From the Principal

Opéra House Performance. Good luck to our very talented Recorder players who are at the Opera House today. What an exciting experience. Thank you to parents and Mrs Couper for your wonderful support and encouragement.

We would also like to wish Ainsley Childs good luck in the Hunter PSSA Soccer at Tomaree this week. We sure do have lots of talented students at Gillieston Public School. This Friday we will be celebrating NAIDOC (‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’) day. The students will be involved in activities from 9:30-11:05am. We will then have lunch as normal and would love for family and friends to come and join us. At 12:05 there will be a short assembly in the hall for students, parents and friends. After the assembly students will return to class for normal lessons. Hope to see you here!

Mrs Donna Madden
Rel. Principal
Possums

Possums have been ‘Book Detectives’ this week and practising independent and peer reading. They have been reading a book of their choice to a friend, they then pick a word from the story and they both build the word with letters and play dough. Possums are all fantastic readers! The Possums favourite activity during literacy groups this week was the bean bag sound toss and tall writing. We have lots of fun learning!

Wallabies

What a busy term we have had. We have worked really hard and are all ready for a well-earned rest. Thankyou to the parents who came to the interviews yesterday, and remember for those of you who couldn’t make it, you are able to schedule an appointment with Mrs Couper and Mrs Honan if you need to.

This week we are really enjoying the presentations that have been worked on at home by the children. Mrs Honan and Mrs Couper appreciate the time and effort that has gone into creating some wonderful minibeasts. Here are some photos that we would like to share with you.
Quolls & Bilbies

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KOALAS

The Koalas have been very busy this week working hard in all areas of their learning. The effort in reading groups has been fantastic and some great work was produced by the whole class. In PE we worked on our throwing skill and the improvement in this skill was good to see from all the students. We have started to talk about pollution, especially rubbish, in HSIE and are measuring to see how much rubbish we collect and how much of it we can recycle. We have separate containers in the classroom for the different types of waste to demonstrate how much waste even we as one class produce and ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle these items. In Maths we have been working on area and you can see in the photos that one of the activities we did was to trace our hands and feet and then measure their area using counters.
As it is the end of term, overdue notices will be sent out this week to remind students to return their library books. Please look for any school library books you have hiding at home. Please let me know about any books that you think you have already returned so I can check the shelves. Thank you for your help. Have a great holiday. Mrs Hennen.

**Sport**

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**Dance2bfit**

This program will be starting next term for the students. Dance component of the PE (Physical Education) program. As dance is part of the Australian Curriculum all students will need to participate. If there are financial difficulties please see the office we may be able to assist with part payment.

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**Late Arrivals/Early Leavers**

Please be mindful that children ALWAYS need to arrive or be collected by an adult. There is a sign in and out procedure that needs to be followed as part of DEC attendance requirements. Thank you for your understanding.

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**P & C Reminder**

Chocolate Fundraising boxes and money are due back at School by Friday 27/6/14. Thank you for your support.

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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).
Q. Why is it a bad idea to write a letter on an empty stomach?
A. Because it's much better to write on paper!

Q. What is the one thing that everybody is doing at the same time?
A. Growing older!

Q. When are your eyes not your eyes?
A. When the wind makes them water!

Q. How do angels greet each other?
A. They wave halo!

Did You Know?
Trumpet trees protect themselves by being host to any colonies that guard them from other creatures.