CONGRATULATIONS EDUCATION WEEK

AWARD WINNERS

Awards were presented to staff, students and community members at the Rutherford Education Week Awards Night. Congratulations to the following recipients:

Ms Joanne Thompson
Your dedication and commitment to all students ensures each child achieves their potential.

Ms Angie Griffiths
Your outstanding commitment and understanding towards the students with whom you work is greatly appreciated.

Mr Geoffrey Mowbray
Your continuing generosity and support of the students and staff is greatly appreciated.

Isabella Cassar
For being an outstanding and responsible member of our school.

Active After School Program – Mrs Karen Morante
For the successful whole school program enabling students to experience a greater variety of sports and activities.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations to our award winners above and also to our school choir who performed beautifully in front of students and parents from Braxton, Greta, Lochinvar, Telarah and Rutherford Primary and High Schools.

Well done to our Zone Athletics team who competed last Friday. I believe it was cool and windy but all the children put in personal bests both on and off the field. Regional qualifiers will be notified very soon.

Our school choir performed “The Teacher took my Tennis Ball” and “Get That Fly” with Mrs Tuyl, the audience was captivated by their charm.

Our Education/Book Week events have now been organised and detailed later in the newsletter. All parents, carers and pre-schoolers are welcome to come and see how great our school is.

Kinder 2015 Orientation plans have also been organised. This year we are starting it off with a free BBQ after school on Tuesday 28th October. Staff are looking forward to meeting all the new students and their families.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
POSSUMS

Highlight of the week: We can tell the time!
All Possums have been practising time skills in Maths lessons. There are many different types of clocks that tell the time.

"I love to sing the 'Days of the Week' song." Temperance
"The long one is called the minute hand." Raya
"I can set the timer for groups." Logan

BOOK SWAP

Please bring in any second hand children’s books to your class teacher. Students will receive a voucher that they can use to buy a different book during Education/Book Week Book Swap. Four vouchers = four books

SKOOLBAG APP

Did you know you can send an absentee note through this App. Use the Parent eForms.
“Save time do it online!”
WALLABIES

During the last week the Wallabies have been involved in some wonderful learning experiences. We have been exposed to ‘alliteration’ and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Peter Piper and his peck of pickled peppers. We had two visiting speakers, one talking about our safety around dogs, and the other was explaining the importance of rail safety. During Maths, we are now exploring the different strategies we can use when we are performing addition.

Today we share with you three stories that were written on Monday by the children about their weekend.

I went to the golf. I went with my family and I had to get the ball in the hole. Then I went to get lunch. – Tyrone

On Sunday I went to football. My sister made a new friend. She was called Kaylee. She is 7 years old. There was a jumping castle. There was a big crowd so I didn’t go on the jumping castle. After football we went to Target. We got some presents for Christmas. I got a Sophia coat but it wasn’t for Christmas. I also got a baby panda. It was white and black. We had KFC for dinner after 9 o’clock. – Lara

On the weekend I played soccer. I played at Kurri. We won the game. After that we went to Nan and Pop’s. I went to my Uncle’s. It was my cousin’s birthday. – Jack S

QUOLLS

We are learning about Products and Services. We have been playing games to test our knowledge. All students were engaged and having fun.

The students must determine whether it is a product or a service to move.

Students are making matching sets. The service and two things that the person needs to complete their job.
MAITLAND ZONE PSSA ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the 21 Gillieston Public School students who attended the Maitland Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 1st of August 2014, at Woodberry Oval. The day was brilliant; showcasing our children's sporting abilities and talents from right across our school.

I was very proud of the efforts and sportsmanship our students reflected throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who supervised and supported our students at the carnival. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Maitland Zone Committee commended our school on superbly behaved students. I will keep you posted with regional qualifiers very soon.

Mrs Penton

TEEN TALK

Year 5 and 6 students have been given notes and information about this very important ‘growing up’ program. The $20 is due this week as it is on this Monday.

GATs PROGRAM AT RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Last week on Thursday we had GATS there are four different subjects’ science, creative writing, visual arts and technology Amber is in science and Hollie is visual arts. Well in science I’ve been playing with fire, we touch this thing that makes your hair stick up it’s so cool! In visual arts we got to make a picture using all sorts of materials like bubble wrap, string (to create shapes) and old curtains we also drew a picture of something each then put it on a plate and then you need to use a special tool to carve it out, but first you have to warm it up before you start by sitting on it, no one has finished that one but everyone has made the picture out of awesome materials.

