THANK YOU TELSTRA for
KID’S FUND GRANT

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you Steven and the Telstra Kid’s Fund Grant. It enabled our school to purchase these beautiful School House flags that will assist our children with sporting spirit at our carnivals. The children are having a great time in Dance2bfit with upbeat music and some snazzy moves. Later on in the term they will be showcasing their dances for the community.

We have had our usual emergency drills recently and as part of the evaluation, it came to our attention that parents who come in through the gates in Northview St often don’t sign in. For the safety of ALL people in our school it is important that everyone is accounted for in an emergency. Therefore, between the first and the last bell of each day, ALL PARENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS need to sign in at the front office.

Congratulations to our choir and recorder groups who performed at Settlers Ridge Estate today. The residents were extremely grateful that we took the time to visit and impressed with the quality of their performance. They are now looking forward to the next performance.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
BILBIES
The Bilbies have started Term 3 with great enthusiasm. All students are focused on completing their work. At different times of the day we can be working on 6 different activities within our classroom and we are all mindful of the learning of others. Homework for term 3 went out on Monday. All students are keen to bring in their homework EVERY week to earn the Homework reward.
A great start to term 3!

Listening to the text during group time.

21st century learning with iPads.

QUOLLS
In maths we have been learning about patterns and filling in the missing numbers with Miss Mottee. We have been making patterns and getting a friend to explain what the pattern is.
In Literacy we are reading “The Lost Thing” and using our super six reading strategies to enable us to better understand the text. We are making comparisons between the book and the video.
We would like to thank Miss Mottee for her help in our classroom over the past 4 weeks and wish her all the very best with her teaching career.
DUGONGS

During weeks 1 and 2, the Dugongs have been studying their mini unit on Bushrangers. The students have been working both individually and in small groups to conduct their own research into specific Australian Bushrangers. After researching information on the bushrangers such as the crimes they committed, and the consequences that followed, students were able to create a ‘Wanted’ poster. The Dugongs have displayed a high level of thoughts, feelings and personal opinion in relation to this unit, questioning whether Bushrangers were heroes or villains.

POSSUMS

Some Possums dancing 2b fit.

SKOOLBAG APP

You can find this in the iTunes store or your android play store. It is a FREE app.

“Save time do it online!”
KOALAS

We have been working hard on our whole number skills. Kinder children are able to tell us the number before and after another number. Year 1 have been practising counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s and we have been learning to recognise and make numbers beyond 100. Our reading and writing groups have been very busy with the children learning to change activities quickly.

WALLABIES

The Wallabies are settling back in to school life nicely. We have moved a few things around in the classroom and are making a fresh start to Term 3. This week we have been learning about number patterns in Maths, and we have even tried counting by 100’s! We are discussing the differences between needs and wants, and how we can obtain some of these items by saving money, doing jobs etc.

Another focus this week has involved some brainstorming about picnics. In literacy time today, we talked about how authors can make their writing more interesting by adding adjectives to nouns, and adverbs to verbs to create better images for their readers. We started with a sentence that said ‘My cat sat on the mat.’ By the time we had finished embellishing our sentence it said ‘My fat, stripy, ginger cat sat lazily on the spikey mat.’ We then drew some pictures of the images this sentence created in our minds.
EDUCATION/BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Open Day and Education/Book Week Celebrations will be held on 18th August, beginning with student performances at an Opening Assembly. Maitland City Library storytelling team will be providing an Interactive Performance and other exciting activities have been organised for all students and their families. Pre-schoolers welcome.

PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE

During lunchtime lots of students have been participating in the Hot Shot Tennis activities being conducted by the sporting captains and year 5 potential leaders. The students are having lots of fun and learning new skills. Encouragement or Achievement awards will be presented to three students at this Friday’s assembly. Get active and improve your health. The students are aiming for Gold and diamond awards at the end of the program. Isabella and Hollie

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

Active After School Activities started this week. It is wonderful to see many of our students participating and having fun during these activities. We have fitness/circuit on Mondays and soccer on Tuesday. Due to the large number of students wanting a position I have had to make up a waiting list. If a position becomes available I will contact a student on the waiting list.

DANCE2BFIT

Some students were unable to participate in Dance2bfit yesterday as they had not paid. The school is charged by the number of students participating and therefore cannot cover the cost of these students. If this program is a financial strain on families please discuss with Mrs Johanson. All discussions will be treated as confidential.

If you would still like your child to participate in this program you can place the payment in an envelope with student’s name, class and Dance2bfit clearly marked and send to the office.

Students not participating in this program will be provided with alternative Dance tasks to present at the end of the term. Dance is part of our NSW Board of Studies Syllabus requirements.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Thank you to the parents and staff who participated in yesterday’s meeting. Parents completed some surveys and had discussions about our school’s vision for the future. The teachers had done this during their staff development day. This feedback and ideas are extremely valuable to the planning of our school.

Both groups ideas were shared and they were found to be extremely similar. The students thoughts and ideas will be surveyed next and then combined to create our school’s new vision statement.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend PBL meetings. Your participation in these will be guiding the future of our school.

Next Meeting  Date: 5/8/14  Time: 3:15  Where: Room 4

Enrol now for 2015

If you have or know of any children intending starting school next year, please see our school office. Names are being taken and enrolment forms are available now.

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 on 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
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### Did You Know?

In 1859 the then new weatherboard school was built on a property now known as “Clarelands”.

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Q. What do you call a cheese that is sad?
A. Blue cheese!

Q. Which genre of music appeals to most cheeses?
A. RnBrie!

Q. What kind of cheese has been known to fly?
A. Curds of prey!

Q. What cheese surrounds a medieval castle?
A. Moatzarella!

Q. How do you get a mouse to smile?
A. Say cheese!

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