Term 4 Week 5 12 November 2014

at the Gilmore Primary School Fete

Sunday 16 November 2014

I am to 3pm on Haegney Crescent in Gilmore

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No hat – Play in the shade
Dear Parents

**Preschool Matters Program**
The ACT Government funds the Preschool Matters Program as an initiative to support preschool to further build and enhance the important partnerships with Families.

Congratulations to Mrs McGuire who has put together a successful application, winning funding to implement the Gilmore Preschool Book Café at the beginning of next year. This will be a great innovation for our Pamela Allen unit in 2015.

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**Support a future champion**
Next Friday 21 November we will be holding an ‘out of uniform day’ with a difference. Come dressed as your favourite sports person and make a gold coin donation to help our year 5 student – Charli attend the Australian Schools’ Athletics Championships in Tasmania. This is like the Commonwealth Games for school athletes. Competitors will have competed at their school; then district; then state/territory championships before being selected as a state representative at the National Titles. It is a fantastic effort but having the competition interstate can be an expensive business with transport and accommodation costs.

**Bring a gold coin donation and come dressed as your favourite sportsperson!**

Your donation will support Charli as she heads to Tasmania with the **ACT Athletics School Sports Team to compete at the Nationals.**

Thank you - from Charli Wyatt
Ride or Walk to School Program starts in 2015

Our school has signed up to the very exciting Ride or Walk to School program for the next 3 years. Staff members have been undertaking training sessions outside of school hours in readiness and everyone is most impressed with the quality of bikes and helmets that are being provided for our students to use over the three years of the program. We are really looking forward to the opportunity to further expand the range of programs our school has on offer.

The Physical Health Foundation, who is co-ordinating the Ride or Walk to School program ran, a ‘Win a Bike’ raffle at their recent school training session. Gilmore’s name was drawn out of the hat and we will soon receive an additional bike for use by students and staff when the program begins at the start of Term 1, 2015.

Take a look at this short video about the program: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aD86fP4Sc9I

Before we start implementing we need to survey parents so we can understand what barriers our school might have and give everyone a chance to have input into the program.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PPParent2014

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)

BUSHWAHZEE

Once again our P & C Association is generously funding the return of Bushwahzee on Tuesday 25 November. The Bushwahzee performers put on a concert for all of our students (P to 6) first thing in the morning and then work with classes throughout the day to put together each section of the show which will then be held in May Gibbs that afternoon.

The Seahorse Preschool group have received a separate note about coming in on the Tuesday as an ‘extra’ day that week so they can also be part of the BIG SHOW.

ARE YOU COMING TO OUR BEACH PARTY?

Bushwahzee TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER.6:00 - 7:30 PM. Entry to the concert will be by gold coin donation

The surf and music of the 60s will be the go!The P & C will also be selling food/drinks at the canteen prior to the show

‘Oh let’s twist again ...like we did last summer.......’
**Principal Awards**

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**Pamela Allen Unit**

**Program:**

Last week we looked at the lifecycle of a plant. We read a story about how plants grow. It told us about how a seed grows into a plant. We also played an interactive game on the computer that helped us learn that a plant needs soil, water, light and heat in order to grow.

**Kindergarten Information Night and Transition Program:**

An Information night for families with children attending Kindergarten in 2015 will be held on Thursday 4 December. Further details will follow with a separate note.

The Dolphins will have a transition morning in Kindergarten on Wednesday 26 November (week 7) and the Seahorses will have a transition morning on Wednesday 3 December (week 8).

**Bushwahzee Concert:**

Our end of year whole school concert will be held on the Tuesday 25 November. The Seahorse children are invited to attend for the day to practise with the company on their item. Please send the form to say if your child will be attending on the day or not to ensure staffing is sufficient.

**THEY ARE STILL ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PERFORMANCE IN THE EVENING EVEN IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE REHERSALS DURING THE DAY.**

We hope to see as many families there as possible from both groups. Last year was very successful with lots of positive feedback.

