Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are inviting parents and caregivers to another meeting on Wednesday 16 September to assist us updating our current Student Welfare Policy and Anti-Bullying Plan. The meeting is from 3:20 to 4:20 with baby sitting available.

Facebook surveys went home last week with a fantastic response from our community. With 88% saying “Yes” to using a school page to communicate, we will be going ahead soon. As part of this move into using technology we have an information session for parents/caregivers on Thursday at 9am and 5pm in the Silvertail’s room. The late Cybersafety session will be followed by our P&C Meeting. Don’t forget we have Grandfriend’s Day coming up with some dancing performances and more.

We are safe, respectful learners.

Mrs Karen Johanson - Principal
Last week we were showing and talking about our favourite toys in our Personal History Unit. We compared our favourite toys that we have now with those we had when we were babies and discussed why they might be different. We had also discussed toys and games from the past, looking at similarities and differences.

ACACIAS

This week the Acacias enjoyed some lessons outdoors. Brodie is demonstrating he can draw a basic shape and turn it into 2 equal parts. The Acacias showed us how to halve basic shapes like squares and triangles through to more challenging shapes like octagons. We also worked on how to do quarters. We discussed how to check to see if an item was cut into equal fractions and whether there is more than 1 way to do it. We are fraction stars!!!

ORCHIDS

The Orchids are coming to the end of our Dr Seuss unit, and you wouldn't believe how much we have learned...alliteration onomatopoeia, AND how to write their own nonsensical poetry! We're all getting excited about Grandparents and Friends Day and sharing our dance, but we're not sure how we feel about 2 weeks of no school!
WARATAHS
Here are some of the things we have been learning to do this term:
Amity – I can write better stories.
Sienna – I can complete a comprehension card activity.
Hayden – I can paint an under the sea picture and to try my best.
Raya – I can log onto the computer.
Ben – I can hit the target with new movement skills.

BLUEBELLS
Dance practise is going well and students are getting their groove on. Please remember to dress your child for the last day of term (Fri 18th Sept) in a check shirt and shorts (please look in the op shops for a cheap one). A jumper may be needed if the morning is cool.
We are all excited about our excursion tomorrow to the Maitland Gaol. Please remember to pack lunch, recess and fruit break and a refillable drink bottle (no poppers).

CALLISTEMONS
“Thank you for absolutely everything Dad!”
Zayden
“Thanks for looking after me, I love you Troy and Marcell”
- Dominic
“Thank for being my Pop and I love you so much!”
Trinity
“Thanks for always being around Chris!”
Flinn
“Thanks for always believing in us Granddad!”
Amy
“Thanks for being awesome Uncle Jack!”
Dominick
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.

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!

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

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NEW OFFICE HOURS
To improve our service to families our school office will now be open from 8:30am until 3:30pm. Parents, carers and grandparents can go to the office before and after school for enquiries or payments.

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.

ONESIE/PJ DAY
When: TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
What: Wear your onesie or pj’s today.
Why: To raise awareness and support all of the autistic children in Australia.

GOLD COIN DONATION
Organised by your SRC
The next P&C MEETING is 10 September
6:30pm in Silvertails’ classroom
Light refreshments will be available for both parents and children.

All parents and carers welcome.

Thank you to all the families who supported our
Father’s Day Stall
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 8 Award Winners**

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

| Wk 1   | Public Holiday | 6       | 7         | 8                         | 9              |

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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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*Pack up when finished.*

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