Dear Parents

Our K to 6 students took part in the performance – ‘My friends and I’ today. This show reinforced many of the messages which come from the Social and Emotional Literacy program which runs across the year in every classroom. In particular, it reinforces all of the positive ‘getting along’ skills which help to generate positive relationships with others.. Gilmore will be joining hundreds of other schools across Australia on Friday 21 March in National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence to further reinforce the Bullying – NO WAY! message.

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 Three winners! Ryan, Christopher, Damien, Taylor, Mariah, Zac, Emmanuel, Liam, Maggie, Bailey, Emily, Rebecca, Liam, Aiden, Lachlan, Nikolai, Luke, Joshua

Dance Nation Program
Next Monday our Year 4 to 6 Dance Nation participants will be starting their fifteen week program which culminates in The Dance Spectacular being held on 26 June at the Royal Theatre.

The subsidised cost of the program is $50 per student. There are still a couple of places available but they are only available till Friday 28 February.

Over the past few years Kulturebreak have run a dance program as part of The Arts rotation for years 3 to 6. You only have to come along to a P & C Disco to see how the students’ confidence and dancing skills have grown over this time.
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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.

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Students learning how to transplant a strawberry plant

Students dissected bean seeds to learn about what’s inside for it to germinate.

Students using magnifying glasses to examine beans

Over the next two weeks, students will looking at how different plant seeds germinate. If you have any seeds at home that were unused during the summer planting session we would greatly appreciate you sending them in with your child to use in class.

Other useful things that students in Jeannie Baker will be collecting/used include:

- Plant nursery trays,
- Small takeaway food trays,
- Paper towel,
- Wooden pegs, for creating labels to identify different plant seeds,
- Small spray bottles,
- Clear plastic cups,

If you have **any one items** that is not being used at home we would greatly appreciate it if it could be sent in with your child to use in class this term.

ePals in 3/4M

For writing to socialise 3/4M are email pals with 4/5D and have been writing emails as a whole class. It has been fun replying to each other whilst learning how to construct an email.

Introducing 2/3P’s ‘MIP’ trophies

In 2/3P, students have worked together to work as a team. As part of this team, two students are chosen at the end of each week to take home either the ‘Most Improved Player’ trophy for Literacy and Numeracy. The trophies are able to be taken home for the weekend, and returned the following Monday.

Here are our inaugural recipients for 2014:

- **Literacy trophy recipient**
  What a fantastic start to Term 1, Chantelle. Your effort and enthusiasm has been great – Keep it up!

- **Numeracy trophy recipient**
  Well done Luke – You are a very well deserving recipient of this week’s Numeracy award! Team 2/3P are so proud of your efforts in being an independent and confident worker!

Congratulations to you both. We look forward to choosing two new recipients this week.

Homework reminder

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.
Once the homework grid is collected this week, we will
send a reminder home with next week’s grid to again
remind all students that:
- Maths is due on a weekly basis
- Home reading/ library borrowing needs to be
  returned to school on a regular basis.
Thanks from the teachers of Jeannie Baker,
Miss Minshull and Mr Partridge

Attention all swimmers
If you’re a swimmer, involved in weekend competition or
professional coaching, the ACT Swimming Carnival is fast
approaching and we want you to represent Gilmore this
year
As sports co-ordinator, I will be receiving entry
information to submit for students from Gilmore early
March. Once I have received this, I will be able to enter
your current times for consideration by ACT School Sport
to participate in this year’s competition.
In the meantime, if you could complete and return this
slip advice the school of you interest to enter this year’s
competition we would greatly appreciate it.
This slip can be returned to my classroom, in Jeannie
Baker, once it has been completed.

Expression of Interest for 2014 ACT Swimming
Carnival

Name: ___________________________ Age: _________
Class: ____________________________
Events I compete/ train in currently:
Event: ____________________________ Time: __________
1. _______________________________
2. _______________________________
3. _______________________________
4. _______________________________
5. _______________________________

Yours in sport,
Mr Partridge

5/6V completed First Aid training on Monday. They
learnt about how to help injured people and had fun
bandaging each other. 4/5D will complete the course on
Monday 3rd March. We have started our Science units
for the term. 5/6V is learning about different forms of
matter (liquids, solids and gases). 4/5D is studying the
types of forces and motion that make objects move
including friction, gravity and pushes and pulls.
Year 6 Band Performing at last week’s Assembly:

ahead with performances in Assemblies and preparing for performances outside the school later in the year. Encourage your children to practise as this enables them to become more proficient and enjoy their playing.

Regards
Karen Owens

The Buroinjin Carnival is on next Friday (7th March). Permission notes are due back by Friday 28th February. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to participate in a traditional indigenous sport that includes elements of a lot of other sports such as cricket and netball.

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.

Mrs Van Eyk and Miss Dearden

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Music News

Thank you to those Year 5 band parents who were able to attend the meeting on Tuesday morning. I hope you received some important information about the band program and the commitment needed to make your child’s learning an interesting and valuable journey. Information given out from this meeting will be sent home with your child for those who were unable to attend.

Notes will be coming home soon with the fees for band. Fees for each term will be $50 however if you pay for the whole year by the end of Term 1 will only cost you $180. If there are any difficulties with payments please contact Andrew.

Year 5 band students are eager to receive their instruments and begin learning to play. Year 6 have been learning some new pieces and have a busy year ahead with performances in Assemblies and preparing for performances outside the school later in the year. Encourage your children to practise as this enables them to become more proficient and enjoy their playing.

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P & C News

Dear Parents

The P&C will be running an Raffle this term but we need a Volunteer (or 2) to run this fundraiser. It will start in week 6 and ending in week 10. It mainly involves giving out receipt books and collecting donations from the classrooms a couple of times a week.

Please contact Donna on 0402 790 089.

Thanks

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 went home on Monday with suggestions for each student to donate. Items still required on an ongoing basis are

- Foil
- Patty Pans
- Flour
- Cake mix.

Canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday recess and lunch.

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 it to me or the front office.
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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: ________________

Student Banking Every Thursday

You can drop your banking books into the front office any time during the week.

If you would like to join Student Banking, please ask the front office for an enrolment pack.

Kylie Crabtree.

Apricot Coconut Muesli Balls

This recipe was very popular last year so I am offering them again.

Servings: 24 balls

Ingredients
2 cups oats
1 cup dried organic apricots, chopped
3 tablespoons raw honey
1 apple, grated (squeeze out excess juice)
1 cup desiccated coconut*

Method - Step 1
Heat a frying pan over medium. Add the oats and toast for a few minutes, continue to stir to ensure the oats are toasting but don’t burn. Once lightly toasted (around 2 minutes), remove from the pan and place in a bowl.

Step 2
Grab your food processor, add the toasted oats, apricots, honey, apple and ¼ cup coconut. Process until well combined.

Step 3
Remove mixture from the processor and roll teaspoon-sized balls of mixture. Roll each ball in the extra coconut and store in an airtight container in the fridge, or wrap individually and freeze to eat later.

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: ___________________________

*Addition of desiccated coconut is an option to add crunch and extra fibre to the muesli balls.