**Commemorative tea towels:**

I have had confirmation that our commemorative tea towels are ready and on their way. They should be here next week.
End of year graduation concerts:
Each group will have a little graduation concert between 2:30 and 3:00. The children will showcase some of their learning and then they will be presented with their portfolios and stuffed seahorse or dolphin. Families will receive a formal invitation next week. Save the date –
Dolphins Wednesday 10 December at 2:30pm  Seahorses Friday 12 December at 2:30 pm

Reminders:
We hope that families can support the school fete this Sunday 16 November 11:00 – 3:00

Request:
One family has already told us that their child will be finishing up next week as they are going on an extended overseas holiday. If your child will be finishing early PLEASE let us know so that we can ensure that you have all their work and keep sakes.

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

Jeannie Baker News
It has been amazing to see that students from across the school have joined in with our TOM club (Tournament of the Mind) to build our ‘Feetoocheeny’.

In the next edition of our newsletter, we hope to be able to publish pictures of some of our ‘Feetoocheeny’ that will have their legs attached.

Just in case you haven’t joined this club, we have again included information below to let you know what you do if you turn up this Thursday. The club starts at the beginning of Lunch straight after eating time and runs until 5 minutes before the end of second break.

Look forward to seeing you this Thursday.

Challenge: To build a ‘Feetoocheeny’
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 faraway place, in a distant corner, of our Universe. Students have also been told that their ‘Feetoocheeny’ will have a big advantage over other creatures as it will have more legs than another creature to be found to walk and step over obstacles without falling over.

BUT, IT WILL MEAN THAT TEAMS WILL NEED TO WORK OUT 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’. 
The Robin Klein Big Day Out was a huge success. We went ice-skating, had a BBQ lunch at Fadden Pines and then went to Flip Out. Everybody had a fun day and there were a lot of tired, but happy, students at the end of the excursion. Thank you to Mr Geering and Dave for cooking us such delicious burgers for lunch!

The end of the term will be here in no time. For parents of Year 6 students this means graduation activities are coming soon. Please keep an eye out for notes and invitations. The fete will be another opportunity for the Year 6 students to raise money for their graduation activities. It would be great to have as many Year 6 students as possible helping to manage the drinks stall. Mrs Van Eyk is coordinating the roster.

Good luck to the Year 6 Band members who will be performing at Bandstravaganza next week. You have worked hard and should all be proud of your efforts. You’ve come so far since you started learning your instruments early last year!

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. Or, you can lodge an online absence form via the school website: [http://www.gilmoreps.act.edu.au/parent_information/student_absences](http://www.gilmoreps.act.edu.au/parent_information/student_absences)

Mrs Van Eyk and Miss Dearden
Canteen News

Apple crumble yogurt was a big hit last week and I will be serving it over the counter at recess and lunch again this week. $1 each

Smoothie flavour this week will be choc raspberry. $2

REMINDER: I no longer sell goodie bags or hot dogs. Healthier options have been added to the menu such as assorted muffins, cookies, slice, icy poles, fried rice and meatball sub to replace these items.

I hope you enjoy trying the new menu items. Please make note of the new canteen menu sent as an attachment with the gazette.

Thank you Rachael

PLAYGROUND ENRICHMENT

As discussed at the Monday morning student assembly two weeks ago, we have responded to children’s requests for more activities on the playground areas. We created small packs of cars that children loan from Ms Lucas when she is supervising play in the playground. The children have responded positively to this and have been respecting the equipment and each other’s ideas. We hope to expand this program in 2015 – please speak to Vicki Lucas if you have suggestions for what other activities we could incorporate into our lunchtime play.

Thank you to the Cunana family for their generous donation of cars to support this initiative.

Having fun sailing
Gilmore Primary School Fete  
Sunday 16 November  
11am – 3pm

Thank you to those who have donated their time and items for the fete.

Support from the school community is invaluable in helping make this event a success.

Help is still needed with:

**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.

Tell your neighbours, family and friends to come along and have a great day!
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

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

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

*One package per person only. Not transferable. Participants will be issued with a wristband on the day to be collected from the showbag stand.

Family Name: ________________________________________________________________

Contact phone:_____________________________________________________________________

Number of packages required:________________________________________________________

Child’s name:________________________________ Class:_______________________________

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Payment enclosed (cash):_____________________________________________________________