Celebrating NAIDOC Week

On the last day of school last term we celebrated NAIDOC Week. We had lots of great activities. Each teacher did different activities. There was rock painting, honey and damper, clap sticks, Aboriginal games and dot painting pots. There was a photo show and items with Mr Eulo. We had a special assembly and a dance group. Well done girls and boys. It was a wonderful day.

Written by Lakayla

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3. Thank you to Mrs Madden who took on the relieving principal role, doing a fabulous job while I was on leave.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who shared in the school NAIDOC Week celebrations. I have heard that it was a fantastic learning and cultural experience for all. Congratulations to Mrs Thompson and the committee who organised the very successful event. Parents watched proudly as they saw their children perform complicated recorder pieces at the Sydney Opera House. Congratulations and well done to all the recorder group. Thank you to parents who supported their children in this experience, and thank you to Mrs Tuyl and Mrs Couper for their teaching and organising expertise.

This term we have Dance2bfit each Tuesday. Students are learning dances and having lots of fun. Their work will be showcased at the end of the term.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
On the 25th June the recorder group went to the Sydney Opera House. It took 2 hours by bus and we sat on the steps to eat lunch.

After lunch we went inside to practise. After the practise we went with a parent to have dinner. After dinner we met at the steps and went inside for the real thing. We played three songs, the Can Can, Gualahga Dreaming and Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf. After the performance we met at the steps and went to the bus.

Written by Shaye

The next P&C meeting is this Thursday 17th July 2014, 9:15 in the school hall.
All parents, grandparents and caregivers welcome.

Classroom Capers

WALLABIES

The Wallabies have had a fantastic start to Term 3. Everyone came back feeling refreshed and ready to learn. This term our unit of work will focus on Products and Services. This unit looks at the difference between needs and wants and how marketing can affect our choices when we go shopping. We will also be examining the production of some goods. At the end of the term we hope to hold a special day which will be the culmination of this unit.

We are also going to be reading the classic book Wind in the Willows, a truly treasured novel that we are really looking forward to.

Maths work this week focuses on whole numbers with 2 and 3 digits. We are learning how to make, read, write and order such numbers. Encourage children at home to find numbers like this in their environment, and see if they can think of numbers that are higher and lower and then put them in order.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic term of learning, creating and fun together in the Wallabies classroom.

NAIDOC Week Dancing
KOALAS
We have made a great start to the term with all of the class coming back with lots exciting stories about what they did in the holidays. We wrote some interesting recounts.

Our first dance lesson was very entertaining with most of the children enjoying it and participating enthusiastically. It is certainly a very energetic session.

POSSUMS
Congratulations to all Possum students for settling back in really quickly. We have our thinking caps on and our learning ‘Engine Room’ started.

Check this out...
Excellent recount writing skills!!

We are focusing on writing complex sentences using interesting adjectives this term.

What a great start to term 3!!!! Keep up the fabulous work.

SKOOLBAG APP
A reminder to all parents to keep your details up to date especially in case of an emergency for your child’s care 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!”

Week 7, 8 & 9 Award Winners

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QUOLLS

This week saw all of the Quolls participate in our first week of Dance2BFit. All students had lots of fun and are already on their way to knowing their first dance. This term we will be learning the difference between products and services.

I would like to congratulate all students who completed a First Fleet Assignment. They were amazing. Well done.

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

For the next 10 weeks our school will be participating in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge where all students will be recording all of the sporting and physical activities they are doing in and out of school; such as soccer, dancing, gymnastics and more. The P.S.C leaders will be organising games every day at first half of lunch. There will be tennis games to play. Students will be given a token to show their teacher to enable them to mark off another square in their log book. Each week one of the leaders will be giving an update at our weekly assemblies. Get exercising. Get Fit. Go for Gold or even Diamond.

Let’s have lots of fun while improving our health.

Riley & Hollie

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

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.

Active After School Activities start next week. This term they are Monday – fitness/circuit and Tuesday – soccer. Activities commence next Monday and continue for 7 weeks. Forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible before Friday so acceptance notices can be sent home. Please come along and participate.

Dance2bfit

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 was 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.

The ‘Spectacular’ will be at the end of term 3. Therefore all students are expected to participate.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a system that aims to improve educational outcomes for students through:

* prevention of behaviour problems and management of existing issues positively and consistently,
* developing skills and knowledge in schools for better teaching and learning,
* creating and maintaining a better school environment for students, teachers and the whole school community.

The whole staff spent the entire Staff Development Day on Monday working with other schools in our Rutherford Learning Community, learning about PBL.

We will be having meeting each fortnight, on a Tuesday afternoon that **all parents, caregivers and grandparents are invited** to. PBL works better when there is lots of involvement from the community. Come to one meeting, come for a few or come to all of them. It is important for everyone to be involved.

📅 **Date:** 22/7/14  🕒 **Time:** 3:15  📍 **Where:** Room 4  📅 **Agenda:** information explained and clarifying question time, feedback from staff survey, collection of parent survey

From the GARDEN GURUS

The Garden Gurus from Gillieston Public School are having a **Garden Market Day**. They have grown their own produce, cared for them over the past few months and are now selling them.

Funds raised will allow them to buy more seeds to plant next season and products needed for the garden.

The Garden Market Day will be held 25 July from 8:45am until 10:00 am (closed during Assembly) and then again from 1:30pm until 3:15pm.

Everyone, including the (supervised) children are welcome to come to the garden at these times to buy some beautiful produce that the students have grown.

Tegan Dann
Did You Know?

Gillieston Public School started in 1888 when it was called Fishery Creek, located in a temporary building on Cessnock Road.