The Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge started this week. Gillieston Public School Library has many interesting books from the reading lists. Maitland and Kurri Kurri libraries can also help.

K-2 students can add “Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley” by Aaron Blabey (25822) to their reading list because it will be read this week in class.

See Mrs Hennen about any problems or enquiries about the Reading Challenge.

From The Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our teachers have been at some professional learning events recently.

One of the events involved principals, assistant principals and aspirants from our Rutherford Learning Community working together to refine practices in school planning procedures.

2014 sees the end of the current three-year plan and we are already thinking about the 2015 to 2017.

There is another Rutherford Learning Community event this afternoon showcasing what some schools have done with their Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) programs.

The school will be starting next Monday with only six classes.

The class lists are attached to this newsletter. I will be available on Thursday and Friday for any parent enquiries about the changes.

The teachers are working hard to enable a smooth transition for all students. We understand that these changes can have an effect on all students as the dynamics in each room change.

I would like to thank Mrs Bennett for her contribution to our school and wish her well in the future. She will be sadly missed.

The student oral presentations are on tomorrow and I can feel the excitement in the air as students are putting together their final touches.

This is a not-to-be-missed event! If you are unable to attend I am sure there will be lots of photos and reports in next week’s newsletter.

- Karen Johanson
Classroom Capers

Bilbies

This week the Bilbies have been working on improving their skills in comprehension using Visualising. As part of our Focus on Reading we have learnt new skills to better understand a text that we have read or listened to on the listening post.

All students have had the opportunity to use the listening post as part of their reading activities each week. This activity involves demonstrating our understanding of the text by drawing the images we see in our head as we read.

Quolls

Literacy

We have all been trying very hard to make our sentences better by including who, when, where, why, how or what facts.

Here are some examples of our work:

In the cave there were lots of paintings from the Aboriginal people.

By Malcolm

My friend Jess received a bronze medal because she came 3rd in a running race.

By Baylee

Who saw the Easter Bunny running along the road yesterday?

By Brianna

My dad had to fill in a form so he can get a new job.

By Kyle

Australia

This week we are continuing to learn about the First Australian’s and the importance of the Dreamtime stories.

We are learning about important places and how the rock paintings tell us about the past.

Cross Country

Family and friends are invited to attend the 2014 Cross Country to be held at Gillieston Public School on Friday, March 21st at 10am.

All students are encouraged to participate in this event. We will be giving students the opportunity to start practising at school during PE each day. It is about running at a sustainable pace.

Students aged 8 and up and who can run the whole course have the opportunity to represent our school at the Maitland Zone Cross Country event in April.

Students in Kinder, Year 1 and 2 will be running a shorter course. All students will walk the course prior to competing in their race.

Students are reminded to wear suitable footwear eg: joggers. No Spikes. Please ensure your child has extra water and fruit on the day.

Come along and support our students
This week we have been playing math games together.

“I like playing dominoes,”
- Ben

“I like to play the Robot game,“
- Lillie-May

“The Teddy Bear Race game is fun because I like having little races with the teddies”
- Dallas

“The robot game helps me with knowing my numbers.”
- Paige.

“My favourite number is ten. I like making number stories with the buses,”
- Jacob

“You know I can count to thirty.
- Phoenix.

“It’s tricky making numbers with playdough.”
- Noah.

“My magic number is three. I love singing the Cheeky Monkey song”
- Sharlee

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Week 4 Award Winners

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**Dugongs**
We have written some about being “Resilient.”

**How to be...**
- Respect a friend
- Ease back into it
- Say you can do it
- I can do it
- Learn to do it
- I wont give up
- Everyone can do it
- Never give up trying
- Try again

*By Isobella*

**How to be...**
- Respect each other
- Enthusiastic and fun
- Super student
- Intelligent and smart students
- Learner and readers
- Incredible at everything
- Encourage people and show them what to do
- Never give up and keep going
- Think positive

*By Ainsley*

**How to be...**
- Respect and Responsible
- Enthusiastic all the time
- Super learner
- Incredible means to believe
- Learning and listening is how every good thing starts
- Intelligent comes from the brain and heart
- Encourage others to never strop
- Never give up
- Think positive

*By Zoe*

**Echidnas**
We are very excited about our visitors coming on Thursday.

In peer support, we made a jack-in-the-box. They squished and sprung in and out.

