**Photo of the week: 3**

![Image of a dance event](image)

Jeannie Baker Unit - Kulture Break lesson ‘Every Chance to Dance’

The start of the school year is always an exciting and busy time. Across the whole school many things are happening both within and outside of the classrooms. We keep you informed through the Gazette, the school’s Facebook page and via reminders on the noticeboards at the front of the school. In addition, notes are sent home. Please keep an eye out for them in your child’s bag and return them to school by the due date indicated.

**Notes already out there:**
- Dance Nation – years 4 to 6 after school program
- ‘My Friends & I’ show – Kindergarten to Year 6
- Boys Term 1 Drumbeat program - 4/5 D & 5/6V

**Are students ready for school?**
Each day we will be encouraging our students to make sure that they are:
- at school on time
- in class ready to learn
- wearing school uniform

Names of students who are ‘ready’ each day will go into a class ‘hat’. Three names are drawn out each week and the winners receive a small prize at recess on the following Monday.

Congratulations to our Week Two winners! Luke, Latrell, Joe, Tara, Taylor, Alyssa, Blaze, Maya, Ryan, Serena, Ainslie, Eray, Maddison, Mikayla, Maree, Lucy, Emma, Charli

**Breakfast Club**
Breakfast club is held in the May Gibbs unit each Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 8:55 am. Toast, fruit and cereal are available for students to make a great start to the day.

**P & C canteen**
The school canteen is open for recess and lunch – Wednesday to Friday. Lunch orders can be left in the box in the front foyer.
Dance Nation Program
In 2013 twenty-one of our middle and upper primary students took part in a dance program during Semester One which culminated in a grand dance performance at the Royal Theatre as part of the ACT’s Centenary Celebrations. Kulturebreak who co-ordinated the program are offering another Dance Nation program in 2014. It is open to students from years 4 to 6. Classes will held from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in the hall each Monday from Week 5 through to the end of Term 2. The Dance Spectacular will be held on 26 June at the Royal Theatre.
The subsidised cost of the program is $50 per student. Years 4 to 6 have received an expression of interest note and this must be returned to school before Friday 21 February.

Phoning Home
At the beginning of each school year class teachers make contact with parents and carers to introduce themselves. Teachers are doing this either in person or via phone. *Parent/teacher interview will be held in Week 5. Request for interview information will be distributed by separate note as will a Term One overview.*

Gilmore Primary School – Positions Vacant School Board
Opportunities exist to become a valuable member on the Gilmore Primary School Board for two members of our school community. This gives you, as a member on the school board, a chance to contribute to the governance and enrichment of your school.
It’s easy to nominate for the position on the Gilmore Primary School Board. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to partake. Assistance and training will be provided.

The following positions are available.
Parent and Citizen Member positions (2 of)
Nominations must be submitted to the front office between 11am Thursday 6 February 2014 through to 11am Thursday 20 February 2014.
Nomination forms can be collected from the front office during normal business hours (9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday), or you can request one be emailed or faxed to you.
You can submit your nomination:
In person to the Assistant Returning Officer or
- email to toni.keat@ed.act.edu.au
- Fax to 02 6205 7845
- Mail to

Upcoming happenings:

First Aid Skills in Schools
*Would your child know what to do if they cut themselves and were bleeding?*
*Does your child know the number to ring to save a life in an emergency?*
St John Ambulance has been offering First Aid training in ACT schools and aims to have trained 10,000 students in 2014. Our senior students at Gilmore have had the opportunity to take part in this First Aid training over the past couple of years. This year St Johns is offering a program which caters with age-appropriate content for students from Kindergarten all the way through to Year 6.
The course includes how to be a good first aider; how to call for help; managing bleeding and burns. Older students also cover the DRSABCD action plan. The lessons are provided by qualified first aid practitioners in a most engaging way so that students are able to learn and practise the skills.
Gilmore will be offering this First Aid program to all of our classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 during Weeks 4 to 6 this term.

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. Caps are not suitable headwear at school as they provide no protection from the sun to the ears, neck area, or the cheek area of the face.
## Term 1 2014 Gilmore Primary School Event Calendar – Please Keep for easy reference

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Alison Lester news

PIPS  Kindergarten have just completed their first PIPS testing session for 2014. The results will be available later in the year following the analysis of the data. The “My Friends and I” performance will take place next Wednesday 26th February. Money and notes are due in to school by Monday 24th February.

