Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who came along to our NAIDOC Celebrations and helped make the day a success. All our students learn about the rich Aboriginal culture throughout the year and this day is a public recognition and celebration of Indigenous culture.

On the last day of last term our school celebrated NAIDOC week with a special assembly, lunch and learning activities. Above is the flag that all our students contributed to on the day. More photos are included throughout this week’s newsletter.

Our Library now has internet connected with WIFI thanks to Mr Neil Talty. We are all very grateful to finally be in the 21st century in the Library. Over the holidays our toilets have been upgraded with dual flushing cisterns. New water saving taps are on their way.

Mr Harmes has been busy building a new dirt pit for our children. They like to dig around the roots of our trees or under the concrete. This will provide a safer place for them to continue to dig with their toy tractors and trucks.

Don’t forget there is a P&C Meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30pm.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
GRELIELAAS

We thank Miss Weber for her wonderful effort and dedication last term. We have made an excellent start to term 3 with all students enthusiastically participating in lessons and activities. We have started discussing and investigating maps and their purpose with many students contributing some excellent thoughts on their use. We will be continuing our investigations throughout the next few weeks. Welcome to Riley, our new class member who has already settled in well to our class.

SILVERTAILS

Congratulations to Kaleb B who gave students a fantastic insight into his Aboriginal culture from the Wiradjuri tribe. He played his didgeridoo for the students and explained the meaning of some dance moves. The students were very interested in the information he gave them about his involvement in the Aboriginal Dance Group at Rutherford Technology High School.

CALLISTEMONS

During our last week of term, we had so many wonderful learning experiences. Just to name one, Callistemons along with a few other classes had the opportunity to go the Kurri Kurri Golf Club on an excursion. We watched a Golf Pro play the course (we were so impressed!!), we played a few skill focused games and had coaching from Leigh Newman. We really enjoyed ourselves. After an enjoyable 2 weeks break, we are already settled back in and are ready for a busy but fun term 3!
The Orchids are ready and raring to go this term with lots of new things happening in the classroom. We are looking forward to getting to know a new member of our class, Chenoa, and we’re starting a unit on Dr Seuss for literacy. This is a photo from when we were working on our NAIDOC art in term 2, but Luke is a prime example of how enthusiastic we are about learning every day!

WARATAHS

Students created artworks based on Dreamtime stories that we had been reading. They coloured and cut out Tiddalick the Frog and drew a funny picture on his tummy to make him laugh.

ACACIAS

NAIDOC day celebrations didn’t stop in the Acacia classroom. We discovered the importance of animals in Dreamtime stories. Our group learnt that each tribe has many stories, often with a lesson to be learnt or a moral tale.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

Some of our students and parents were surveyed last term to find out what they know about our school’s vision statement, expectations and Gillo Golds. It seems our students know more than many of our parents!

Research has shown that using the same words at home and at school can help children to learn what is expected of them.

To find out more, come to tomorrow night’s P&C meeting, ask your child, or re-read some of our past newsletters.

Our focus over the next few weeks is *Keep your hands and feet to yourself.*

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**Gillieston P. S. Playground Expectations**

| Safe          | Stay in bounds  
|              | Play right games in right place  
|              | Always wear school hat  
|              | Seat to eat  
| Respectful   | Follow the rules of the game  
|              | Play so that everyone has fun  
|              | Put rubbish in the bin  
|              | Pack up when finished  
| Learners     | Have a plan  
|              | Learn how to play co-operatively  
|              | Be a problem solver  
|              | Try new games with new friends  

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- 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.

Please call the office (49 327 542) if you, or anyone you know is interested.
BLUEBELLS
The Bluebells completed some Aboriginal art today to finish off our NAIDOC activities from last term.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE
Wednesday 12 August is our BOOK WEEK/EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Start preparing you character costume for our parade.

GPS VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
⇒ School contributions are due and can be paid at the office.
⇒ Payments can be made by cash, cheque or by EFTPOS (in person).
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$20 for 1 child
$40 for 2 children
$60 for 3 children or more
P&C MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

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.

The Agenda:

- Fundraising events
- Footpath to gate
- Education Week Awards
- Cybersafety Information for parents/carers
- Student Well being Framework
- PBL Data

All parents and carers welcome.
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**Just For Fun!**

*Keep your hands and feet to self*

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