Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This afternoon parents will be attending our school staff meeting to have their say about student behaviour. Our current Student Welfare Policy and Anti-Bullying Plan are being updated and we value our community suggestions. We are also trying to start a Before and After School Care Centre here at school. There is funding we can apply for to start it up but need to have enough interested families. These surveys went home on Monday. It would be appreciated if they could be returned by Friday.

At our last P&C meeting, it was discussed that our school have its own Facebook page. To do this, we need to survey the whole school community to see if it is viable. We then need to develop our school’s policy and procedures before we can begin. This survey will go home next week.

You may notice that we will be having the Life Education Van visit next term. This program can only be successful if it is supported. At $10 per child and plenty of time to save up, it is hoped that all children will attend.

Well done. Our school is very proud of you.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
**GREVILLEAS**

Over the past weeks in science we have been looking at different materials and finding them in the classroom as well as outside. We have been investigating what things are made of and why. Last week we investigated water and its properties as well how it helps us. We made a poster together with Mrs Honan.

**ACACIAS**

The Acacias and the Grevilleas enjoy getting outside for PE. We mostly go out and practice our Fundamental Movement Skills ie catching, throwing and dodging. This week we went out and played old school yards games including Statues. As you can see on everyone's face this game was a roaring success. Have a chat about other school yard games you played when you were at school. Your child can come back and share some of these games with the class. Looking forward to hearing about some of your favourites.
WARATAHS

This term the Waratahs have been working hard to earn points for a class reward. They have been good listeners, quality learners, producing their best work and working in groups cooperatively. Well done everyone! Our class rewards day will be Wednesday. We will have a movie, games, treats and some special prizes. Keep up the great work. I am very proud of how much effort you have been putting in.

CANBERRA EXCURSION

On Monday 17th of August at 7:30am we were getting ready to get on our VIP Port Stephens Coach transport to Canberra, first we said bye to our mums, as we were getting on the bus we were greeted by our VIP bus driver Peter. When we were on the Coach it was very boring because it was a six hour Bus drive and I was sitting next Shaylee. When we arrived at Canberra (finally) we went straight to our first stop which was the Parliament House, we got to see the House Of Representatives, and then we got to see the Senate. We also got to hear some speeches in a sound proof room. Later that day we went to our motel which was the Carotel Motel, and I was in a room with Shaylee, Emily and Jessica it was so FUN. Then we had dinner at the little restaurant at our motel. Then we had our showers and I got into my onesie, then we watched some of the Spelling Bee on TV then it was lights out.

On Tuesday we woke up really early and went to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport), and we got to see many different types of sports like gymnastics, volleyball, strength and conditioning centre. Later that day we went to Questacon and there was many different activities to do and my favourite was the free fall down a six metre slide, then we went to the Australian War Memorial. Then that night we went to Telstra tower.

On Wednesday we packed our bags and put it on the bus then we went straight to the Old Parliament House and we got to sit in the old Senate, and then we went to the Australian Mint, and we got make our own coins and then we got to buy some sweets. Then we were on our way home on the bus stopped McDonalds for dinner and met with our mums at Maitland station and then we had fantastic stories to tell our friends.

CALLISTEMONS

The Callistemons have been focusing on probability and chance this week in Maths. We created our own worded problems and questioned a friend; we really enjoyed using coins, cards, fruit and marbles to do this! Our favourite Maths activity from this week was our probability spinner. We each made our own number spinner and got to use it to explore the concept of probability.

A special thank you to Zayden, who has been a PBL super student this week!
There is funding available to start up a Before and After School Care but to apply we need to show that our school community will make use of it. A survey went home to families asking about the need for this service. This is the first step to applying. Please complete and return this survey by Friday.

**Life Education Van**

The Hunter Life Education Van will be coming to our school in Week 7 of Term 4. It is expected that all students will attend with a cost of $10 per child. There are no concessions. Start putting some coins in a money box now so you don’t miss out!

**ORCHIDS**

The Orchids have just started working on a new Dr Seuss text - The Lorax. We'll be writing some of our own weird and wonderful poetry with crazy, made-up words, as well as looking at the importance of the environmental message in the book. Our Dr Seuss artworks have seen many afternoons of classroom chaos after the children have gone home, but we’re sure that the end result will be worthwhile. Watch this space!

**From the GARDEN GURUS**

We've had a changeover of gardeners in the last week, and the new team worked hard last Wednesday doing a new round of planting. We're still very keen for some community input, so please yell out if you’d like to give us a hand. Our garden could be even more wonderful for our school if we had another adult pair of hands!
**STAGE 2 EXCURSION**

Stage 2 students will be going on an excursion to Maitland Gaol and Morpeth Museum on Thursday 10th September 2015. This excursion has been planned to supplement the work being done in the classroom.

The cost of the excursion is $11.00. Students will depart from Gillieston PS at 9.20am and return to school at 1.45pm. Permission notes have gone home and MUST be returned before or on Monday 7th September. No late money will be taken.

**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 10 September

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 picked up TOMMORROW

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!
SKOOLBAG APP

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Have you got the Reading Bug?

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Sharlia W  Jordan W  Dylan
Jed S  Tiffani  Kyle
Sharlee C  Liam  Ashan

CONTACTS

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.

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

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

Our next whole school reward is - PARTY GAMES in class

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**Just For Fun!**

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