All students in the Alison Lester Unit will be participating in a St Johns Ambulance First Aid program next Monday 24th February.

K/1 T Homework
Students have taken sight words home this week as part of the home work program. Year One students have commenced the home reading program, so remember to send back readers on Friday so they can be changed. The kindergarten children can continue to revise their sight words and sounds before beginning the home reading program later in the term.

Year 1 /2 S Homework
Year 1 /2 S Homework and home reading program will commence next week.

Library days-
Students need to bring a named Library bag ready for Library lessons later in the week.

K /1 T Library day is on Friday.
Year 1 /2S Library day is on Thursday.
Students have commenced the home reading program, so remember to send back readers on Friday so they can be changed. The kindergarten children can continue to revise their sight words and sounds before beginning the home reading program later in the term.

Thank you to the many students who remember hats and water bottles. It is important for students to stay sun safe and keep 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 clearly labelled with their name to wear at school each day.

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 like apples, oranges and pears need to be cut into small pieces and put into containers.

Jeannie Baker News

Jeannie Baker students have been enjoying their new style of Kulture Break lesson ‘Every Chance to Dance’. Every Chance to Dance is a series of online dance lesson designed by Kulture Break for students to have a weekly dance lesson focusing on developing new moves and skills and keeping in time with the beat. Each lesson builds on a dance students will learn together and will perform later in the term.

Homework: The homework grid is ongoing until week 5, however we would like students to hand in their homework book and Maths Step Up book each Friday so we can monitor the progress of the tasks and the homework will come home again each Monday. Please note for maths homework students are to complete one Step Up module per week.

Ms Minshull and Mr Partridge
Canteen News.

**Donation Drive:** Just letting you all know the annual donation drive is happening again this is a wonderful way you can help support the ongoing success of the canteen. A note will be going home this week of items required. Canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday recess and lunch.

**Reminder** with this extremely hot weather that we sell -

- **Frozen grapes** - 50c (in season)
- **icy poles** - 60c
- **frozen Oj** - $1
- **cold drinks** - $1.20 or $2.20.

I would also like to ask if parents would like to donate old banana’s (for banana cake) any vegies from your garden that you won’t use or even eggs, if you have too many please leave at the front office or canteen directly (Wed-Fri).

The winter menu will be out in term 2 and I plan on adding more homemade meals for lunch orders. If you have suggestions and/or feedback you can call or text me on 0400868589 or email me at rachael.mccann@live.com.au or pop into the canteen on any Wednesday to Friday.

**Canteen helpers** – the canteen relies on parent help to assist in serving at the counter, making lunches, baking, making jelly etc. Children/toddlers are most welcome. Lunch is provided. If you feel you may be able to help, even for an hour, please fill out the form and return.

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**CANTEEN HELPERS**

My preferred day would be:
- Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
  (Please circle)

I would like to help:
- Monthly / Fortnightly / Weekly
  (Please circle)

I am willing to be on an emergency roster:
- Yes / No
  (Please circle)

Name: _______________________________

Phone No. ____________________________

Child’s Name: ________________________

Class: ________

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**Student Banking 2014 Open morning.**

Susan from the Commonwealth Bank will be holding a School Banking Account morning at Gilmore Primary on Tuesday 25th February at 8.30am in front of the Office area. All parents will need to bring is your form of ID and the children’s birth certificate (if the school does not already have it). Children learn to save their money by bringing it to school every week, no matter how small the deposit the children receive a token, once they have saved 10 they get to choose a fantastic reward!

Do you know that for every new child that joins the program the school receives $5.00 and 5% commission with all the children’s deposits throughout the term! Come and join in the fun and learn to save with the School Banking Program and help your school in fundraising!

Kylie Crabtree.

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**School Gazette via email only – commencing term 2 2014.**

As a sustainable School Leader in the ACT, Gilmore Primary School has decided to further reduce our carbon footprint by phasing out the paper addition of the Gazette. As of term 2 you will have to let the front office know if you require a paper copy of the Gazette to be sent home. The Gazette will be emailed to Parents or be available on the school website.

During term 1 2014, please complete the form below with your email details.

**GAZETTE VIA EMAIL**

My preferred email address for the electronic Gazette is.

Child/ren’s names: _______________________________

Parent’s Name: ____________________________

Email Address 1: ____________________________

Additional Email Address: ____________________________

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