From The Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fabulous showcase of the learning that is happening at Gillieston Public School!

The Student Oral Presentations were a great success as all students had some input into their reflections of the first six weeks of term 1.

Some students had their voices recorded onto a DVD, some worked in groups to develop and show a powerpoint presentation, some stood in front of the crowd to talk or to point and some presented mini plays using props they made themselves.

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and grandparents who came and supported the students.

Your attendance meant a lot to the students and the teachers.

Thank you also to the teachers for the extra time they put in to ensure all students participated and well done to all the students who showed us their achievements.

We are now ready to plan our Easter/Harmony Day Extravaganza.

The Events Committee has a meeting at 6:30pm tonight.

Next week is a busy week as Mrs Madden starts her leave on Monday; Mrs Digby starts her leave next Wednesday, school photos on Monday, our school cross country carnival on Friday and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence also on Friday.

- Karen Johanson
Bilbies  *Matthew and Riley*

During week six, the Bilbies have been working hard on their projects for their presentation. The subject is Big, Fun, Dangerous things in Australia.

They have been using their learning skills to successfully accomplish all their tasks.

This had made their teachers very proud of them.

*R: Students with their Big, Fun, Dangerous projects.*

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Quolls

Thank you to everyone who came along last week. We hope you enjoyed seeing what we have been up to.

A quote from one of the students, ‘I didn’t think there would be that many people here to see us.’ You really did make them feel special.

Last week we worked with money during maths time. We were adding, subtracting, identifying and sorting coins. We all had lots of fun while we were learning.

At assembly last week students performed using the drama skills they have been learning with Mrs Thompson. They were amazing. For those that missed the performance, I have them on video for our next class presentation event.

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Cross Country - March 21

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 not a sprint, it is a distance race. It is about running at a sustainable pace.

Students aged 8 and up 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.*
Mr Cuddle’s Big Adventure

The Koalas have been very busy this week with a variety of activities going on.

We have been making pictures of our jolly phonics sounds. My favourite picture is “r” rainbow.

I like colouring in different colours of the rainbow.

I like to read books. We have been reading “Big Sea Creatures” in my group. I like learning our sounds. I got to take home our class bear, “Mr Cuddles” last week and I made a special book about our adventure.

Possums

This Week’s Highlights

- Parents visit to our classroom to see our quality work.
- Learning how to measure the length of things. We love measuring lollies.
- Reading books every day by ourselves. We are practising how to be good readers.
- Showing off our great tennis skills and running the cross country course.

When I grow Up...

Raya: Teacher
Amelia: Designer
Joshua, Phoenix and Temperance: Doctor
Paige: Ocean Vet
Declan, Harrison, Sharlee: Firefighter
Tylah, Tyrone: Policeman
Bradley H: Artist
Dallas: Builder
Harrison C, Mia: Vet
Logan: Detective.
Jack: Operator

AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS

Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?

You are invited to attend our FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton
Time: 9.30am — 2.00pm
Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April — For Catering Purposes
      Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
      or Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014
- The Impact of being a Parent/Carer – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
- Building Parent Resilience – Jackie Currey, First Chance

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014
- Siblings – HNE – Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
- National Disability Insurance Agency – Suzanne Punshon
- Using Assisted Technology – Ben Coombe, Samaritans

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014
- The Importance of Support Groups – Bronwyn Thoroughgood - Families Supporting Families
- Child Behaviour that Challenges Us – Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
- Discrimination – Your Rights and Responsibilities – Claire Williams – Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

Respite may be available by contacting Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222
Playing Together by Tyler

Our school provides sport and fun things to play with during our daily breaks.

There are cricket, basketball balls, soccer balls and exercise balls to keep us entertained at lunch and recess.

Another interesting plaything is Mobilo construction sets that we can make things out of including trucks and planes—in fact, anything our imagination can think of.

“I can just invent something interesting on my own or play with friends. That’s the best thing about having all these things.”

Reading - Australian Cultural Diversity

This week Koalas, Possums and Wallabies listened to “Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo,” by Alison Lester (9566).

