21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

This generation of children are learning four important skills of 21st century learning: Communication, Collaboration, Critical and Creative Thinking. This will equip them for a future of unknown possibilities.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our P&C meeting is tomorrow. All parents and carers are welcome. The parent representative for the panel is on the agenda as we have grown enough to be entitled to a second Assistant Principal position.

The Positive Parenting Program is beginning on 20 October. Please let Mrs Duvollet know if you are attending (for catering purposes).

Classes have begun their Drug Education lessons. The Life Education Van will be visiting our school in Week 7. These lessons in the van will enhance the work the teachers are doing in class this term. Please send your money and notes to the office.

Our school Facebook page has been available for a few weeks now. I encourage all our school community to have a look. We also have a Skoolbag App and webpage available.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

We are safe, respectful learners.
ACACIAS

For Science this term the Acacias have a yabby as a classroom pet. The Acacias called him ‘SpongeBob Nippers’, which of course suits our little yabby friend. The Acacias have been discussing how to care for him and drew him in his little house. We are learning what to feed him, how to keep the tank clean and we are watching him very closely to see him grow.

CALLISTEMONS

After a relaxing break the Callistemons have settled back in to our routine quickly this week. We have started our science unit for this term, Plants in Action. Students have already created a life cycle of a flowering plant. We linked our science with our creative arts when we created a visual representation of what plants need to grow. We used a variety of materials to create our artworks and were so proud of them that we put them on display in the hall. Feel free to pop in and have a look!
WARATAHS

We have been learning about 3D shapes and their properties. We know the difference between prisms and pyramids. We can count the faces, corners and edges of different 3D shapes. We had fun building 3D shapes using matchsticks.

GREVILLEAS

We have made an excellent start to Term 4 with all students keen and working hard in Literacy and Maths groups. Last week in Maths we were investigating 3D shapes, working out which shapes could roll and which shapes were able to be stacked. We looked at a variety of materials to see which materials were better for constructing towers. We love our Maths activities!
HSIE - This term Silvertails are learning how to learn as 21st century learners. We know that 21st century learners learn through COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, CRITICAL THINKING AND CREATIVE THINKING. We will be putting these skills into practice this term while we study an Asian country. Students have been awarded a promotion to the Australian Embassy in an Asian country. Their task is to make the arrangements to transport their family to the country of their choice.

SPEECHES – Students will need to present a 1-2 minute speech each week on the topic as listed on the note sent home. Time during their lunchtime will be allocated to prepare this if not completed at home.

HOMEWORK – Started Monday this week. Activities will be Spelling LOOK COVER WRITE CHECK each night. Research for their Asian country. Maths will be to practice unknown times tables OR work through the levels on their skoolbo account.

INTERNET Access – please note all students in public schools are able to access their school accounts at home. This provides a secure environment for students to use the internet. I will be emailing students throughout the term. Please ask them to show you their DoE portal and give you a tour. There are lots of interesting topics for students and parents on the My School website.
**Year 6 News**

Thank you to the parents who came to the meeting last week to help organise the Year 6 farewell. The invitation went home on Monday. We would love for you to come and be part of this special occasion. This will be on Thursday 10 December 2015 at Kurri Golf Club. Photos at 5:30. Dinner at 6pm.

**Dolphin Cruise** – The students would like to celebrate the end of their primary school career by spending the day together on a dolphin cruise. This will be on Friday 11 December 2015.

**AFL CLINICS**

Our school has been very fortunate in receiving a grant from the State government to support students in learning sporting skills. This term we are lucky enough to have booked AFL coaches to come to our school over the next 5 weeks to give explicit lessons to all students K-6. These lessons will be each Monday morning and will go for 40 minutes per class.

**ICE BLOCKS FOR LIBRARY BOOKS!**

Return your Library books between Monday 19 October and Thursday 12 November for your class to win!!!

Students who return a library book between these dates will receive an entry for their class. A ticket will be drawn out at assembly on Friday 13 November. The winning class will receive an ice block for each student.

Now is the time to search your house for any library books that might have found their way under the bed, onto the book shelf, into a draw/cupboard or under the furniture—happy hunting!

**Week 1 Award Winners**

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Kindergarten students of 2016 and their families are invited to:

WELCOME BBQ: 27 October 2015 at 4pm (Free showbag)

ORIENTATION 1: 3 November 2015 at 10am

ORIENTATION 2: 10 November at 12noon

ORIENTATION 3: 17 November at 2pm

During our three orientation sessions, children will go into the classrooms with the Kindergarten teachers. They do not need to wear school uniform or hats but should wear sensible shoes (joggers) and casual clothing (shorts and Tee). They can bring a water bottle with their name on it. They can also bring some fruit to eat for Crunch ‘N Sip at Orientation 1.

Mums and dads will go into a different classroom to hear a variety of speakers present information to support them in their role.

Contact our friendly office for more information.

Stepping Stones
Triple P

Gillieston Public School would like to invite all parents of children aged 2 to 12 to attend free seminars that will provide tips and strategies to support parenting.

Seminar 1—Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability—October 20

Seminar 2—Helping your Child Reach their Potential—October 27

Seminar 3—Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour—November 3

Where: Telarah Public School, Raymond St, Telarah.

Time: 9:30am to 11:30am

R.S.V.P. Kerryn Duvollet—Learning and Support Teacher, Gillieston Public School
49 327 542

ART COMPETITION

Our Art Competition opens today. All students are encouraged to design a poster that will be on our 100% Attendance postcards.

Entries can be in texta, pencil, crayons or paint and no bigger than A4.

Parents and carers are invited to attend the November P&C meeting to collaboratively choose the finalists with staff members.

The winning entry will be voted on by students from the finalists and be posted out to all students who have 100% Attendance in Term 4.
Life Education Van

The Hunter Life Education Van will be coming to our school in Week 7 of Term 4. It is expected that all students will attend with a cost of $10 per child. There are no concessions. Start putting some coins in a money box now so you don’t miss out!

ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Full page (A5) $20 per issue, Half page $10 per issue

Six months Full page $350, Six months half page $180

The School Newsletter is currently distributed to 120 families, both electronically and printed copy, as well as uploaded to the school website and school app.

The next P&C MEETING is

Tomorrow—Thursday 15 October

6:30pm in Silvertails’ classroom

A movie will be playing on the Interactive Whiteboard for parents who are unable to find a babysitter.

Light refreshments will be available for both parents and children.

All parents and carers welcome.

DRUG EDUCATION

Children learn about drugs such as medicines, alcohol and tobacco from their families, by watching what they do and say. Children also learn about drugs from TV, the internet, magazines and movies. In Drug Education lessons, children receive up-to-date information about drugs in a safe and caring setting. Students learn about the importance of being healthy and practise skills that help them stay safe.
**Diary Dates**

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

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

Our next whole school reward is - PARTY GAMES in class

**Just For Fun!**

*Choose A Healthy Lifestyle*  

5 A DAY  

Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables.

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