Hollie and Amber

NRL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Last week Ainsley, Vaughan, Chase and Zach went to Rutherford to learn about Rugby League. We did lots of drills and passing, tackling, running, group work, kicking and lots more. The last one to get caught had to do 50 push-ups. We had a game at the end like sock wars.

written by Vaughan and Chase

Week 3 Award Winners

POSSUMS
Mia
Sharlee
Harrison T

KOALAS
Noah A
Jaida
Tye
Hayden
Sienna

BILBIES
Jordan M
Sam W
Dom B
Matthew

QUOLLS
Flynn
Amy
Malcolm

DUGONGS
Tyler G
EJ G
Nav

LIBRARY
Amelia
Chelsea
Samuel
Ashan
Shaylee
Destiny

The School Canteen is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers welcome.
EDUCATION/BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Open Day and Education/Book Week Celebrations will be held on 18th August. Parents, carers and preschoolers are welcome to join us in celebrating books and education.

- Students to wear normal school uniform. NO DRESS UP this year.

9:30 Peer Support Groups
Students participate in book week lessons led by their Peer Support leaders.

10:00 Maitland City Library Performance
 Separate notes have already been sent home detailing information about the cost per child. Students will be sent home invoices as the date gets closer.

10:30 Class Performances
Quolls, Possums and Koalas entertain us with their talents.

10:50 Open Classrooms
Parents and carers are welcome to come into classrooms and view books and work displays.

11:10 Lunch
Check out the Canteen’s special pre-order hotdogs!

11:30 Book Swap
Under the COLA students can swap books.

AURIZON RAIL SAFETY TALK

Last Friday students from years 2 and 3 participated in the Aurizon Rail Safety Talk. Two representatives from the Newcastle Knights came to the school and spoke about the importance of rail safety. The students enthusiastically participated throughout the presentation and each student received a poster and a small footy ball. Some lucky students received a cap for answering questions.

“If you are near a railway line you need to tell mum or dad to slow down. You need to stop, look, listen, think and then cross safely.” Joel

“Always stop, look, listen and think before you cross a railway line.” Ashan

“We learnt about crossing the railway track. We look left and right so you can make sure no trains are coming and you don’t get hurt.” Shelly
The next P&C meeting is this Thursday 14th August 2014, 9:15 in the school hall.
All parents, grandparents and caregivers welcome.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Student survey results were presented and discussed. Together some vision statements were developed using the comments most commonly mentioned in all three surveys. These vision statements and values will be on display during our Education/Book Week for parents to choose from. Please take the time to read and have a say in the future of our school.

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:** 19/8/14  **Time:** 3:15  **Where:** Room 4

Agenda: **Values and Vision statement**

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.

The P&C Uniform shop is open every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9:00am to 9:30am.

Weekly checks of head lice by parents can reduce the spread across the school. Please have a look!

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**The simplest way**

...to bust hunger after school

Try these great fruity recipes that will keep your child satisfied until dinner time.

**Raisin Toast Rippers**
2 slices raisin toast topped with banana and a drizzle of honey.

**Krazy Kebabs**
Fruit skewers with watermelon, grapes, rockmelon, and strawberries, served with reduced-fat yoghurt for dipping.

**Fruity Smoothie**
250mls reduced-fat milk
1 handful of berries
1 banana chopped
Place into blender and mix

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Nutrition Snippet
Did you know?
Every day, more than a million NSW school children travel to and from school in safety - many of them by bus. The school bus is an extremely safe form of transport for school students.

Traffic congestion outside the school can increase when many families resort to driving short distances to and from school.

Parents and carers
- Hold your child’s hand and walk together to the bus stop or bus interchange in the morning.
- Wait as far from the passing traffic as possible at the bus stop.
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to take your place.
- Meet your child AT the bus stop or bus interchange after school. NEVER wait on the opposite side of the road.
- Talk with your child about what to do:
  ⇒ if you are delayed and cannot meet them as usual
  ⇒ if they catch the wrong bus
  ⇒ if they get off the bus at the wrong bus stop.
- Until they are at least 10 years old, children have not developed the maturity required to cross the road safely without holding an adult’s hand.

BUS STOP SAFETY
Please ensure that your child is safe at the bus stop in the morning and that they are safe getting off in the afternoon.
Safe behaviour of all students is expected whilst travelling on the bus.

From the Canteen

EDUCATION/BOOK WEEK Pre Order Form—Return by Friday 15th August

Child/ren/Parents

Name_______________________________________________________

Class __________________________

____ x Hot Dogs- $3.00 each with/without tomato sauce

Total Amount included - $________________
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### Just For Fun!

#### CONVICTS

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**MALE FEMALE**

**CAPTAIN CONVICT JAMESCOOK FIRST FLEET SHIPS ELEVEN**

**Q. How did the little Scottish dog feel when he saw a monster?**
**A. Terrier-fied!**

**Q. What do you call a dog magician?**
**A. A labracadabrador!**

**Q. Why did the poor dog chase his own tail?**
**A. He was trying to make both ends meet!**

**Q. What is a cat's favourite pudding?**
**A. Chocolate mousse!**

**Q. What did the cat say when he lost all his money?**
**A. I'm paw!**

**Did You Know?**

Before 1967 Gillieston Heights was know as East Greta. Gillieston was in honour of the mayor and member of the NSW Legislative Assembly John Gillies.