Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

This is the final Gazette for 2014. Where has the year gone? It has certainly been a busy time since Term One started way back in February. Undoubtedly everyone is looking forward to the festive season and the chance to unwind and spend time with family and friends.

Our profuse thanks to the many parents and community members who have supported our school in 2014, whether it was at the preschool, in reading groups, P & C activities or on the school board to name but a few. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your tremendous support throughout the year and wish everyone the best for the festive season, a happy new year and a safe and relaxing school holiday.

Year 6 Farewell

The end of the year is always tinged with some sadness as we see another group of Yr 6 students moving on to high school.

The formal Year 6 Graduation assembly was held on Monday and it was great to see so many parents and extended family members here to celebrate year 6’s achievements over their years at primary school.

On Thursday night they will take part in their dinner/disco. Many thanks Mrs van Eyk and Miss Dearden for their superb efforts in organising the Year 6 end of year events. Our utmost thanks to the many staff and parent helpers who have assisted in the process as well.

Whilst we will miss them we also wish year 6 all the best as they move on to high school in 2014.
**Book Packs for 2015**

Book pack information for next year's classes from preschool to year 6 was sent out earlier this term. Orders are due in by this Friday 12 December. After that date, orders will be accepted online through the Chalk website using the order code mentioned on the book pack order form. Book packs ordered by 12 December will be here at school for the students to use from the first day of Term 1, 2015.

**Awards Assembly on Tuesday 16 December 2014**

The end of year awards ceremony will be held in the May Gibbs unit on Tuesday 16 December beginning at 10:00 am. This is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of all of our students from across the school. Within each class, individual students will receive an award acknowledging their accomplishments across the school year. In addition, individual awards will be presented in each class in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Citizenship.

**End of year activity on Wednesday 17 December 2014**

Students from kindergarten to Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in unveiling of our Artist-in-Residence Murals project. Dan and the students in peer support groups have worked very hard to create seven amazing works of art throughout the school. They will be formally unveiled at a ceremony to be held in the May Gibbs playground at 10:00 am.

Other things happening on the day include:

- Students can come out of uniform but they must have a hat (no caps), shirt with sleeves, enclosed shoes (no sandals or thongs). It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen before coming to school and to remember a drink bottle. *Remember that we are already experiencing hot, summery weather.*
- The P & C has donated the sausages and bread for a free sausage sizzle at lunch. The canteen will be closed so students need to bring their own recess and snacks.

**Staff for 2015**

It is with much sadness that we bid farewell to Remana Dearden, Tracy van Eyk and Louise Poulakis next week. All three teachers have made a significant contribution both within their classrooms and more broadly through extra-curricular activities across the school.

We thank Tracy, Louise and Remana very much for the difference they have made for our students in the time they have been here at Gilmore and wish them all the best for the coming year. 2015 will see Tracy and her family moving to Melbourne and both Remana and Louise taking up positions at other ACT schools.

Louise Johnston was appointed to fill the Field Officer position (part of the federally funded Literacy and Numeracy partnership) in a relieving capacity this year. Her role has been to work alongside teachers, coaching and mentoring them in best practice in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. She also has been a valuable asset to our staff and students. Louise has been successful in obtaining a promotion as Executive Teacher at Charnwood-Dunlop in 2015.

A merit selection process is currently underway to select a new Field Officer at Gilmore.

This year the Education and Training Directorate has been involved in a transition staffing program as it moves to enabling schools full autonomy in the way staff are configured. The process of aligning teachers to positions is still a work in progress with some sixty or more teaching places still in the throes of being confirmed across Canberra.

Whilst we are finalising classes for 2014, our teaching staff is *most likely* to look like: Kim Middleton, Antonia McGuire, Annie Sheehan, Narelle Tait, Aaron Partridge, Fiona Norris, Louise Poulakis, Nicole Minshull, Aaron Partridge, Vicki Lucas, Melissa Whitehouse and Karen Owens. The *likely* class configuration will be: Learning Support Centre, Preschool, Kindergarten, Yr 1/2, Yr 3/4, Yr 4/5 and Yr 6.

**End of term**

Not only are we approaching the end of term but also the end of the school year. It is timely to ensure that your children have not left any of their belonging at school. Please check the lost property baskets for clothing, lunch boxes etc. that may not have made it home.
Semester 2 Reports
Reports will be sent home on Friday 12 December. Year 1 to Year 6 report formats include the A to E report across all of the subjects (Key Learning Areas) covered in class. Kindergarten has a stand-alone format but all students will have comments about academic attainments / attitude / social and emotional development. In addition reference is made to your child’s attendance at school in Terms 3 & 4. The number of days absent will be noted. Second semester covers ninety-eight school days in total. Absences happen from time to time with illnesses etc. but frequent days away from school do add up and do have a long term impact. A child missing around sixteen days per semester over their time in primary school will, by the end of year 6, have missed a complete year of schooling. Can any child afford to do this?

