MAITLAND GAOL

The Stage 2 students had a great time at the Maitland Gaol on Thursday. Students were provided with a guided tour through the gaol where they were given lots of opportunities to explore the site which included cells and shower areas. Our guide talked about the history of the prison and was very impressed with our student’s prior knowledge from our investigations and discussions in class.

After the Gaol visit, Mrs Honan travelled back to school and we travelled to Morpeth Museum where students were allowed to look at all the historical treasures before putting the teachers on trial. Miss Warby and Mrs Thompson were both found guilty of being good educators.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the Cybersafety Information sessions and the P&C meeting last week. It is very important to us to be working with our families to continue making our school a great school. You can now “Like us” on Facebook and get more involved than ever.

We have our Meeting this afternoon with parents and carers to follow up on the work done two weeks ago with regards to inappropriate behaviour and Anti-Bullying. We welcome everyone this afternoon, even if you weren’t there at the first meeting.

We are looking forward to Friday’s Grand Friend’s day and I hope all our families enjoy their Spring holidays together and return safe and refreshed.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal

We are safe, respectful learners.
This term we have all been working very hard in literacy groups. Each day we practising handwriting skills, spelling, sight words, independent reading and writing skills as well as engaging in a guided reading session. Our mornings are very busy.

What a busy week! The Acacias have been very busy with dance rehearsals for this Friday’s Grand Friend’s Day. We have also been counting on in Maths, revisited nouns, logging onto the computer and investigating in Science. We had to find a quick way to melt chocolate with our bodies. The conversations were great to listen to. For example, “I have chocolate under my armpit”, followed by giggles and more conversations. We also enjoyed sitting down to read the paper, reading the Gillieston Gazette.
WARATAHS
To finish our mini literacy unit about insects/bugs the students designed and made their own insects. The insects will be on display in the Waratah’s classroom this Friday before the students take them home.
Congratulations to all of the Waratahs for being ‘ready to learn’, ‘following instructions’ and ‘doing your best always’.

BLUEBELLS
Congratulations to our Stage 2 Spelling Bee Finalists! Jack and Liam both competed in the finals of our local Spelling Bee competition on Wednesday 9th September at Tenambit Public School. Both boys were our school finalists in Stage 2 and represented our school very well on the day against students from other schools. Liam came 5th in the competition and Jack made it through

CALLISTEMONS
This week in Maths we have been focusing on fractions and decimals! The Callistemons took their learning outside the classroom and enjoyed the beautiful spring weather! We worked together to make a decimal and fraction number line. We used chalk to mark it on the path and our rulers to measure equal space between each decimal and fraction on our number-line. While we really loved this activity, our favourite part of our learning this week was our excursion to Maitland Goal and Morpeth Museum!
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!

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.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2015—10 days intensive program

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Notes went home last week asking for an Expression of Interest to be part of the learn to swim program in our school.

Instruction will take place at **KURRI KURRI SWIM CENTRE**

The program will continue **DAILY FOR 2 WEEKS** from 23 November—4 December 2015.

**COST** will be approximately $10 per day. (this will include transport and pool entry). To enable us to run this program we will need a **minimum of 40 students** to participate. There will be a teacher from our school attending the program with the students.

The total cost of the program will be approximately $60.
HAVE YOUR SAY

Council is working with Walker Corporation to design and construct a new multipurpose community centre in Gillieston Heights.

We have prepared draft concept plans for the centre and we invite your feedback until Monday 12 October. Community input will help to make sure this important facility meets the needs of the community into the future.

Visit maitlandyoursay.com.au to view the plans and share your views in an online survey or discussion forum.

DROP IN INFORMATION SESSIONS

Drop In anytime during the session to view the concept plans, speak with our project team and provide your feedback on the draft concept plans.

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2015
(Light afternoon tea provided)
Venue: Gillieston Heights Public School Hall
Cnr Gillieston and Ryan Roads
Gillieston Heights
Time: Between 3.00pm - 6.30pm

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2015
(Enjoy the free BBQ, facepainting and coffee van)
Venue: Cnr Pine Street and Redwood Drive, Gillieston Heights
(near the park under construction)
Time: Between 10.00am - 1.00pm
Stepping Stones Triple P

Gillieston Public School would like to invite all parents of children aged 2 to 12 to attend free seminars that will provide tips and strategies to support parenting.

Seminar 1—Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability—October 20
Seminar 2—Helping your Child Reach their Potential—October 27
Seminar 3—Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour—November 3

Where: Telarah Public School, Raymond St, Telarah.
Time: 9:30am to 11:30am
R.S.V.P. Kerryn Duvollet—Learning and Support Teacher, Gillieston Public School 49 327 542

Autism Awareness Fundraiser

The SRC would like to thank all the students and families for supporting our Onesie/PJ day.
We raised $150.

Gillieston PS P&C

We will be holding a raffle this Friday at Grandfriends Day.
1st Prize is a $50 meat tray voucher from Tenambit Butchery.
Thank you Tenambit Butchery and Ms Thelma Peacock for this kind donation.
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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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### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

| Tm 4 Wk 1               | Public Holiday           | 6                                  | 7                                  | 8                                  | 9                                  |
| Wk 2                    | 12 School Banking        | 13                                 | 14                                 | 15                                 | 16                                 |
| Wk 3                    | 19                       | 20                                 | 21                                 | 22                                 | 23                                 |

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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!

Happy Holidays.

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