Remembering
the Fallen

Lest We Forget

On Wednesday, the 9th of April, we had Mr Goode and Mr Henry speak at the ANZAC ceremony at our school. Two children from each class laid their wreath among the flag poles. We sang the last post, the National Anthem, and the Last ANZAC, Charli read “In Flanders’ Field”, Ainsley read “The meaning of ANZAC”, Zac read “The Ode”. Ainsley and Isabella raised the flags.

Charli and Rory represented our school at the Maitland ANZAC service at the Bowling club.

Written by Charli and Ainsley

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2. As you can see, the Newsletter is a constant work in progress as we continually try to make it more appealing to the whole school community. Thank you to Mr Dunkley, who last term, used his graphic design skills and some student collaboration to begin this process.

The P&C AGM was held late last term and I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their time and efforts in 2013. Congratulations and welcome to the new committee.

President—Alex Bellamy
Vice President—Simone Winter
Vice President—Kate Mellross
Secretary—Leanne Way
Treasurer—Rachel Kalb
Canteen Co-ordinator—Melissa Hibbit
Fundraising Co-ordinator—Tegan Dann
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator—Tammy Chang

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who shared in the school ANZAC Day Ceremony, Easter Harmony Day and Book Fair. The students made colourful hands which will go on display in the hall to become a Hall of Harmony. There were lots of creative hats made and paraded on the day. Thank you to all the families for their support, in particular the P&C who worked so hard with the Guessing Competition and Sausage Sizzle.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Harmony Day

On Friday 11th April Gillieston Public School celebrated Harmony Day. Most children participated by wearing orange.

Our Peer Support groups joined in a Harmony Day activity. All the children enjoyed the Harmony Day activities. All the kids now understand what Harmony Day is all about.

Written by Kailey and Zoe
Easter Parade

On the same day as Harmony Day we enjoyed the Easter Hat Parade. We all joined in and wore amazing Easter hats. We had very happy winners of the P&C Easter guessing competition that will enjoy their prizes. There were a lot of tickets that were sold. We thank Mrs Hennen for running the book fair. All the kids really appreciated the wonderful books and will enjoy reading the books they purchased. We also thank the P&C for the tasty sausage sizzle. All the kids went home happy and can’t wait for next year.

Written by Kailey and Zoe
Paul Kelly Cup

We have two teams representing us at the Paul Kelly Cup Day on the 6th May. They will be travelling to Max McMahon Oval at Rutherford. We would like to wish them all the best. We hope they have a fun day and enjoy meeting and playing against students from other schools in our area.

Active After School Activities

A note has been sent home to students who are interested in being involved in this term’s Active After School Program. Please complete and sign the permission note if your child is interested. Please note that this is not a child care program but is aimed at:

* increasing opportunities for inclusive participation
* in quality, safe and fun sport and other structured physical activity, and
* to stimulate local community involvement in sport and other structured physical activity.

There is a choice of activities:
Mondays—League Tag
Tuesdays—Gymnastics

Players Code of Behaviour

* Play by the rules.
* Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
* Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.

* Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
* Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
* Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
* Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
* Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

From the P & C

The P&C would like welcome all families back from the Easter break and hoping everyone had a safe and happy holiday. We would like to thank everyone for their patience regarding the Easter Hat parade. A few issues will be ironed out before the next event and will ensure smooth running. A big thank you to all volunteers that helped on the day.

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday the 8th May and Friday the 9th May in the school hall. Classes will be coming through one at a time to purchase gifts. Gifts will range from $2 - $6. Students will be limited to purchasing 2 per child on Thursday and will then have a second chance on Friday to purchase additional gifts. There will be a limited number of gifts for grandmothers if students are wanting to purchase for grandparents. Any volunteers that are able to assist with the stalls are in need of helpers at the following times:
- Thursday 12.00pm – 12.30pm
- 12.30pm – 1.00pm
- 1.00pm – 1.30pm
- 1.30pm – 2.00pm
- Friday 10.30am – 11.00am
- 11.00am – 11.30am
- 11.30am - 12.00pm
Please feel free to pop in to help, have a look or just have a chat!!

Mother’s Day Wrapping
On Wednesday 7th May the P&C will be wrapping Mothers Day gifts in the hall. If anyone could spare an hour to help us wrap (or a coffee and a chat) it would be greatly appreciated. We are starting once kids have gone into class just after 9.00am.

The next P&C meeting is Thursday 8th May 2014.
All parents, grandparents and caregivers welcome.

From the Canteen

The school canteen is back, open after the Easter Break and is still going five days a week. Lunch orders can be dropped in the mailbox of a morning near the COLA. A new menu is on the way with some yummy ideas and cool concepts. If there are any parents wanting to help out in the canteen please complete the form and return it to the office (please circle):

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Contact Phone Number - 

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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).
Did You Know?
A day on the planet Neptune lasts about 19 hours, but a Neptune year is 165 Earth-years long.