K-2 students can add this book to their Premier’s Reading Challenge list.

We are reading stories about Australia’s Cultural Diversity for Harmony Day.

Bilbies and Quolls are listening to “The Rainbow Serpent” and Dugongs are listening to “The Rabbits” by Shaun Tan.
RUTHERFORD FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATIONS 2014 SEASON
All new registration will need a copy of birth certificate or passport

Meet the Coach
Sunday 16th March 2014 At Maitland Leagues Club
UNDER 6 & 10:15AM, UNDER 7 - 11AM
UNDER 8 & UNDER 9 – 11:45AM, UNDER 10 & UNDER 11 – 12:30AM
UNDER 12, 13 & 14 – 1:00, UNDER 15, 16 & 17 – 1:30PM
All Age Women & Over 35s – 2pm

Rutherford Football Club Registrations 2014 Season
All new registration will need a copy of birth certificate or passport

Only Spots available are
Under 6 have 6 spots & 6 Spots in Girls team
Under 7 have 2 spots in Girls team & 5 Spots in mixed teams
Under 9 have 7 spots, Under 10 have 4 spots, Under 12 have 2 spots
Under 14 have 5 spots, Under 16 have 13 Spots
All Fees have stayed the same as 2012 Season
Registration Fees Rutherford Football Club 2014

Under 5 to Under 7 $70.00 Per Player
Under 8 to Under 11 $80.00 Per Player
Under 12 to Under 18 $ 120.00 Per Player
Adults $ 250.00 Per Player

THIS YEAR THE CLUB IS DOING FAMILY DISCOUNT
SECOND PLAYER $10 DISCOUNT & THIRD PLAYER $ 20 DISCOUNT
ALSO ALL PLAYERS WILL GET FREE SOCKS BUT NEW PLAYERS GET SHORTS & SOCKS also Under 6s & Under 7s get Shin Pads & Soccer Ball

If the Full Registration Fees & Bonds aren't paid by 1st April the club will De-registrar any player

Rutherford Football Club Weekly Match Fees
THIS IS PAID EVERYWEEK BUT IF WE DON'T PLAY DUE TO WASH OUTS YOU DON'T PAY
Small Sided Games U5 to U7 $3.00 per player
Small Sided Games U8 to U11 $4.00 per player
Combined Association U12 to U18 $7.00 per player
Adult Teams $10.00 per player

Approx Rounds 15 For All Under 5 to Under 18
Under 5 to Under 7 $ 45 for Season
Under 8 to Under 11 $ 60 for Season
Under 12 to Under 18 $105 for Season
Approx Rounds 18 For All Adults $180 for Season

These are collected from every player
Friday / Saturday / Sunday Every Game Day.

CLUB SECRETARY: 0423361736
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www.rutherfordfc.com.au

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## Diary Dates

**14th March**  
Maitland Zone  
Girls Soccer Trials

**17th March**  
School Photo Day  
Book Club Due

**20th March**  
P&C AGM

**21st March**  
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

**21st March**  
School Cross Country Carnival

**BANKING DAY**  
Please note the new banking day is Tuesday

**Friday Assembly**  
9.15am - Parents and Guardians welcome

## Week 6 Award Winners

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## The simplest way to make shopping fun

Grocery shopping is an important time for kids to learn about storage, selection and preparation of fruit and veg.

Try these games next shopping trip to challenge your kids’ fruit & veg knowledge:

1. **Play fruit & veg 'I spy'** - name a colour and get your kids to find all the fruit and veg they can in that colour.
2. **Fruit or veg of the week** - let your kids select a new fruit or veg to try for that week. Brainstorm together what meals you could create with this new ingredient.
3. **If you’re stuck for variety** - set your kids a challenge to pick a furry fruit, an odd coloured vegie or a vegie that grows in the ground.

Try different ways of approaching fruit and veg: you’ll be surprised at the difference it makes to your child’s eating habits.

For more information visit  
www.eattitobeatit.com.au  
or join us at facebook.com/eattitobeatit

## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 21 March 2014