Term 4 Week 3  29 October 2014

Photos of the week: Some of the great activities that happened at Gilmore.

Shekere Beats visited and all students enjoyed the performance

Sailing got underway – Students had a lot of fun.
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16 November: P & C Fete
18 November: Bandstrav Concert, Llewellyn Hall
17 December: Last day 2014 school year.

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.

Planning for 2015
It may seem a long way away but planning is already underway for the 2015 school year. A ‘request for Class Placement’ form was distributed with the newsletter towards the end of last term.
It would be greatly appreciated if parents of Preschool to Year 5 students could please complete and return by no later than Friday 7 November 2014.

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)
A new SOCs voucher sheet will be distributed in next week. Additional copies can be obtained at the front office.

Andrew Geering
Principal
Gilmore Primary School

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Program:
We continue to monitor our tadpoles to see how they are growing and whether their legs have started to grow. We read ‘Tadpole diary’ which gave us information about how tadpoles grow and turn into frogs. The children have also learnt a poem about a tadpole turning into a frog. Many had a turn of playing the interactive lifecycle game on the plasma. Please feel free to look through your child’s portfolio and see their progress through the year.

Canteen Visit:
The Preschool children will be going to the canteen to purchase snack/recess in week 5. This forms part of our transition program and allows the children to experience lining up and buying from the canteen. We ask that families send their child with $1 on the day. Please see the separate note.
Dolphins: Wednesday 12th November
Seahorses: Thursday 13th November

Commemorative tea towels:
The commemorative tea towels are ordered and should be back in a fortnight.

Reminders:
A reminder to try and return library books each week. A few children have had books for several weeks. Library days are Tuesdays for the Dolphins and Fridays for the Seahorses. Please check for school books at home.
With the warmer weather fast approaching please remember to send your child with an appropriate sun hat (not a cap). A few children have not returned from the holidays with their hats.

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

Alison Lester News
Congratulations to Kindergarten for a wonderful performance at Assembly on Wednesday. Thankyou to the many parents / carers and guests who attended and made the event so memorable.

Healthy Snack
It would be appreciated if the children could have small pieces of fruit for their healthy snack. As we only have ten minutes to eat our snack mandarins, grapes and sultanas are ideal. Larger pieces of fruit such as apples, oranges and pears need to be cut into small pieces and put into containers. It is difficult for students with loose teeth to bite into a whole apple!

Thank you to the many students who remember hats and water bottles. It is important for students to stay sun safe and hydrated. If a student does not have a hat then the rule NO HAT – PLAY IN THE SHADE applies. Please ensure that your child/children bring a broad brimmed or bucket hat to wear at school each day.

PIPS
Kindergarten have just completed their final PIPS testing session for 2014. The results will be available later in the year following the analysis of the data.

**Home Reading**
Practice makes perfect! It is great to see so many students reading at home! Keep up the wonderful work! Regular reading practice is the best homework for all of our students. Please ensure that your child regularly returns home readers.

**School arrival time.**
Our literacy activities begin first thing in the morning. If children are late they miss out on important instructions. School begins at 9am, so we would like all the students to arrive at 8.50am.

Thankyou from the Junior team.

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**Jeannie Baker News**

Last week, students from Jeanie Baker, participated in our first TOM club for the term.

Our first task is to build a Feetoocheeny that will be able to walk and step over obstacles with falling over. This creature must also be controlled by their team of builders using string to move each leg to step over each obstacle.

**What will your Feetoocheeny look like?**

We are expecting some weird and wonderful designs as the student’s Feetoocheeny must also have arrived from a far away place, in a distant corner, of our Universe. Students have also been told that their Feetoocheeny will have an big advantage over other creatures as it will have more legs than another other creature to be found to walk and step over obstacles without falling over.

**BUT, IT WILL MEAN THAT TEAMS WILL NEED TO WORKOUT HOW TO CONTROL MORE LEGS!!!**

If this sounds like this club interests you, we look forward to seeing you join us the next time we meet.

This club is open to all and will run each Thursday at lunchtime (both first and second break). We look forward to more members joining us this week to build their very own Feetoocheeny.

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**Robin Klein News**

Congratulations to all of the Robin Klein students who were involved in planning our annual Fun Day. All of their hard work was worth the excitement and fun that the younger students shared. It was great to see so many of our senior students step up to the challenge of leading such an important fundraising event.

Forms and money for the Robin Klein Big Day Out are due back at school no later than Friday 31st October. The ice skating rink is very cold so please bring clothing to keep warm, including gloves, long pants and a jacket.
If your child is absent from school please send a written note confirming that they were absent with your permission when your child returns to school. Alternatively, you can lodge an online absence form via the school website: http://www.gilmoreps.act.edu.au/parent_information/student_absences

Mrs Van Eyk and Miss Dearden

**P & C News**

**JUST OVER TWO WEEKS TO GO UNTIL THE FETE!**

A reminder to please bring in your scratchie ticket for the raffle prize, tombola prize container, chocolate blocks and ride and food package order forms!

