Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fantastic day we had for our school Athletics Carnival. All the teachers felt so proud to see the many parents and grandparents, family and friends, who came to support the students in their endeavours on the sports field. I was extremely proud of all the students who participated and gave their best. A big well done to our Kindergarten students who tried really hard at their very first carnival. I’m sure they can’t wait for the next one.

A reminder to all parents to keep your details up to date. For your child’s care in an emergency we need to be able to contact you immediately. A good way to keep in touch is to download the “Gillieston Public School Skoolbag app”. You can find this in the iTunes store or your android play store. It is a FREE app. You can also register absences, download the newsletter and receive alerts that come up about school events. “Save time do it online!”

Facebook—Please note that our school or P&C does not have any association with any Facebook pages in our community.

Have a great week everyone!

Mrs Madden ☺
Rel. Principal
**Classroom Capers**

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**Possums**

The highlight of our week was the Athletics Carnival. The students had a fantastic time competing in all the fun events. The Possums competed in a modified version of long jump, high jump, discus and running races, as well as participating in many novelty events. “I like long jump because you get to run and jump in the sand!” – Harrison T

The students have been having a lot of fun learning about Area in Maths too! This week there was a handprint found in our classroom and the students measured the area of their hand and compared it with the handprint we found. They played the role of investigators and their goal was to find and prove whether the handprint belonged to them.

“My hand is bigger than Riley's hand!” - Logan

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**Koalas—Look what 3D shapes we found in our school!!!**

We have been working really hard in Maths this week on 3D objects. We went for a walk around the school and took photos of 3D objects found in our environment. We printed the photos out and then classified them according to the type of 3D objects they were. We also found more 3D objects in our environment by looking through shopping catalogues. We each had a catalogue and made our own collage of the 3D objects we found, which are displayed in our classroom.

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**Wallabies**

Our unit of work on mini-beasts continues and we have been creating artworks to supplement our unit. In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing. We are now learning about fractions and yesterday we got to cut lamingtons into quarters.

We were able to work out that 2/4 is the same as 1/2. It was interesting to see the different ways that we were able to cut our lamingtons into 4 equal parts.

We all enjoyed the athletics carnival last week, and in particular the running races!

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**NAIDOC DAY**

On the last day of this term we will be celebrating NAIDOC day. Students are asked to wear a red, black or yellow shirt to school.

More details next week.
**Classroom Capers**

**QUOLLS**—Take a look at our amazing “Micro-Environment” dioramas!

Jacob H—This is in the grasslands, near a swamp, it has a grasshopper that is climbing up a log and the caterpillar is coming out of the log.

Joel—This is a lady beetle in a tree near a pond. It has got flowers around it.

Flynn —This is about spiders near the hole. One of them is about to come out of the hole.

Matthew—This is a Halloween web that I used for the outline of a nappy box and covered it with brown paper. I got the dead grass. This is up high in a forest tree.

Ashan—This is a flower bed habitat that the lady bugs live in. The lady bugs get their food from the flowers that grow in the garden.

Amy—This is a spider habitat. It shows the lifecycle of spiders from the eggs to the grown up spiders.

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**BILBIES**

Project work has been a focus in our classroom this term. Students have created some amazing mini-beast environments and fabulous, wonderful and cool models of ships that sailed with The First Fleet in 1788. We welcome Miss Clulow to our class from Newcastle University for the next 2 weeks and the first 2 weeks of next term.
STUDENT REPORT UPDATE

Reports will be going home this Friday the 20th June. If you have scheduled an interview with the class teacher you will receive a confirmation note with the report. This will give you the time of your appointment. Please keep in mind 10 minutes has been allocated to each interview. It would be helpful if you have read the report before the interview and have listed some questions about the report.

U, S, R—What do they mean?
U = Usually
S = Sometimes
R = Rarely

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT 2014
On Thursday 12th of June, the weather was perfect (fog was visible), the track was marked and Gillieston Public held its annual Athletics carnival. What a colourful fun day with yellow, red, green and blue covering Smyth Field.
The standard was once again high this year.
Long Jump and the famous egg and spoon event were once again a hit with students. One of the most popular events of the day was high jump, with students and of course our teacher friend Nick, from Rutherford High, who were soaring through the sky.
The female field was strong with the fastest on the track for seniors being Ainsley C. In the 11yrs group was Hollie W and fastest junior was Shaylee T. An extremely close finish saw a dead heat between Jessica B and Brianna G in the 800m junior girls final.
The male field was equally strong with the fast finishing times from the senior group being Zac B. In the 11yrs group was Samuel F and Zaine G taking out fastest junior.

The 200m final was a great race, Aiden S managed to hold off his rivals and narrowly won the event. Well done Aiden for coming first and Sebastian F a close runner up!
Congratulations to all our sub-junior runners for fantastic speed in their age races 5yrs, 6yrs and 7yrs.
Hot topic at the moment is who will be the age champions. The best performers from each age group with the highest point score, males and females, on the day will be announced at our next assembly.
All students who won track and field events and have qualified for the Zone Athletics Carnival will compete at Glendale in Term 3. Students selected will be notified early next week.
The war cry competition was held on Friday 13th of June at school. Fabulous chants and loud voices were heard all around. Drumroll...!! Our Judge Mrs Curtis had an extremely hard job but Maxwell took out this challenge and got an extra 40 points, close 2nd was Walsh house receiving 20 points and Gillies and Dawson tied on 3rd place for 10 points each.
Well done to all house captains for great sportsmanship and leadership skills and supporting your fellow house participants on the day.
Thank you to all Gillieston students who joined in the fun events and cheered on their friends. Well done to everyone for outstanding behaviour, good manners and for creating such an enthusiastic and enjoyable atmosphere!!
The winning house will be announced on Friday. Cross your fingers and toes!!!!!
I would like to extend a big thanks to all staff, P and C members, parent helpers and Rutherford High student/teachers who helped with various duties before and on the day. A special thank you goes out to Patrick and Judy from Maitland Little Athletics for all their equipment supplied and tireless effort to make our day such a success.