We are practising for our class cross-country so we are going for long runs to the fence and back.

In drama we have been pretending to be inside fairy tales.

*Chelsey and Luke*

**Wallabies**
Last week we learnt about graphs.

Graphs are good because they give us information that is easy to read.

We made a graph with the Echidnas. Our graph showed what colour cars Stage 1 children have.

We are excited about our visitors coming on Thursday and we have a special surprise planned.

*Tia and Caleb*

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**Student Oral Presentations**

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*Tomorrow*
**By Example** By Hollie and Zach

“Having a Go” and encouraging younger students has benefits for everyone.

Each Monday, Dugongs (5-6) conduct Peer Support time for K to 4 students.

Peer Support gives the younger students encouragement and a sense of “Having a Go” under the guidance of their older school mates.

Students participate in various activities that have included competitions, craft projects and fun games as well as discussions about school life and ways to cope with one another.

“My favourite thing is when we get the kids to communicate and express themselves,” said Peer Support Leader, Zach and Co-leader, Hollie.

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**Attack of the Godzillas** By Stryder and Jacob

Inspired by stories and movies, Stryder and Jacob expressed their creative sides by building something interesting

Jacob and Stryder built 2 *Mobilo* Godzilla’s. Jacobs *Godzilla* has a long tail and a sharp tail piece.

Stryder’s *Godzilla* has jetpack arms, jetpack legs and backup jetpacks and a second head.

They were fighting robots at first but they were upgraded into *Godzilla*’s. “We built *Godzilla* models because we wanted to know what our fighting robots would look like as *Godzilla,*” said Stryder.
School Uniforms...

School photos are going to be held on March 17th, 2014 which is not that far away and if your child/children require a logo shirt, shorts or skorts please come see me at uniform shop on Wednesday between 2-3pm or fill out the order form and place in an envelope with money and pass to your child’s teacher or office.

Stock is limited so be quick. It does take around a week to get more stock.

Uniform Co-ordinator
Tammy Chang

Gillieston Public School Order Form

Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Class: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

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New Class Lists that start this Monday 10 March 2014

Possums
Cooper A
Declan A
Tylah B
Phoenix B
Tyrone C
Harrison C
Sharlee C
Temperance E
Logan E
Brodie F
Amelia H
Riley H
Bradley H
Joshua H
Dallas J
Paige K
Mia S
Raya T
Harrison T
Jack W

Wallabies
Caitlyn A
Tiffany A
Cooper A
Toby B
Maddison B
Kivy B
Tia C
Jack D
Lara F
Jaiden F
Emmelie G
Aiden H
Drew O
Kayla O
Makiah P
Sam R
Jack S
Chelsea W
Kyron B
Tyrone B
Jayden Br
Andrew C
Jack P
Zac S

Quolls
Brody C
Charlotte C
Malcolm F
Rory F
Brianna G
Kyle H
Trisha H
Alora H
Riley J
Dylan O
Ashan P
Marko S
Noah S
Joel W
Jessica B
Amy C
Baylee C
Flynn C
Tyson D

Dugongs
Jayden G
Luke H
Matthew H
Tyler K
Shaylee T
Jac C
Bella D
Amber E
Samuel F
Alyssa-Jane F
Tyler G
Kailey G
Riley H
Zoe U
Hollie W
Zac B
Isaac B
Stryder B
Isabella C
Ainsley C
Shaye D
Charli F
Chase F
Emmanuel G
Vaughan H
Tyelah J
Zach K
Aliyah L
Lakayla S
Hana W

Bilbies
Jayden Be
Caleb E
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Jacob H
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Emily K
Kevin M
Riley M
Aidan M
Bradley W
Wedding Fashion Parade
MBC Community Event
SATURDAY MARCH 29 2014, 2 - 5pm
Maitland Baptist Church
Wealands Street, Rutherford

All funds raised will benefit the Kim Jones Children’s Home in Africa

This is a great opportunity for you to participate in a fun event –

... as a Bride, Bridesmaid, Flower Girl or Page Boy. You may even wish to re-create your special day by getting your original Wedding Party together just one more time. Dresses of all types can be worn by owners or donated for others to wear on the day, or for display only.

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Your Family Tax Specialist

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
Friday 21 March 2014

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