POLICE SUPPORT SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

Senior Constable Michael Steele visited our school last week to talk to our primary students about the importance of being safe, respectful learners at school, as students but also outside of school and as adults. The choices children make now can have a great effect on their futures.

He also talked about Cyber safety, reinforcing the lessons our primary students had last term.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to the families who supported our recorder group last week, driving children to Sydney, enjoying a meal together. Mrs Madden and I enjoyed the experience, so many schools, so many recorders! I am sure all the children will remember their Opera House experience forever.

I would like to invite parents to our school staff meeting on Wednesday 26 August at 3:20pm. Staff will be updating our student welfare policy.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
We have been enjoying having an Interactive Whiteboard in our room, utilising it in many lessons to enhance and make our learning engaging and enriching. In maths last week we used our interactive bus to make up addition and subtraction stories. We are still using many other resources as well, such as dominoes to make our own addition sentences.

Acacias this week has had pets visit, birthdays and so much more. This week we were learning about addition, subtraction and money. We all loved the money unit. Ms B gave us the task to work out how many ways we could buy an ice block at recess. Many of us could work out what coins are needed for the ice blocks.

We have been working in groups to construct a range of creations with the new fine motor blocks which were purchased with the $250 prize money won at this year’s Maitland Show. The children are learning to share and work collaboratively to create a design.
This week we have been busy researching about penal colonies in HSIE, practising our spelling work and using different strategies to add numbers on the dice.

Junior Golf @ Kurri Golf Club
(02) 4937 1224

BLUEBELLS

CALLISTEMONS

All of the Callistemons have been really enjoying the Premier Sporting Challenge. We have all been working hard to be as active as possible and are aiming for a Diamond medal. Some our students are Premier Sporting Challenge leaders and others participate in the lunchtime active play activities. We know that being active will keep us happy and healthy!

SILVERTAILS

Listening to the teacher.
Important learning.
Stuff you need to know.
Trying to focus on listening skills.
Everything is better when you listen.
Never speak when teacher is talking.
By Flynn. C. Made 28th July 2015

Respecting the people around you
Everyone needs respect
Speak nicely to others
Play nicely with others
Everyone deserves respect
Calling people nice names
Teaching others about respect
By Izzy 28.7.15
WE’RE ON OUR WAY TO CANBERRA

Next Monday 17 August very early in the morning, eighteen Year 5/6 students with Miss Middleton, Mrs Crouch and Mrs Madden will be boarding the bus to head to Canberra. We will be visiting many exciting places such as, Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon, The Australian Mint, Australian Institute of Sport, Telstra Tower and the Museum of Democracy.

We are all watching the weather forecast very carefully and hope the warmer weather gets there before we do.

After three exciting days we will get back to school on Wednesday night around 7pm. Lots of great photos to come soon.

ORCHIDS

The Orchids have been busy working on a Dr Seuss style artwork to go with our literacy unit, and we have started learning our dance for the end-of-term performance. We are pretty cool cats in this room! We have also been looking at book reports, and we’re getting ready to write our own, all about our favourite books.

From the GARDEN GURUS

The gardeners have been working hard, planting some natives around the water tank, as well as getting our first veggies growing in the vegetable garden. So far we have spinach, beetroot, broccoli, mizuna, and a few other late winter plants, but we’ll be getting ready for some spring planting soon. A parent helper or two would be wonderful, so if there are any green thumbs out there who could volunteer some of their time, please let Mrs Heath know.

A big thank you to Amy Chang, who puts her energies into making sure all plants are watered EVERY recess!
Our school is collecting the Earn and Learn stickers.

Please take them to the office either in their strips or stuck onto the collector sheets.

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.
The next P&C MEETING is Tomorrow

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.

P&C Pie Drive
Orders to be returned Monday 17 August

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2016

Our office is now taking enrolments for children starting Kindergarten next year.

The first 20 completed Kinder enrolments for 2016 will receive a FREE Captain Gillo T-shirt.

Open Day
Thursday 27th August 2015
10.30am – 1.00pm
We would love to see you there!

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- Update your phone number.
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Have you got the Reading Bug?

GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten 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.

Week 4 Award Winners

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### Positive Behaviour for Learning

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

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### Just For Fun!

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