**NEEDED** good quality second hand donation for the White Elephant stall – time to have that spring clean and donate your good quality items to the school. Take the opportunity to re-home your good quality second hand goods, or any new unused unwanted items you may have which could be used a raffle prizes. Please no clothes.

Please also put your name down for a shift on one of our stalls or fill in the attached slip to let us know your availability.

Thanks for your ongoing assistance, it is much appreciated. Any help you can provide will assist

Please also note the next General P & C meeting set for 29th October has been postponed until after the fete (date yet to be confirmed).

Uniform shop will be open Friday 1 Nov - 2:45 – 3:15 pm

New Avon brochures are out now and are available from the front office.

**Thank you for your support**

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**Canteen News**

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Summer Canteen menu is now out.

You will notice a few changes and some items are no longer available on the menu. This is due to new policy being introduced next year into the A.C.T. We have now aligned the menu to meet the Fresh Tastes Program which promotes healthy eating.

Some of you may of heard of the traffic light system.

**Green = Good/Always on the menu**

**Amber = Select carefully**

**Red = Not on the menu.**

Red items such as lolly bags and hot dogs have been removed from the menu. Hot dogs have been replaced with a Meatball Sub with homemade meatballs. Jelly is now made from 99% fruit juice. Sports water has also been removed from the menu, keeping in line with the ACT Government ban on sugary drinks. Reduced fat
strawberry and chocolate milk, Milo shakes and 99% juice are available as healthier options. Smoothies are also available at recess and lunch over the counter. I will advertise on the notice board at the front of the school what flavours I have for the week.

As we are reaching the end of the year I am running out of a few items and donations would be much appreciated.

Foil, pasta, rice, butter, tinned fruit, fresh fruit or veg, eggs

Halloween Special Lunch is this Friday. Sausage Sizzle and Halloween treat for $3.50. They can also be bought on the day for $2.50 over the counter at lunch. I will also have Halloween cakes and cookies at recess and lunch for 50c or $1.

Thank you for your support,
Rachael
Gilmore Primary School Fete
Sunday 16 November
11am – 3pm

Thank you to the few parents who have donated their time. More help is required to make this fete a huge success. Areas you can help with are:

**DONATIONS REQUIRED** – items can be left at the front office or enquiries can be directed to Donna (0402 790 089) or Lauren (0407 703 089). Please no clothing

- **Family blocks of chocolate** for one of our game stalls.
- **Raffle Prizes** – please donate a scratchie ticket for the “scratchie tree” prize. Also, do you know any businesses that may be able to donate goods or services in return for sponsorship recognition, through our Gazette and Facebook page?
- **Tombola** – please fill this container with small prize items for our Tombola stall. Some suggestions are lollies, pencils, crayons, stickers, craft items, nail polish & cosmetics, small toys, balloons.
- **Second hand Stall** – seeking only QUALITY pre-loved goods in working order. Books, DVD’s, household items, toys, bric-a-brac, etc.
- **Cake Stall** – baked goods will be accepted at the cake stall on the day. Please include a list of all ingredients. Unfortunately we cannot accept foods containing fresh dairy eg. custard, cream, quiche etc. or anything containing nuts. Cakes, slices, biscuits, jams, pickles and jelly cups are all welcome! A plate will be provided to each child the week of the fete.

**HELP ON THE DAY**

A roster is posted at the front office for you to add your name to assist at any of the stalls. There are three shifts available – **10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm and 2pm-4pm**. The early and late shifts allow time for helping set up or pack down.

**CRAFT STALLS**

Private stalls are available for crafts, plants, homemade goods etc. Prices are **$30 for a stall** and the stallholders retains all profits on the day.

**Display stands** are also available for **$10** for businesses who may wish to display sample products, catalogues or advertising materials.

**ADVERTISING**

Please spread the word to friends and family and post the school’s Facebook link to your own profile.
PRE-PAID RIDE AND FOOD PACKAGES

UNLIMITED ALL-DAY RIDES !!!
Giant Slide, Super Cha, “Big Kids” and “Little Kids” Jumping Castles
Only $25, including sausage and juice box

I am Available to help out at the fete:

Name: ____________________________________________
Contact: __________________________________________
Time available: 10am – 12pm // 12pm – 2pm // 2pm – 4pm
Please circle
Other: ____________________________________________

SCHOOL FETE – Sunday 16 November
PRE-PAID PACKAGE DEAL ORDER FORM - $25.00 each

UNLIMITED ALL-DAY RIDES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & JUICE BOX *

Please leave forms and money at the office by Friday 14 November

*One package per person only. Not transferable. Participants will be issued with a wristband on the day.

Family Name:______________________________________________________________
Contact phone:______________________________________________________________

Number of packages required:_________________________________________________

Child’s name:___________________________________ Class:_________________________
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Payment enclosed (cash):________________________________________________________