COMBINED RECORDERs

Our recorder group is combining with Telarah Public School’s recorder group to perform at next week’s Education Week Award night at Rutherford Technology High School. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome. Food will be served from 5:30pm with the evening beginning at 6:00pm. They have been working hard to learn all the music for this performance and then the Sydney Opera House on August 5. What a great opportunity!

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next week is officially Education Week with the theme Celebrating Local Heroes. Our school will be celebrating education Week with Book Week in Week 5 of the term. A Book Character Parade will be the highlight of the day, with other events as well.

Mrs Heath is organising a gardening working bee for parents this Friday at 11:00am. If you have an hour and some gardening gloves your time will be appreciated. The Gillo Garden Gurus are returning! Our school is collecting the Earn n Learn stickers from Woolworths. If you shop at Woolworths and have stickers, they can be placed in the collection box located in our canteen. Our school has received numerous teaching and learning resources in the past from this program.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Grevilleas

We have been playing lots of exciting number games over the past week, practising our counting both forwards and backwards up to 30. We have been ordering numbers and also looking at ordinal numbers. One of our favourite games was “Teddy Bear Races”. Our apologies to the Acacias for our very enthusiastic and loud cheering as the Teddies reached the finish line!

Callistemons

This week Callistemons worked together to make a rap for our PBL expectation; *keep your hands and feet to yourself.*

Yo yo yo, Callistemons here!
Listen up, our message is clear!
Sometimes when we play,
Our friends ask us to go away!
They are not being mean,
They are just upset at what they have seen.
If you touch someone with your hands or your feet,
You might hurt them, keep listening to the beat.
Keep your hands and feet to yourself,
And you will be as happy as an elf!

Pictured are some very happy Callistemons with the items they purchased at our Callistemon Auction.
**ORCHIDS**

This week we are starting a unit on Place – what it means to us, how this place has changed over time and why, and what place might mean to other people and other cultures. We think that Gillieston Public School is a great example of the way that places change depending on the needs of the people around, as our school has grown like wildfire over the past few years. If you have, or someone you know has, a long history with Gillieston Public School or the area in general, we would love for people to share their stories with us. Please let us know if you think you can help!

**WARATAHS**

Last week we were revising patterns, shapes and addition during Maths groups. All students worked well in groups and had fun revising these topics.

**SILVERTAILS**

On Thursday yr 10, 11, and 12 students came over from Rutherford Technology High School, to do some maths lessons. We talked about what we’re good at in maths and what we’re bad at in Maths. First the high school students talked to us about high school and about themselves, and some of the classes, teachers and subjects. Then we did some activities and everybody enjoyed learning about the process of maths.  
By: Shaylee and Alyssa-Jane
Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

Our focus over the next few weeks is

- **Keep your hands and feet to yourself.**
- **Speak and act nicely to others**

ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

- Full page (A5) $20 per issue
- 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.

HELP WANTED!

Could someone please let the owners of this dog know that he visits our school almost every afternoon.

Our new bins stop him from tipping out the rubbish but now he rips the plastic bags and enters classrooms if the door has not been closed, (even while teachers are still in there!)

Volunteers Needed!

Our school canteen is currently closed on Mondays and Tuesdays until volunteers are found.

If you have a couple of hours per week, please contact the office and let us know.

Support will be provided to help all new volunteers learn what happens in the canteen and to obtain their Working with Children Check.
BLUEBELLS

The Bluebells have been practising their skipping as part of their learning in PE this week. Parents are reminded of the change of date for parent/teacher interviews. Notes were sent home with your child on Monday. Due to a clash of date the new date for interviews will be **Thursday 30th July**. My apologies for any inconvenience.

ACACIAS

As part of the L3 Literacy sessions the Acacias work independently in small groups. A student in the group needed assistance and the other group members helped them without calling for the teacher. They know they can put their heads together to problem solve. Ms B is impressed with their independent learning skills.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Wednesday 12 August is our BOOK WEEK/EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Start preparing your character costume for our parade.
Congratulations and welcome to Mrs Duvollet who was the successful candidate during the selection process for the permanent part time Learning Support teacher. Thank you to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Talty for your contribution as representatives on the panel.

The next P&C MEETING is 13 August
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.
All parents and carers welcome.

Our office is now ready to take enrolments for children starting Kindergarten next year.
The first 20 completed Kinder enrolments for 2016 will receive a FREE Captain Gillo T-shirt.

For any enquiries, please contact the pre-school on the phone number above or kurripreschool@bigpond.com
Maitland AECG would like to invite Gillieston families and friends to their next meeting at:

Tenambit Public School
9:00am
On Tuesday 28 July 2015

Please RSVP at our school
ph 49 327 542
Or email
gillieston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Our school is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers.
Please take them to our canteen either in their strips or stuck onto the collector sheets.

Gillieston students of 2016 and their families are invited to:

WELCOME BBQ: 27 October 2015 at 4pm (Free showbag)

ORIENTATION 1: 3 November 2015 at 10am

ORIENTATION 2: 10 November at 12noon

ORIENTATION 3: 17 November at 2pm

Contact our friendly office for more information.
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**Have you got the Reading Bug?**

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