Dear Parents

It has been most pleasing to see all of our students in school uniform each day. A reminder that as a SunSmart school we do enforce the ‘no hat – play in the shade’ rule over the summer when the UV rating in Canberra is high to extreme. Both playground areas have shade structures and trees providing shady areas for the students to get out of the sun. The children are also encouraged to have a water bottle (Not juice or soft drink) with them at school each day so that they can take regular sips of water throughout the day.

‘SLIP on a shirt, SLOP on sunscreen, SLAP on a hat, SLURP water regularly’ is a sound mantra to remember during these hot summer months.

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 One winners! Ryan, Logan, Dylan, Tilly, Jarrod, Declan, Nikolai, Paige, Josh, Emmanuel, Haydyn, Maggie, Emily, Emma, Dre, Renee, Oliver, Aiden.

What is happening?
You can keep up-to-date with school events through the Gazette each week; via the school web page http://www.gilmoreps.act.edu.au/ or on the school Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/?sk/welcome#!/pages/Gilmore-Primary-School/189964911091014
Construction
- Work on a new footpath will be undertaken along Heagney Crescent from the school down towards the shops. This involves the barricading of the work area for the safety of the public. Please remind your children to be careful in the area where the work is underway. The project is expected to be finished by the end of February. Concreting is underway for the slab to underpin the new garage which will replace the Paul Jennings building at the back of the school. Once work is completed we will be able to remove the furniture currently stored in the brown shipping container. This container will then be surplus to needs and is expected to be offered for sale later in the term.

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.

Year 4-6 Sailing program
Last year our year 3-5 students had the opportunity to participate in the ‘Buoyed up! Tackers’ sailing program organised by Communities @ Work and held at the Canberra Yacht Club. The students had a great time learning not only sailing skills but helping to develop further their interpersonal skills as well as resilience. The program will be offered once again in 2014. Students have taken home permission notes and indemnity forms. These need to be returned to school as soon as possible as the program starts this Friday 14 February.

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 are expected to be held after school 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. During week 5 parents and carers will have the opportunity to make an appointment for a parent/teacher interview. Further information will be sent home by separate note.

Contacting staff:
We always have to remember that we are the role models for our children. Positive messages about school and learning encourage children to enjoy school and always do their best. There may be times when you wish to talk to a teacher about your child’s progress. I’m sure that you will agree that is always quite busy around the classrooms at the beginning and end of the school day. This is not the best time or place to conduct an interview and for teachers to give you their undivided attention. It is best if you leave a message at the front office (Phone 6205 7844 or in person) so that the teacher concerned can arrange a mutually convenient time to talk with you.

[Please note that teaching staff are involved in team meetings each Monday from 3:30 pm. They are also involved in PD/Curriculum meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30 pm throughout the term.]

School hours are: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Front office hours are: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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
  Assistant Returning Officer
  Gilmore Primary School
  Heagney Crescent
  GILMORE ACT 2905

**Upcoming happenings:**
- 14 Feb: Buoyed Up – Tackers Sailing starts
- 17 & 18 Feb: PIPs Kindergarten assessment
- 19 Feb: Assembly, May Gibbs, 12:30 pm
- 19 Feb: P & C Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 19 Feb: School Board meeting

**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.

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**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.

Kind Regards
Andrew Geering
Principal
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Robin Klein

Term 1 is already off to a busy start with the Robin Klein students completing a range of team building and introductory activities. We have created and agreed upon a list of unit expectations, which are on display in the meeting area in the Robin Klein Unit as well as a list of class expectations in our home classes.

Band lessons will be held during the morning session on Tuesdays and during the last session on Thursdays. Mrs. Owens will advise the band members when they will have before-school rehearsals.

Sailing recommences this Friday with all students who participated in the Tackers Program last year continuing to build on their skills and knowledge. Our school is very lucky to be a part of such a valuable and confidence-building program.

The Year 6 students will complete the Kid Fit Leaders training program on Thursday next week (Week 3). They will then be able to facilitate sporting and group activities with the Alison Lester students during lunchtimes.

Drumbeat sessions will be back in action next week. The Year 5 boys will be learning a variety of drumming rhythms with Miss Dearden and will be working towards a performance later this term.

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.

Notes for the Getting to Know You Interviews will be going home soon. We look forward to meeting with you then.

Mrs. Van Eyk and Miss Dearden

Jeannie Baker News

Jeannie Baker has had a positive start to the year. This week we are beginning the units of work we are learning about this term. For writing we are learning about writing to Socialise through letters, invitations and postcards. Our History unit is called First Contact and students will learn about the first Australians and the First Fleet. The Science unit is called Plants in Action and students will be looking at different plants and their lifecycle.

These are only a few of the exciting units we will be learning about this term. We look forward to a great year.

Nicole Minshull and Aaron Partridge

Music News

It has been a great start to the year with many of the Year 6 students asking when band is going to start and Year 5’s telling me which instruments they would like to play.

All Year 5 students will be given the opportunity to join the band this year. It is a very rewarding experience learning an instrument and performing with your
friends. It can be frustrating at times but with some perseverance and a little consistent practise it is amazing how quickly they learn. They have the opportunity to play with other schools and next year at Llewellyn Hall with about 7 other schools. Information and notes will be sent home on Thursday and need to be returned by Monday 17 February.

Band for Year 5 and 6 will be on Tuesday from 9.30 and Thursday from 1.50. Please put this on your fridge to remind students to bring their instruments and books. Extra practises will be arranged. Year 6 began their band lessons this week, blowing out a few cobwebs and preparing for their first performance for the assembly, Wednesday Week 3. Their extra practise will be on Friday mornings at 8.20. It is important that all attend as much as possible so as to get the most benefit out of band.

Year 5 will begin their introduction to band on Thursday and will be given all relevant information for you to read and sign. There is a cost involved with band so if there are any difficulties with this please ring Andrew and discuss it with him. We would like all students to be involved as it is an opportunity for them to experience something which might not be available to them at another time and you never know what budding musicians we might have in the Gilmore community.

Cheers
Karen Owens

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Student Banking has started for 2014.

Our school is a
NUT FREE
ZONE
Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated

We have a number of students at our school that can become seriously ill if they come into contact with any foods containing nuts or nut based products.

Please do not send food to school which may contain things like peanut butter, ‘Nutella’ etc. Please be aware that

Anaphylactic shock is life threatening.

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Canteen News.

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.

The winter menu will be out in term 2 and I plan on adding more homemade meals for lunch orders. I would love your suggestions and 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.
Donation Drive – Every year the canteen holds a donation drive & this will be taking place once again. Notes will be going home in the next week.

CAOTNEE 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: _____________________________

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 you wish to have the Gazette email to.

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: ________________________________

Happy Birthday To You!!

Would you like someone else to provide cupcakes for your son or daughter’s class to celebrate their birthday? For only $16.00 the canteen will deliver cupcakes for everyone in the class, plus the teacher.

- No more late night baking
- No more carrying containers of cake to school
- No more having to guess how many pieces to cut
- No more cake to cut and dishes to wash.

As long as we have at least two day’s notice we will do the rest.
Just ring Rachael at the canteen on 0400 868 589 or put all the details on a lunch bag.

Child’s name ________________________________
Class ___________________ Age ___________________
Date of birthday ________________________________
Date of celebration ________________________________