Report by Mrs Penton and Miss Warby.
**Gardening Gurus**

The Gillo Gardening Gurus have been working hard to get some great vegetables and fruit growing in the garden.

Under the supervision of Tegan we have purchased more products to help the plants during the colder months.

**Active After School Activities**

**GYMNASTICS**

The Gymnastics has come to an end for the term. The students have had an amazing time learning new acrobatic skills and techniques. A big thank you to Kevin M and Kyle H who helped set up every week. Well done boys!

**LEAGUE TAG—MAKE UP MONDAY**

Next Monday will be the last day for the League Tag. This is to make up for the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

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**KIDS HELPLINE**************

We can chat about anything:

- What's going on at home
- A friend who needs help
- Something bothering you at school
- You're feeling sad or confused
- Anything else you want

What you talk about is between you and your counsellor and you don’t even have to tell us your name. If you need to talk to someone straight away,


call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.
Wow, what an amazing turnout for the school athletics carnival, the sun even made an appearance for the day! The kids certainly looked like they were having a blast with so many fun activities to be involved with. Well done kiddies.

A big thank you to all the fabulous volunteers who gave up their time, whether it be organising beforehand, baking cakes, volunteering on the day or packing up afterwards. Without these dedicated volunteers the P&C would not be able to hold so many wonderful fundraising events. Thank you to all of those who showed their support on the day, very much appreciated and thank you to the staff for organising such a fantastic day.

On the day the P&C held a cake stall which raised $65.00. There were some wonderful treats available and we were so lucky to have so many donations. The "100's Club" was another fundraising event on the day and the winner was Maree Dobbins, congratulations Maree. There was a $100 profit from this. Our sporting extravaganza was drawn and the three winners were: 1st Kerry Brown, 2nd Eulo family and 3rd Jayden Bellamy, congratulations to all the winners. $217.00 was raised from the sporting extravaganza.

With NAIDOC Day on Friday 27th June the P&C is organizing some activities to run in conjunction with the schools events. Mel from the canteen has organised a yummy lunch menu for the day, snacks similar to the athletics carnival, tea/coffee (gold coin donation), cake stall (donations would be greatly appreciated) and more. Any volunteers who would like to help out on the day please let us know.

A reminder to all the parents who have signed out chocolate boxes, please return them before the school holidays next week. We still have chocolate boxes available to sell if you would like to take a box please feel free to ask at the canteen.

The next P&C meeting will be held in Thursday 19th June at 9:15 am in the school hall. Looking forward to seeing you all.
Q. What runs around a farm but doesn’t move?
A. A fence!

Q. What did one plate say to the other?
A. Lunch is on me!

Q. Why did the shoe cry?
A. It bit its tongue!

Q. When does it rain money?
A. When there’s a change in the weather!

Q. Why can’t a bike stand up for itself?
A. Because it’s two tired!

Did You Know?
Yawning is your body’s way of forcing more oxygen into your lungs to try to make you feel more awake.
We are having a Dance Program at our school in Term 3 this year. The Program is called “Dance2bfit” it is an energetic, innovative and fun way for our students to get fit and funky learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time.

Dance2bfit has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.

This will be an 8 week program that will be run by accredited dance staff. Classroom teachers will be present at all sessions. At the end of the term, we will have a 'Dance Spectacular' where each class will perform their favourite dance style for family and friends. The 'Spectacular' will be at the end of term 3. Therefore all students are expected to participate.

The program is for all K-6 students and will be undertaken on school grounds each Tuesday from 15/7/2014 to 2/9/2014. Students will be taught a new dance every lesson over the 8 week program. A note detailing costumes will be sent home closer to the performance.

The cost of the 8 week program is $25 per child. This payment is due by Friday, 28th June, 2014. (Last day of term 2) If this program is a financial strain on families please discuss with Mrs Johanson. All discussions will be treated as confidential.

Please place payment in an envelope with student’s name, class and Dance2bFit clearly marked and send to the office.

K. Morante (Co-ordinator) K. Johanson (Principal)
NAIDOC DAY CANTEEN PREORDER FORM
FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2014

Child/Families name:__________________________________________________________
Class/Classes:_______________________________________________________________

___ x Beef Burger Combo - $4.00 (inc Beef, Cheese, Tomato sauce burger, Jelly cup, Juice)

___ x Chicken Burger Combo - $5.00 (inc Chicken Schnitzel, Lettuce, Mayo, Jelly cup, Juice)

ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2014.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY. IF PARENTS WOULD LIKE TO ORDER PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE YOUR ORDER ON THIS FORM.

THE CANTEEN WILL BE SELLING A VARIETY OF LOLLIES AND SNACKS. ALSO FOR THE PARENTS THERE WILL BE COFFEE, TEA AND SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY.