CRICKET, GAME ON!

It won’t be long and our Gillieston Golds will reach the next level. Last year, as part of our PBL (Positive behaviour for Learning), students voted on how they want to celebrate each level.

This goal was a Staff versus Students cricket match. Students have been practicing each break, but watch out for some very keen staff members!

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to Mr Russell Dean for the generous donation of IGA Show tickets and showbags. A quickly organised mufti day raised $162 for our school. Thank you also to all the families who supported the day.

Don’t forget that Year 6 forms for High School need to be returned to the office by 20th March, regardless of what high school you intend to go to.

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

Families are also invited to our Annual Cross Country Day. All students are expected to have a go, jogging, walking or running around our course. Remember your hats and water bottles.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
ACACIAS

As part of the L3 program we get to work independently and in small groups. Ella is showcasing the work she completed during one of the independent activities.

ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS need to have completed the new Working With Children Check. Go to www.kids.nsw.gov.au to complete application.

SCHOOL BANKING
Teaching generations of young Australians the importance of saving and spending money skills since 1931.

GREVILLEAS

This week in maths we are learning to make equal groups with different materials. We are also learning to share out counters equally. In literacy we are working hard in our reading and writing groups. We have also tried to write stories in our writing books, putting spaces between the words and using capital letters and full stops correctly.

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Please check for head lice regularly.

CALLISTEMONS

In our class we have been working really hard at learning our timetables. We practise every morning before we start our maths lesson. I really enjoyed making a paper chain to show a multiplication question of my choice. It was really fun and helped me understand multiplication.
Reported by Riley

BLUEBELLS

In Science, the Bluebells searched the school to try to find different shadows big or small. Like the silver seats, rails, trees, poles, sticks, and other stuff and drew pictures of them in their Science book.
By Malcolm F, Jordan W and Cameron W.

Have you got the Reading Bug?

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We have been drawing dragons and writing stories. We had to say what our dragons can do and what they look like.

**SILVERTAILS**

**SRC Out of uniform Day**
On Friday we had an out of uniform day where the students came out of uniform and brought in a gold coin donation. The students that brought in a gold coin donation were given Gillieston Gold. These were put into a basket and drawn out during the assembly. 36 students won a prize drawn from the raffle drawn by the school leaders. The winners chose a Bertie beetle bag or tickets to the show, 24 students got a Bertie beetle bags and 12 students got a ticket to the Newcastle show.

By: Alyssa and Shaylee

**Student Representative Council**
This year sees Gillieston Public School’s new Student Representative Council starting up. We have a fantastic committee with a representative being chosen from each class as well as our School Leaders.

By: Our Committee

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**Book Club**

**ORDERS ARE DUE**

March 13

Bring your money and orders to

Mrs Digby in the School Office

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Classroom Capers

This week in English we are studying a Roald Dahl text called ‘The Twits’. Students are using their predicting, visualising and making connections strategies during literacy groups. We have been learning about chance in Maths. We conducted a coin toss experiment, analysed our results and organised the data collected into a graph.
The star of the week is “Lara”! Fantastic Effort.

HELP SUPPORT Stewart House

You can help support Stewart House by purchasing one of these key rings. If you wish to purchase one or more of these key rings please place your money in an envelope labeled with Stewart House, your child’s name, class and the number of key rings you want to buy and hand in to your class teacher or office. All money must be in by Friday 20th March. No orders will be taken after this date.

From the P&C

The next P&C meeting is tomorrow, 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:

Family and friends are invited to attend the 2015 Cross Country to be held at Gillieston Public School.

Date:  Friday, 13th March 2015
Time:  10.00 start (after assembly and a short fruit/drink break)

All students are encouraged to participate in this event. We are asking you to encourage your child/children to start practicing for this event. We will be giving students the opportunity to start practicing at school during PE each day. It is not a sprint, it is a distance race. It is about running at a sustainable pace. Students aged 8 and up and who can run the whole course could have the opportunity to represent our school at the Maitland Zone Cross Country event in April.

Students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be running a shorter distance and course than those students aged 8 years and above. All students will walk the course prior to competing in their race.

Students are reminded to wear suitable foot wear e.g. joggers. NO SPIKES

Please ensure your child has extra water and fruit on the day.

Please come along and support our students. You are welcome to share a picnic lunch with your children at the conclusion of the events. (Approximately 12.00)

Program:
10.00  Walk the Course
10.20  Kinder race and 8 and 9 year old boys and girls
10.50  Year 1 race and 10 year boys and girls
11.20  Year 2 and 11 year boys and girls and 12/13 year boys and girls
12.00  Lunch

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**Week 6 Award Winners**

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Road safety around your child’s school
Your child’s safety depends on you

Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.
Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.
Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?
# Diary Dates

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**National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**

Friday 20 March 2015

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**Just For Fun!**

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