Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you can see from the photo above, Gillieston students really do strive to do their personal best. Thank you to everyone for your participation in the PBL survey. It is really important that your opinions are included in our school planning. Planning for 2015 is underway with evaluations needed for different areas of our school. We are planning to evaluate our current School Newsletter soon. Congratulations to Hollie’s for her fabulous effort at the Hunter Regional Athletics carnival last Friday. She trained hard for her 100m run and placed 9th in her age group.

Don’t forget that tomorrow there will be a Father’s Day stall for the children to buy a gift for Dad, Grandad or someone special. The Father’s Day raffle will be drawn on Friday, so all tickets will need to be returned sold or unsold.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
DUGONGS

Our lessons about speaking nicely to each other resulted in posters and a play presented at assembly last week. Each class was given one of our posters reminding us that Put Downs are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

WALLABIES

The Wallabies are very excited about Father’s Day this coming Sunday and we have made some very special gifts and cards that all are sure to enjoy. We continue with our reading of Wind in the Willows and now know what a dangerous driver Toad is! In maths we discussed lines of symmetry and angles and created some interesting pictures to highlight our understanding. Our dance is coming on nicely and on performance day we would like denim shorts or jeans, white or light coloured t-shirts, and colourful socks with joggers.

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.
Term 3 projects are being finished up at home ready to hand in this Friday. A brochure advertising a theme park was the project this term. So far we have one for Disney, one for Legomania and one for Horror Island. Well done G, Matt and Jordan for handing their projects in early. Some great work!

We have been investigating 3D shapes in maths. We have all been building towers with different shapes to see which ones are the best and which ones we are unable to build with. Year 1 children have been working out the number of faces, corners and edges each shape has as well as looking at the shapes from different points of view. We have all enjoyed this unit.
This week the students are working in small groups to design and make a model of a skate park, children’s playground or sporting complex as part of our Built Environments Science Unit.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT TODAY IS:** National Flag Day. It is a day that celebrates the first time the flag was flown over the dome of the Exhibition Building in Melbourne in 1901, when Australia’s first Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Sir Edmund Barton, announced the winners of a competition to design a national flag for Australia.  
3 September is an opportunity for all Australians to celebrate the anniversary of the Australian National Flag by flying or displaying the Australian National Flag.

**SPORT REPORT**

On Monday it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the lunchtime AFL activity organised by our Premier’s Sporting Challenge leaders (Tyler G and Isabella C). It is really good to see the older students getting involved as well as the younger ones. Isabella C

Congratulations to the leaders and to all of the children who were participating. K. Morante

**Week 7 Award Winners**

**POSSUMS**  
Amelia  
Sharlee  
Marley  

**KOALAS**  
Tye  
Miley  
Madison  

**WALLABIES**  
Chelsea  
Blair  
Zac  

**BILBIES**  
Flinn  
Caitlyn  
Jack J  
Cory  

**QUOLLS**  
Marko  
Zayden  
Brody  

**DUGONGS**  
Lakayla  
Bella  
Charli  

**LIBRARY**  
Marley  
Ollie  
Riley M  
Kivy  
Kaidyn  
Lakayla  

A happy and friendly environment

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 vision statement most preferred was announced and ideas discussed about choosing our school mascot.

It was decided to open the suggestions to our students about something that is meaningful to our community and local area, but also shows the attributes that share our vision statement. In Week 2 of Term 4 the students will have the opportunity to put forward suggestions. Suitable suggestions can then go to a school and community vote.

Meanwhile, this afternoon, staff are working on creating the universal expectations of behaviour that are for everyone, everywhere. Staff will then be creating the lesson plans to explicitly teach and role play the expectations to the children. There is further staff training in PBL with Lochinvar PS on Tuesday 9 September.

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: 16/9/14  Time: 3:15
Where: Room 4
Agenda: Universal Expectations, Lesson Plans and Gillieston Golds

The School Canteen is closed on Thursdays.
Volunteers welcome.

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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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 5 September from 11:00am until 12:00 and then again from 1:30pm until 2:00pm.

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

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 tomorrow.

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

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

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.

**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.

**KIDS HELPLINE**

We can chat about anything:

- What’s going on at home
- A friend who needs help
- Something bothering you at school
- You’re feeling sad or confused
- Anything else you want

What you talk about is between you and your counsellor and you don’t even have to tell us your name. If you need to talk to someone straight away, http://www.kidshelp.com.au

call Kids Helpline on **1800 55 1800**

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**FATHER’S DAY**

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A. Attire!

Q. Why do bears have hairy coats?
A. Fur protection!

Q. What do you call a fish with no eyes?
A. fshhhhh!

Q. What did the ocean say to the shore?
A. Nothing, it just waved!

**Just For Fun!**

**FATHER’S DAY**

- CARING
- GENEROUS
- PROTECTOR
- CREATIVED
- HARDWORKING
- SMILES
- DEPENDABLE
- KISSES
- TALK
- FAMILY
- LOVING
- TEACHER

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Whiteboards...are remarkable!
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