2015 Term Dates

Term 1
Monday 2 February: Preschool and Kindergarten students start
Tuesday 3 February: Year 1 to Year 6 students start
Monday 9 March: Canberra Day Public Holiday
Friday 3 April: Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 6 April: Easter Monday Public Holiday
Friday 10 April: Last Day of Term 1

Term 2
Monday 27 April: ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 28 April: First day of school for Preschool to Year 6 students
Monday 8 June: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 3 June: Last day of Term 2

Term 3
Monday 20 July: First day of school for Preschool to Year 6 students
Friday 25 September: Last day of Term 3

Term 4
Monday 12 October: First day of school for Preschool to Year 6 students
Friday 18 December: Last day of Term 4 and the 2014 school year

Don’t forget your SOCs?
Our P & C is actively engaged in the SOCs fundraising activity which brings benefits (through discount vouchers) to you. Don’t forget to, where possible, support the businesses which are supporting your P & C (in turn supporting YOUR children through providing addition resources for them to use at school)

Season’s Greetings

NO HAT – PLAY IN THE SHADE.
Please make sure that your children bring a broad brimmed or bucket hat to wear at school each day.
This week:
- 10 December: Dolphins Assembly; School Board
- 11 December: Year 6 Dinner / Disco
- 12 December: Seahorse Assembly; K to 6 Reports Home

Still to come this term

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Andrew Geering
Principal
Gilmore Primary School

FOR SALE
We have lots of drinks leftover from the Year 6 fundraising activities and are selling them in slabs for $1 per can. E.g. a slab of 30 cans is $30. We have a few cases of Coke and slabs of mixed flavours. Please see the front office staff if you would like to purchase a slab.

SALE STARTS THIS FRIDAY 12/12/14.
Available until stock runs out.

Puzzle Club
Photos from the last Puzzle Club for the year.
The children really enjoyed Franco coming in and doing some dancing with them last week. We do appreciate it when families can share their talents and skills with the children. We have been getting into the festive season with making decorations and lots of glitter on our art work.

**Movie/Pizza/Popcorn**
We are celebrating the end on term with a pizza/popcorn and movie day on the last day of term (for each group). If you would like your child to participate please send in your form and money.

**Kindergarten Information Night and Transition Program:**
We hope that the families that attended the Kindergarten Information Night found it useful and informative. If you still have any questions please see staff or speak to the office.

**Library Books:**
Library borrowing has now finished for the year. If families can return any school books as soon as possible so that we can do a stocktake we would appreciate it.

**Requests:**
If families could assist their children to discreetly put any Christmas cards in the children’s take home pockets rather than hand them out we would really appreciate it.

We wish our families a safe and relaxing festive season.

Your Partners in Education
Kim, Kylie, Antonia, Leah, Dee and Zuzette

**Robin Klein News**
Wow! Where has the year gone? The Robin Klein unit has had an incredibly busy and productive year. Some of the highlights include the Big Day Out, Fun Day, our excursions to the National Museum and Old Parliament House, Sailing, Bandstrav, Tasteful Tuesdays, Movie Mondays and the Fete.

The Year 6 Graduation Assembly was emotional but joyfully celebrated the achievements of the Year 6 students. We hope all of the family members and friends enjoyed it as much as we did. The children from our unit will be performing some of the graduation songs at next Tuesday’s End-of-Year Awards Assembly. It starts at 10am in May Gibbs.

Sadly, both of us will be leaving Gilmore Primary at the end of this term. We have had an amazing time and would like to thank the students and their parents for being so supportive and generous. It has been an honour to teach your children and we wish you all the very best for the holidays and the year ahead.

Mrs Van Eyk and Miss Dearden
Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Farewell and good luck to our year 6 students
Canteen News

12 December special lunch order – Please return orders by Wednesday 10 December - No other lunch orders available on the day

PLEASE NOTE: There is NO canteen in week 10
Note: The fresh tastes program allows one “red” day a term. This is why we are able to serve hot dogs in the special lunch orders.

Due to the end of year we have reduced stock available. If you order something we have run out of it will be replaced with a similar item or your child will be given a chance to choose another item that is available. A number of items are on special until the end of term or until sold out.

Sausage rolls $2  Chicken Burgers $2.50  Fried Rice or Vegetarian fried rice $2.50

Thank you Thank you to the year 6 helpers throughout the year. I wish them and all the year 6s all the best for high school. Also a huge thank you to my helpers and to the parents who donate food without you the canteen wouldn’t be open. I wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all next year.
Thank you Rachael

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Looking for support for your 2 to 4 year old? We provide early childhood intervention services for babies, toddlers and children with a range of diagnoses including intellectual disability, developmental delay, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, brain and spinal injury and other physical disabilities. Our friendly and experienced staff will provide you with all the information you need to enrol your child with us. We also offer free no obligation NDIS preparatory sessions to assist you with starting your NDIS journey. We are your local team, backed by the expertise and research of one of Australia’s most trusted disability organisations. Give us a call today on 6199 0600. Cerebral Palsy Alliance – supports and services for people with disability.

CLOSING SOON 2015 - BOOK PACK ORDERS

It is daunting to be getting ready for the new school year but with 10 school days left of this year it is going fast.

Book Pack lists were sent out to all students. To take advantage of the early bird price orders need to be received by 12 December. You can find a link here to the book pack order forms or on our web page: http://www.gilmoreps.act.edu.au

Packs that are ordered and paid for can be delivered to your child’s class ready for the first day of school or you can have your pack delivered to your house.

Class lists
Book Pack list Kindy PDF (102.1 KB)  Book Pack List - Year 1 PDF (54.6 KB)
Book Pack List - Year 2 PDF (103.3 KB)  Book Pack List - Year 3 PDF (103.1 KB)
Book Pack List - Year 4 PDF (102.9 KB)  Book Pack List - Year 5 PDF (106.6 KB)
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Book Pack - Back page all years PDF (69.7 KB)