TIME TO TEE UP

Our school is working with Kurri Golf Club to help children develop an interest in golf, that could become a lifetime interest or sport. Miss Warby and a group of enthusiastic students enjoy an hour of fun. They have been learning about chipping, putting and driving.

Many thanks go to the Chang family who have donated two buckets of golf balls to support this initiative.

Any Year 3 to 6 child from our school can participate by meeting the group at 4pm each Monday. The cost is $2, paid at the golf course.

Thanks also goes to Miss Warby for giving up her own time to run this program.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Wednesday afternoon meeting with staff. The information provided during that meeting is being used this Wednesday and next Wednesday at our staff meetings. We are bringing up to date our Student Welfare Policy and Anti-Bullying Plan. These documents are regularly updated but new changes with the Department of Education policies and our Positive behaviour for Learning (PBL) processes are changing what we do at the school level. Another parent meeting is planned for Wednesday 16 September. All parents and carers are welcome.

Thank you also to everyone who returned the Before and After School Care surveys. The information has now been sent away for further processing. A short survey went home yesterday looking to see what interest there is in our school having its own Facebook page. We already have a website and Skoolbag app but are continuing to look for ways to improve communication between school and community.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Classroom Capers

GREVILLEAS and ACACIAS

Last week Grevilleas and Acacias combined for a maths session where we all enjoyed participating in a variety of activities. We were consolidating our understanding of multiplication and division as well as whole numbers.

The Student from Gillieston Public

It was half past seven and the sun was awake
Mums voice was like an alarm which made the student shake
He opened his eyes and chose to quickly close them again
It was Monday morning and the school week had began

The student rose from the comfort of his nice warm bed
He quickly got dressed though he dreaded what lay ahead
He looked in the mirror and formed his hair into a spike
Milo and toast for breakfast and then he jumped on his bike.

The student arrived at Gillieston Public to hear the bell screech
All the students began to learn and the educators teach
He watched the clock as it slowly counted down to lunch
He kept dreaming of the food he had packed to munch.

The bell rang to signify the time for eating and play
The student rushed out before the teacher shouted “STAY”
He turned around with much sorrow and grief
He had forgotten about planning room to his disbelief

The rest of the day dragged on and on forever
If you asked if he liked school he would reply never
The student from Gillieston Public got through the day
He arrived home and that is where he wished to stay

By Silvertails, 24/08/15
WARATAHS

I have learnt more dancing skills and had fun.- Jordan
Clauses have to have verbs.- Connor
Data is the information we use to make a graph.- Zac
We have been learning skipping in PE.- Jack
We have been having fun skipping in PE.- Ricky
There are 2 types of clauses, dependent and independent.- Olivia
We have looked up information about the Maitland Gaol.- Lillee

BLUEBELLS

The Callistemons have been focusing on measurement this week in Maths. We used play dough to make worms in our Maths groups. We estimated, measured and compared the length of each worm. Ask us how tall we are. We know our height because we made our very own height chart in class! It was very interesting to see the differences in height. As a team, we have been trying really hard with our spelling. In just 4 days we took our error score from 162 to 23!
Thank you to all the families who returned the Before and After School Care survey.

The information has now been sent for further investigation as to the viability of having a Before and After School Care operating at our school.

**ORCHIDS**

This week in the Orchids classroom we are starting a new spelling activity where we set goals for reducing our errors as a whole class. Every time we meet one of our goals Mrs Heath adds a few more Gillo Golds to our collection.

The positivity in our classroom is growing like a bushfire in December. We are regularly hearing wonderfully supportive comments from one student to another, such as, "Your artwork looks really great." Talk like this helps us to build our confidence, and success is much more likely and more satisfying. As well as this, it is a really important part of our PBL program. A huge thank you to all of the families who are supporting teachers and students as we try to make our school the best it can be - without your help the messages we teach the children would be much less likely to have an impact on your child’s behaviour and attitude towards learning. The Gillieston community is a great thing to be a part of!

**From the GARDEN GURUS**

Another shout out in search for parent helpers, if you’re available. Some of the things we would love to get happening include a vertical strawberry planter, some citrus trees and possibly apples, and more worms to help break down the fruit scraps each day. Another pair of hands would make a massive difference to the garden's productivity!
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.

PARENT CYBERSAFETY INFORMATION SESSIONS
Parents and carers are invited to Cybersafety Information sessions organised for Thursday 10 September. There are two sessions 9:00am and 5:00pm in Silvertail’s room.
The late session is a repeat of the first to assist working families.

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.

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.
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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**Week 7 Award Winners**

**GREVILLEAS**
- Shari W
- Joseph N
- Erura A

**WARATAHS**
- Byron
- Milosh
- Raya

**ACACIAS**
- Brodie G
- Ella L
- Callum G

**BLUEBELLS**
- Andrew
- Olivia
- Marko

**ORCHIDS**
- Kayla O
- Toby B
- Maddison B

**CALLISTEMONS**
- Bradley
- Riley J
- Jessica
## Diary Dates

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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

**Just For Fun!**