Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who visited our school last Wednesday to see what great work our students and teachers are doing in the classrooms. I enjoyed each and every classroom from Kinder to Year 6 and I know our visitors were very impressed. Well done to everyone for showcasing what a fantastic school Gillieston Public is. Next Tuesday, the Maitland Mercury photographer will be here to photograph our Kinder students. Please make sure you have given your parental consent for publishing photos if you would like your child included.

Our next P&C meeting is on Thursday 12 March. I look forward to some familiar and new faces as this is our AGM. All parents, grandparents and carers are invited.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

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ACACIAS
Acacias had a great time showing family members snippets of what happens in our very busy classroom. Alex and Josh are enjoying a game of Snakes and Ladders with Alex’s visitor.

GREVILLEAS
The Grevilleas have been working hard on their writing. After reading ‘The Highway Rat’ by Julia Donaldson we wrote a sentence together on the board and then copied it into our books. Pictured is Sophia’s writing with some pictures of the Highway Rat and some of the food he stole.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
At 9:30am, Friday the 13th of March students will be participating in our school’s cross country.
ALL students will be competing.
K-2 will have a mini course which they will complete.
Students aged 8-10 will complete a 2km course.
Students aged 11+ will be completing a 3km course.
As students will be running we recommend they wear joggers and bring plenty of water.

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CALLISTEMONS

On Wednesday we had a visit from our families. We showed them around our classroom. We read out a presentation telling them everything we have been learning. My favourite part was showing my parents around my classroom.
Reported by Caitlyn G.

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

Please check for head lice regularly.

BLUEBELLS

During Art this week the Bluebells created some fantastic watercolour artworks. The picture showed the same silhouette in both daytime with the sun and night-time with the moon.
WARATAHS

Thanks to the families for visiting our room last week. We hope you liked our musical performance and enjoyed looking at and listening to, what we have been doing in our classroom.

SILVERTAILS

Thank you to all our visitors last week. These first few weeks Silvertails have been learning about Australia as a Nation. As we were doing Australia as a Nation we have learned about Henry Parkes who was the man to lead the politicians to New South Wales who were fearful of the colony. Sir Edmund (Toby) Barton was the first Prime Minister of Australia.

FROM OUR HIGH SCHOOL

What has been the best part about coming to Rutherford Technology High School?
Making new friends and learning a lot more. Getting to play some different sports has been fun too.
What has been the hardest part about moving from Primary School to High School?
Losing half of my friends that went to different schools. Not being able to help my sister who went to Primary school with me.
Have you made many new friends since starting here?
Yes I’ve made a lot of new friends who are older than me. I’ve met them out in the playground, playing soccer at recess and lunch on the oval.
It was lovely to have parents and grandparents visit our class last week. It is ‘Autumn’ and we celebrated by creating a seasons artwork. This week we are practising subtraction strategies. We also conducted science experiments using water to create Tornadoes. Here is one of our published reports.

From the P&C

The next P&C meeting is 12 March 2015 at 9:15 in our school hall. The AGM is first, followed by a general meeting.

All positions will be declared vacant:

President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Canteen Co-ordinator

The agenda for the general meeting is as follows:

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?  
You are invited to Carer Connections  
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

GUEST SPEAKER:
Kathie Nickerson, Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Hunter Integrated Pain Service (Hunter New England Health)

TOPIC:  “The Meaning of Chronic Pain: and Hunter Integrated Pain Service’s approach to Improving Life”

VENUE:  East Maitland Bowling Club, Bank Street, East Maitland

TIME:  10.00am – 12.00pm

COST:  Free - includes Morning Tea

WHEN:  Monday 23 March 2015

RSVP:  Wednesday 18 March 2015

For more information or to Register Contact:  
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter  
on:  4921 4895 or 1300 887 776  
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au  
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)

ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS  
need to have completed the new Working With Children check.

Go to www.kids.nsw.gov.au to complete application.

Week 5 Award Winners

GREVILLEIAS  WARATAHS  BLUEBELLS  CALLISTEMONS  MRS HONAN
Sophia N  Declan A  Connor B  Shelly G  Riley J  
Boston S  Katelin P  Jordan W  Sebastian F  Maddison G  
Olivia F  Dallas J  Andrew C  Riley J  Lily-Rose G  

ACACIAS  ORCHIDS
Sharlee C  Drew O  Madi P  Kyle H  Ben Mc
Jed S  Madi P  Jordan M  Jordan M  Connor B
Yin-John G  Tia C  Zayden R  Zayden R  Shanika S
SAFE
- stay in the right place
- keep hands and feet to self
- walk on hard surfaces

RESPECT
- Speak and act nicely to others
- Stop, look and listen
- Care for people and property

LEARNER
- Follow Instructions
- Do Your Best Always!
- Be Ready to Learn
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#### Just For Fun!

**Remember the 3 R's... Reduce - Reuse - Recycle!**

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