NAPLAN HIGH ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to our students who achieved Band 6

Well done to the three students in Year 3 who achieved a Band 6 in NAPLAN. All three boys received a Band 6 for Reading. Their achievements were also in Numeracy, Spelling and Language Conventions.

Gillieston students also had success in Year 5 by achieving greater than state average growth in Reading, Numeracy, Spelling and Language Conventions.

Well done. We really are a school of Learners.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a fantastic response to our surveys about our school newsletter. The full results will be published in next Term’s newsletter, however, preliminary findings show that most parents receive the newsletter regularly and read the entire newsletter.

It is also quite obvious that the students rate the Just for Fun section and Classroom Capers quite highly and the parents prefer the Classroom Capers and Diary Dates. As our school plan for the next three years is being developed there will be more surveys conducted to make sure that decisions made about our school future are based on the needs and wants of the whole school community.

As our school holidays are nearly upon us I’d like to wish everyone a relaxing, enjoyable and safe time with their children. We all return on 7 October for the final term for 2014 with lots of things on such as camp, swimming, Yr 6 farewell, and so on.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
DUGONGS

Some students were selected to attend NRL Development Days at Max McMahon Oval. We did lots of drills and skills like tackling, kicking, passing, running and playing games. We played gridiron, touch football, rugby union and rugby league. Out of seven students from our school, three received prizes for consistently trying to improve our skills.

Written by Vaughan

WALLABIES

This week the Wallabies are finishing our reading of ‘The Wind in the Willows’. Yesterday we wrote a letter to the author, Kenneth Grahame to tell him what we thought of the book.

16.9.2014

Dear Mr Grahame,
We have been reading your fantastic book, Wind in the Willows in class. Everyone in our class loved the story. We have done lots of activities with the book.

Our favourite part was too hard to choose. Some of the bits in the book that we liked were:
- When Toad went to gaol,
- When Toad was silly in the gaol,
- When Toad stole the green car,
- When Toad thought he was going to get run over,
- When Toad was pretending to drive the car,
- When Toad dressed up as the washer-woman and tried to escape from the police,
- and when Toad and Rat first met and went on the river together in the boat.

We would recommend this book to other people especially children.
Thankyou for writing such a wonderful story.

From The Wallabies
Gillieston Public School

As you can see we have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story in class. We are all looking forward to a well deserved rest in the holidays and seeing everyone all refreshed when we return next term.

SKOOLBAG APP

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

We are safe, respectful learners.
Well, what a busy term. Thanks to all the parents for supporting their child's learning. ALL students have improved their reading level and their knowledge of strategies used in solving Maths problems. We are preparing costumes for Dance2Bfit performance on Friday. Today we celebrated student's success in completing homework every week with a pizza reward. Yum!

KOALAS

We have been having fun learning about mass in Maths by hefting different objects and using equal arm balances to compare and order objects in terms of their mass. We have also discovered that the biggest object doesn’t necessarily weigh the most.

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**QUOLLS**

In Maths we have been learning about fractions. We have been drawing number lines and identifying different fractions using whole numbers and parts of a whole. We have been adding and subtracting fractions.

This week we are watching the movie ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ and we are learning to summarise the story and make comparisons with the novel. We have been revising our super six comprehension strategies: making connections, questioning, visualizing, summarizing, evaluating and inferring. All students have made progress with their reading during this term.

In science we are finishing off our unit about built environments. Student have been testing the strength of different shapes and using this knowledge to build a shade cover for the play equipment.

**POSSUMS**

Possums have been learning about 3D shapes!

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**Week 9 Award Winners**

**POSSUMS**
- Dallas
- Tylah
- Jack

**WALLABIES**
- Drew
- Jayden B
- Maddison B

**BILBIES**
- Caleb E
- Cameron W
- Luke W
- Sam W
- Jordan Mc
- Byron K

**QUOLLS**
- Jessica
- Brody
- Rory

**DUGONGS**
- Riley H
- Tyler G
- Alyssa-Jane

**LIBRARY**
- Cory N
- Tyson D
- Aiden H
- Harrison C
- Milosh S
- Charli F

*We are safe, respectful learners.*
Positive Behaviour for Learning

We are safe, respectful learners striving for personal best in a happy and friendly environment.

