CAPTAIN GILLO SAYS

Our new permanent PBL signs have arrived and been installed. This one is near the COLA and there is a smaller one in the hall. These are our Universal Expectations.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School has returned to normal again even without the buses able to run normally. Thank you to the parents who are driving and car pooling children from the other side of Testers Hollow. We have some changes of teachers on classes this term with Mrs Chapman injured and Ms Weber teaching Grevilleas until her return. We welcome Ms Heath to our school as a new permanent teacher who is currently teaching Callistemons. Mrs Morante is taking leave next week until Week 10 and Ms Clanfield will be teaching Waratahs. Then, it won’t be long before Mrs Penton will be taking leave to have her baby. We welcome Mrs Stewart as our new Learning Support teacher. This position will be advertised for a permanent teacher soon.

Our ANZAC Day ceremony has now been cancelled with a ceremony to be organised later in the year to commemorate the 100 Years ANZAC. The RSL are restoring our old school bell and we will unveil it in a special service. Our P&C meeting with the AGM is on tomorrow at 9:15 in the school hall. All parents/carers welcome. Following the meeting will be the Mothers Day Stall. Happy Mothers day to all our Mothers, Grandmas and Great Grandmas. Enjoy it!

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
ACACIAS and GREVILLEAS

This week the Acacias and the Grevilleas combined classes for PE to practice the fundamental movement skills we learnt last term. The weather did not stop us as we still had an obstacle course inside. We had jumping, crawling, hopping, under arm throwing, balancing and side stepping as our activities at each different station.

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).

Have you got the Reading Bug?
Maitland Storm
On Monday the 20th of April, a huge storm approached the Hunter Valley at night. There was heavy rain and wind which caused flash flooding in my backyard and garage. The next morning a tree fell on my fence and later we had noticed our water turned yellow.

By Cooper

The Flood
On Monday the 20th of April the weather report announced lots of rain on the radar. I got stuck at a motel for two nights and my puppy was left at home, he was very scared. The next day my power went back on and we went back home on a boat over the flood water. My Trampoline nearly blew away. At school, some trees fell down and there was lots of water everywhere.

By Chelsea

Please check for head lice regularly.
WARATAHS

We have been learning about the importance of Anzac Day. We have been reading lots of books and watching videos to help us understand. We have made soldiers and written a thankyou message and we have made a memory wall display in our room.

SILVERTAILS

Recount- Flood Day 1 -
On Tuesday the 21/4/15 the hunter Region of N.S.W [New South Wales] been hit with a massive flood. Many people died by drowning, starvation, disease and many other horrible threats. There was a giant blackout also hit around 5:30a.m. was worse because put them both together it’s worse than you think. Taking out everyone’s hot shower [except my shower] ovens [except my oven] and other electrical appliances. My great Nan, great Pop and cousin went to the hospital of Maitland [Maitland Hospital] for my cousin because of his broken leg so they managed to trap themselves. So the only place they knew was safe was my house. My family and I were pretty much running out of food pretty fast.
My Pop was having a bigger problem, he is a heart person so he needed his tablets but we did not have them, so my mum was ringing Maitland Hospital to see if they could bring supplies but it did not work luckily my Uncle and nan managed to find a way over [Branxton] to get my great nan and great Pop got out with them except my Cousin he was stuck with us he thought he was never going to get back to Cessnock [Cessnock is where my Cousin lives]. But we told him that he gets out of this flood but for now he was stuck with us for the rest of the flood.
He was crying so much so we tried to cheer him up with a board game with my brother’s board game he got for Christmas [last time we played with it, it took 4hrs to complete the game but it was totally worth it] but after we half way were through the game Mum decided to get dinner cooking [we had burritos and tacos] and I got to say they were pretty good after that my Mum said that I have to sleep on the lounge while my cousin had to sleep in my bedroom [Bummer] the next day was pretty much like yesterday except that we had less rain hitting down but by the time it stopped my Mum suggested we ride our bikes [I thought it was a great idea] because we were pretty bored out our minds plus I made a new friend when I was riding my bike.
By Sam
FLOODS
On Tuesday my step dad went to work me and mum lost power. Then my step dad got stuck on Maitland side so mum and I went to a friend’s home but that night we still did not have power. Mum and I and Braiden went to sleep. The next day my step dad was still stuck on Maitland side. We still dad not have power back so I went outside and played with my friends. That night we went to sleep. The next day we still had no power but we got a call it was my step dad. He was coming home with food drink and a generator. My step dad got home at last.
By Cory N

