Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are already starting to plan for 2015 with organisation for Kindergarten Orientation and the Welcome Barbeque in place. If you know that you will not be at Gillieston Public School next year, we ask that you please let the school know either in writing or by phoning the school office. An accurate estimate of enrolment numbers is really important for staffing and establishing classes. If you know any families who are moving to the area and will be attending our school, could you please ask them to contact the school on 4932 7542 as soon as possible to register their children.

You may have noticed there has been lots of illness at school for both students and staff over the last week or so. While it's important to have high attendance records, it is also important that children stay home when they are unwell.

You may have received an automated text message notifying you that your child is absent. This is to help improve communication between home and school. You can call the school or use our Skoolbag App to let us know the reason.

We are making great progress in our Positive Behaviour for Learning as we now have our core values and are voting for our vision statement this Monday. Please take the time to tick a box and return it to school next Tuesday.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Classroom Capers

**BILBIES**

Once Upon A Time, there was an Evil Stepmother. The Evil Stepmother said you can’t go to the clock tower, the girl did. Then the Evil Stepmother found out. The Evil Stepmother said “You will stay there or everything will die”. “Everything will be mine”, said The Evil Stepmother.

By Dominic W

Once Upon A Time there lived a girl that loved to sing and dance. So the Evil President of the State put her in the clock tower so colour would come to Australia because it was boring just being black and white.

By G

The dancer put herself in the clock tower because when she is happy she dances. When she is not happy or dancing, the colours go away. But if the dancer touches the balloons the world turns colour for a bit.

By Jordan Mc

**QUOLLS**

Last week saw the Quolls completing their Products and Services Unit of work. Children were asked to design a town which would provide the necessary products and services for a family of 5 with a dog. I am happy to say that the family would have survived in the majority of towns.

This week in Maths we are learning about angles. We are making an angle measuring devise and will be using a protractor to measure different angles.

During reading time we are learning to read for longer periods of time. We are enjoying a wide range of books. Please encourage all children to read at home.

**WALLABIES**

Our hard work in the classroom continues. The wallabies have been measuring the length of objects in our classroom. We worked in pairs and used a metre ruler to find and record things that were more than or less than one metre in length.

**SPORT REPORT**

We wish Hollie all the best as she represents Maitland Zone PSSA at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale on Friday.

The NRL development group was cancelled last week due to the wet weather.

The weather has also hindered our Premier’s Sporting Challenge.

Next week is the last week for Active After School on Mondays and Tuesdays this term.

**Week 6 Award Winners**

**POSSUMS**

Cooper
Raya
Tyrone

**KOALAS**

Ollie
Hayden
Noah

**WALLABIES**

Cooper A
Tiffany A
Makiah P

**BILBIES**

Brooke
Jordan W
Van G
Sebastian

**QUOLLS**

Aidan
Alora
Kevin

**LIBRARY**

Shaye D
Bradley W
Van G
Emmelie G
Tylah B
Jett M

**DUGONGS**

Shaylee
Hollie
Jasmine
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Our values survey showed **Respect, Safety and Learning** as the most important to our students, staff and families.

From this, two visions statements were developed at yesterday’s meeting. A survey for the one you like the best will occur on Monday 1 September.

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

☐ **We are learners. We are safe. We are respectful. We strive for personal excellence in a happy and friendly environment.**

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:** 2/9/14  **Time:** 3:15  **Where:** Room 4

Agenda: Vision statement and Mascot

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The **School Canteen is closed** on Thursdays.

Volunteers welcome.

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**SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM**

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

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**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.
P&C FATHERS DAY GUESSING COMPETITION

Our Gillo Garden Gurus need your help!

Gillieston Public School P & C will be holding a Guessing Competition for Father’s Day this year. Masters have donated a compact Yardstore Garden Shed (S42) to our school that will be drawn in our Father’s Day Guessing Competition. This could be the perfect gift for your Dad, Grandad, Uncle or family member. It is 180cm tall, and 141cm x 72cm, big enough for a mower, whippersnipper or other garden equipment.

Please find attached your 10 Guessing Competition tickets, only $1 each. You could win this garden shed RRP $199.

Please return all tickets, sold or unsold by Wednesday 3rd September.

The Guessing Competition will be draw at School Assembly on Friday 5th September.

All proceeds will go towards purchasing a larger lockable shed from Masters for our Gillieston Garden Gurus to use to keep all supplies safe and sound.

With your help we can make this happen.

Thank you, Tegan.

From the P&C

Fathers Day
Students will be able to attend the Fathers Day Stall in class groups from 10am on Thursday 4th September. The stall will also be open on Friday 5th September during the lunch break. Prices range from $1.50 to $6.00.

Volunteers are needed to run the stall from 10am on Thursday and 11am on Friday.

Don’t forget raffle tickets (sold or unsold) need to be returned by Wednesday 3rd September.

Canteen
The Canteen is now open on a Tuesday.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
We are holding a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 21st September, we will need volunteers to help cook sausages and serve on the day. A roster is attached to this week’s newsletter, please put your name and contact number in the time slot that best suits, if you are able to help out. We will need a number of volunteers on the day, all assistance is greatly appreciated.

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
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. I.e. 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.

Kindergarten students of 2015 and their families are invited to:

WELCOME BBQ: 28 October 2014 at 4pm
(Free sausage sizzle)

ORIENTATION 1: 4 November 2014 at 10am
ORIENTATION 2: 11 November at 12noon
ORIENTATION 3: 18 November at 2pm

Contact our friendly office for more information.

Wednesdays at Maitland Park (next to Hockey fields), Elgin St, Maitland

Register Now for Quick Kicks
A fun, relaxed football experience for GIRLS ONLY aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4! All skill levels are welcome and you receive a free ball and a unique design Quick Kicks jersey.

Registrations open 1st August so visit www.quickkicks.com.au to find a centre near you.
**BOOK WEEK**

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A. The pupil!

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A. Put a little boogey in it!

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A. He had no-body to go with!

Q. What bow can’t be tied?
A. A rainbow!

Q. did you hear the joke about the roof?
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**Just For Fun!**

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- LIBRARY PICTURES
- POSTER WORDS
- BOOKMARK BOOKS
- PARTY PARTY
- FUN VOTING
Our school is running the BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings on Sunday 21st September. We need volunteers to cook sausages and serve from 7am until 4pm. If you are able to assist please insert your name and contact number in the time slot that best suits you, then return the form to the office ASAP. Thank you

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