At yesterday’s meeting the lesson plans and Universal Expectations were announced. There was a lot of discussion and ideas about how to use our Gillieston Golds to make a more positive impact across the whole school.

Staff will be completing another three hours of Professional Learning at Lochinvar PS on Tuesday 7 October, after school.

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

Next Meeting – To Be Advised

INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 2 and 3 students will be receiving information about Intensive Swimming lessons for next term. Please read and return the permission as soon as possible. They do not go until week 8 of next term so there is plenty of time for parents and carers to make payments in instalments if they wish.

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

The School Canteen is closed on Thursdays. Volunteers welcome.

The next P&C meeting is Tomorrow, 9:15 in the school hall. All parents, grandparents and caregivers welcome.

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Don’t forget to hand in your Dollarmite account to the office every Tuesday.

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.

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DANCE2beFIT SHOWCASE

Students will be performing their dancing this Friday 19th September. This will take the place of our usual Friday Assembly. The children have been rehearsing and preparing costumes for this special event.

All parents, grandparents and carers are welcome.

From the GARDEN GURUS

Thank you to all the parents, students and Gillieston community that helped support the garden gurus by buying raffle tickets to raise funds for a new shed for the garden. We raised $440 and we have brought the new bigger shed. We also had left over money to buy shelves and tools for the shed too. The raffle ticket winner was drawn out last Friday at assembly. The winner was Mick Oliver. Thank you all again for your support.

From the P&C

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MEETING
Due to unforeseen circumstances our next P&C meeting will now be Thursday 18th September 9:15am in the school hall. All parents and caregivers welcome.

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER
We are looking for some volunteers to help out with the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 21st September. We have some volunteers but still need more to make it successful. The time slots in the most need are:
7am to 8am,
8am to 9 am.
Any assistance is welcomed.
Please contact the office if you can help out. The money raised goes towards our children at our school.

Positions Available
The following positions within the P&C have become available, if you would like further information or to volunteer for the positions please see Alex Bellamy;

- Secretary
- Fundraising Officer
- Uniform Shop—Operating on 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month 9am—9:30am

We are safe, respectful learners.
You are invited to our

Open Day
Thursday 18th September 2014
10.30am – 1.00pm
We would love to see you there!

We are currently taking names on our waiting list for 2015 for children aged 3-5 years.

We are also preparing a waiting list for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend pre-school up to 2017. ie. Born before 31/7/2013.

For any enquiries, please contact the pre-school on 49372110.

Cnr. Tarro & Boundary St, Spion Kop 2327
Ph: 49372110  www.kurripreschool.com
email: kurripreschool@bigpond.com

REGISTER NOW FOR PRE-SCHOOL 2015 at TELARAH

If your child turns four on or before 31 July 2015 you may register your child.

Our pre-school focuses on play-based activities and lays the foundation for future learning. Preschool provides an education program for children in the year before starting school that supports the development of early language, literacy, numeracy and social skills.

Please contact 49 328 477 for more information.

City United DCC 2014-15

“Come play cricket at The Park in 2014-15”

We still have vacancies in U12’s and U13’s Games commence on the 11th of October 2014

All our grounds are based in beautiful Maitland Park  Contacts for further information

Sally – 0414 684 165 morrisonsally@hotmail.com
Paul – 0419 294 033 kritpaul@bigpond.net.au

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**Diary Dates**

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**Just For Fun!**

**SPRING SUDOKU**

Every row, column and mini grid must contain the letters S P R I N G

Don’t guess - use logic

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P I
I P
P R
I G
S G
R N
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Q. Why are frogs so happy?
A. They eat whatever bugs them!

Q. Why did the computer go to the doctor?
A. Because it had a virus!

Q. Why do fish live in salt water?
A. Because pepper makes them sneeze!

Q. Where did the computer go to dance?
A. To a disc-o!

Q. What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
A. Spring time!