2015 Floods!
On Tuesday (21/4/15)5:30 in the morning everyone in the Hunter lost their power for more than 48 hours. While the power was off there was a food drop at Gillieston community centre. My dad was helping.
At 8:30AM we went down to get my nan and pop’s generator, my mum thought we weren’t going to get back so we went back and the water was almost rushing over the road, then 20 minutes later the lady didn’t make it across.
That night we lit candles so there was a bit of light. When it was time to go to bed we had to use torches.
We had no school for another week. When the power came back on everyone was running in to their houses.
A couple or a few days later we went down to Testers Hollow and saw the water it was nearly 2 metres deep!
Everyone was stranded on Gillo island everyone was bored because they couldn’t get to work and couldn’t go anywhere.
A lot of diseases were going around because of the flood water, and also a lot of emergencies. At Gillieston School a damaged tree fell on the girl’s bathroom and also some branches fell down.
When we were going on the path there was a man in a blue Subaru or Holden he was going really fast. And yesterday one lane was open so we could go somewhere now. But, there is traffic.
While the power was off I was playing my Ipad. The next day I played MONOPOLY with my sister and my mum and I also rode my bike. Then when it came back on I just sat down and watched television.
By Flynn
CALLISTEMONs

The Callistemons have had a big week of change with a new teacher, Mrs Heath, on class until Mrs Penton leaves to have her baby. We have been working on 2D and 3D shapes in Maths, and have brought the topic of symmetry over to our Art lesson with Selfie Symmetry. We look forward to showing Miss Warby what we have done when she returns in a few weeks.

The 2015 challenge has started!

From the P&C

Thank you to all the parents who supported our sausage sizzle and Easter Raffle last term. Our P&C raised $580 on the raffle, $470 on the sausage sizzle and $70 on the second hand uniform sales.

We are currently raising funds to put a cover over the concreted area so our children have a bigger area under cover to play.

Our next Meeting is Thursday (tomorrow) at 9:15am in the school hall. It is our AGM. All parents and carers are welcome.

After the meeting we will be running the Mothers Day stall for the children. We will be grateful for any volunteers who can assist us.

Week 2 Award Winners

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### Hot Foods
- Meat pies: $3.00
- Sausage Rolls: $2.00
- Chicken Gravy Rolls: $3.50
- Chicken Burger L, T, Cheese: $3.50
- Cheese Burger L, T, Cheese: $2.50
- Toasted Cheese Sandwich: $1.50
- Toasted Ham/ Cheese Sandwich: $2.00
- Toasted Ham/ Cheese/Tomato: $2.50
- Beef Lasagne: $3.00
- Hawaiian Pizza: $3.00
- Cheese/bacon Pizza: $3.00
- Chicken Nuggets: 40c each
- Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets: 50c each
- Fish Cocktails: 50c each
- Sauces
  - Tomato, BBQ or Tartare: 30c each

### Snacks
- Fresh Fruit: 50c
- Salted Pop Corn: 50c a bag
- Jelly Cup: 50c
- Red Rock Chips: $1.00
- Mousse: $1.00
- Chicken Noodle Cups: $2.00
- Raisin Toast: $1.00

### Drinks
- Flavoured milk: $1.80
- Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla or Banana
- Water: $1.00
- Juice: $1.50
- Apple, Orange, Blackcurrant
- Plain or Choc Bliss: Up n Go: $2.00
- Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla or Banana
- Hot Milo: $1.00

### Cold Foods
- Salad Wrap: $2.50
- Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot
  - Cucumber and Carrot: $4.00
  - With Meat and Cheese: $2.50
- Lettuce Sandwich
  - Tomato, Beetroot
  - Cucumber and Carrot: $4.00
- Vegemite: $1.00
- Salad Box: $3.00
- Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber
  - Carrot, Beetroot and egg: $4.50
  - With Meat and Cheese: $2.50

### Meats Available
- Ham or Chicken

### All Breads
- Wholemeal: included
- Multigrain: included
- White Bread: included
- Gluten Free: $1.00 extra

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**Snacks and Drinks are available over counter at lunch time.**
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### P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL

Students can purchase a gift priced between $2 and $6 on Thursday 7 May. The stall will operate after the P&C meeting.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the meeting. Helpers are also needed to run the stall. Please put your name down in the canteen if you can help.

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### Just For Fun!

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*We are safe, respectful learners.*