on by students from the finalists on 4 December and announced at Presentation Evening on 16 December.

This week the expectation focus is on Following Instructions. These are the Universal Expectations. That means everyone everywhere is expected to behave this way, students, teachers, parents and carers. Teachers will be looking for students following this expectation and rewarding them with Gillo Golds.

Next Meeting- **Date:** 2/12/14  **Time:** 3:15  **Where:** Room 4

Agenda: Choosing the finalists in the Mascot Competition

Follow Instructions

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### Just For Fun!

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