RISING SOCCER STAR

On Tuesday the 17\textsuperscript{th} of March Zaine, Hollie and Shaylee represented our school at the Zone Soccer Trials. They competed against many other students from our Maitland PSSA Zone in a trial to be selected to represent our zone in the regional trials. Great feedback was received about the efforts of all three students. We are so very proud of all of you. Huge congratulations to Zaine who was selected to represent our zone at the Regional level. Good luck Zaine!

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Captain Gillo was the name chosen after surveys and voting among the students. It was a tie between Captain Gillieston and Gillo, so staff combined the two. Students have also been working on developing Playground Expectations. Each class’ suggestions were combined and refined into 12 rules. Teachers have been developing lessons for each of these expectations to ensure students know and can show what each one means. Good luck to our Zone Cross Country runners who compete this Friday at Tocal. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to transport and cheer on our team.

Next Monday is School Photo Day and I am sure parents are gearing up for the ‘good’ shirt and the ‘neatest’ hairdo for the day. Don’t forget to return the MSP envelopes. Don’t forget our P&C Sausage Sizzle here this Saturday between 10am and 2pm. Support is needed to cook and serve. Let the office know if you’re available.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Easter/Harmony Day

Thursday 2nd April

9:05 to 10am Children go into class, rolls are marked. Then, children may go with their parents, carers or grandparents to Book Fair.

10 to 11am Harmony Day activity in classrooms.

11am Picnic lunch with families (P&C have a BBQ that needs to be ordered by 1st April)

Children may go with their parents, carers or grandparents to Book Fair.

12:05pm Students return to classroom and prepare for Parade

12:20pm Easter Hat Parade (Hats to be made at home)

P&C to draw the Easter raffle prizes

Children return to class or go with their parents, carers or grandparents to Book Fair.

1:35 to 2:05pm Recess.

2:05pm to 3:05pm Children return to class.

Parents and grandparents may wish to bring:

- Picnic chair
- Picnic lunch
- Hat/sunscreen

Students, parents and grandparents are encouraged to wear orange as we join together to celebrate Harmony Day.

Easter Hats need to be made at home and can be stored in classrooms until parade or brought in at 12:00.

The Book Fair is in the Library. Book prices range from $7 to $30 as they are quality books from well-known authors. Students without parental supervision can visit the Book Fair during second half lunch.

For Child Protection reasons we ask that you only take photos of your own children on the day.

Our Science unit of work crossed over into our Art this week. We learnt about shadows and made an artwork which we presented at assembly. We also completed another picture showing the reason it is dark at night when the Earth spins and we are located on the side of Earth that is facing away from the Sun.
CALLISTEMONS

This week in Maths we have been learning all about Area. I was very excited for our measurement treasure hunt. I followed all the clues and found the treasure in my tote tray!

School Contribution

Each year families are asked to contribute money to the school that will assist us in providing interesting and engaging lessons.

We are asking again for $20 per child up to three children, (the 4th is free).

Please check for head lice regularly.

CROSSCOUNTRY

24 of our students have been selected to represent Gillieston Public School at the Maitland Zone Cross Country to be held at Tocal College on Friday the 27th March.

Program: 9:05am – Leave Gillieston Public School
9:45am – Walk the course
10:30am – Events begin, starting with 8/9 yrs boys then 8/9 yrs girls etc.
2:30pm – Return to Gillieston Public School

Good luck to the students competing!

Thank you to our parent helpers at our school Cross Country event.

We are safe, respectful learners.
WARATAHS

Look at what we can do when we work together. We can make something amazing.
In history we have been learning about the past and the present. We have been discussing the difference between the clothing, toys, transport and housing. There have been many funny comments about the past. Were the dinosaurs around then? We were looking at an image of Maitland from the 1955 flood.

SILVERTAILS

We were learning about space and we were asked to make a phases of the moon artwork. We used a paper plate and cut out the middle. We painted it and then stuck little bits of scrunched up tissue paper to make the sun. Then we used pieces of paper to draw the phases of the moon. Then we labelled them. We cut out a circle to make the earth and placed it in the middle with a paper clip. By Shaylee.
Thank you to all the parents who donated cupcakes for Friday’s National Day of Action against Violence and Bullying. Thank you also for providing students with the money to purchase a cake. We made $85 on the day.

On Saturday 28 March, (ELECTION DAY), we are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve at the Sausage Sizzle. We are hoping to have parent helpers to help cook and serve between 10 am and 2 pm. Even if you are only available for an hour, please leave a message in the office or the canteen. Without your support, this fundraising event cannot happen.

Finally, we will be having an Easter Guessing Competition drawn at the school’s Annual Easter/Harmony Day on Thursday 2 April. If each family were able to donate one or two chocolate eggs we will have lots of baskets of eggs for prizes. Please drop off donations at the office or canteen by Friday 27 March.

Don’t forget your Sausage Sizzle orders need to be in before the 1st April. NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY.
From the Canteen

We now have a Specials Menu that children can buy over the counter at lunch time.

For Easter/Harmony Day we would like to offer sausage sandwich orders ($2 each) and cans of drink ($1) for children and their parents, grandparents and carers. Please write your child’s name, class, food/drink order onto a paper bag with the correct money inside and hand to the canteen before 1st April.

**EASTER/HARMONY DAY**

It’s time to start getting your Easter Hats ready for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April. Hats are made at home and brought in on the day. They’re stored in the classrooms until the parade time. Again, we will be celebrating Harmony Day as well, so we have a Mufti Day where all students, teachers, parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to wear something orange.

**Week 8 Award Winners**

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Key points to remember around schools

2 Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3 On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.

Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.

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.

Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.

While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.

Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.

Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
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**NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The 2015 challenge has started!

Have you got the Reading Bug?

**Just For Fun!**

**Be a Buddy, not a Bully**

Report bullying to an adult.

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