Dear Parents

Parent – Teacher Interviews

It was been most pleasing to see the many parents who have been able to come in for parent/teacher interviews this week. The discussions have been most beneficial is setting up the school/home partnership for another positive year of student learning in 2014. If you had not been able to attend, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet in the coming week.

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 Four winners! Cooper, Christopher, Joel, Ryan, Zac, Kaleb, Chantelle, Jasmine, Nikolai, Tahlia, Maddy, Alycia, Baden, Mikayla, Natalia, Lachlan, Charli, Kira

Change of Date

Since 1988 the Gilmore and Chisholm schools have been holding a combined ANZAC ceremony on the top of Simpsons Hill. Part of the significance of this ceremony is the opportunity to have a catafalque party from HMAS Harman. Due to their availability, this year’s ANZAC ceremony will now be held on TUESDAY 8 APRIL commencing at 11:00 am. Parents are more than welcome to join with us to commemorate the 99th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli and the significant sacrifice made by members of the armed services.
First Aid Skills in Schools

The St John Ambulance First Aid training for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 has now been completed. No doubt some parents wondered what had happened to their children as they appeared after school wrapped in bandages or a sling. A bit of fun for the students but an underlying great message about the basics of First Aid and being able to assist others. This is the first time St John’s have offered the course for the whole school and we will certainly be looking to enrol again for 2015.

**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.

Andrew Geering
Principal
Gilmore Primary School

2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

**Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2014**

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Gilmore Primary is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying. These include the specific teaching of skills through our Social and Emotional Literacy Program, Peer Support Program and our Student Wellbeing Policy Document.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the [Bullying, No Way! website](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

We will keep you informed about our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 21 March 2014.

Ben Roberts
Deputy Principal
Jeannie Baker News

Last week, students in Jeannie Baker enjoyed working with Ros from Bluearth. Participation within this Blueearth programme has assisted our school to ensure that all students have the opportunity to regularly participate in physical activity.

Here are some photos of students in 3/4M participating in this programme:

To find out more, please visit:
http://www.bluearth.org/home/home.cfm

First Aid training

As part of the ‘First Aid in Schools’ middle primary programme (Years 3-4), students in Jeannie Baker learn about the following aspects of first aid:
- How to be a good first aiders
- DRSABCD Action Plan Overview
- Dialling 000
- Unconscious, breathing patients
- Wounds and Bleeding
- Sprains
- Arm slings

We ask that parents/caregivers to read through the book provided by St John's to assist students to learn the following DRSABCD action plan:

- D – Danger
- R – Response
- S – Send for help
- A – Airways
- B – Breathing
- C – CPR
- D – Defibrillate

Here are some photos of students in 2/3P participating in this programme:

‘MIP’ trophies for 2/3P

Here are last week’s recipients for 2/3 P:

MOST PLAYER

Literacy trophy recipient
Thank you Makayla for being a terrific literacy role model in Literacy. You are commended for your efforts in producing an amazing piece of writing on our class story ‘Our Rooster, Jack’

Well done on your merit certificate this week!

Numeracy trophy recipient
Alex, you are a SUPERSTAR mathematician! You are very well deserving recipient of this week’s merit award.

Keep on practising your Maths at home to encourage all team members in 2/3P to follow your lead.

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

Homework reminder
The homework grid finishes this week. We will collect all homework sheets at the end of this week. If you have not yet heard from our school, or from Chalk, in regards to you not receiving your Practise homework book please contact the school to let us know by returning this slip to the front office. As of next week, the following
- 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

I haven’t received my copy of the practise homework book

Name: ______________________
Class:_______________________

Attention all swimmers
We are now currently preparing our entries for the upcoming ACT swimming carnival and would like to remind you once again of your opportunity to represent Gilmore this year.

Expression of Interest for 2014 ACT Swimming Carnival

Name: ______________________
Class: _______ Age: _______

Events I compete/ train in currently:

Event: Time:
1. ________ ________
2. ________ ________
3. ________ ________
4. ________ ________
5. ________ ________

Yours in sport,
Mr Partridge

Radio GPS
Be in the know
Gilmore Primary’s own radio station!
Keep up-to-date on school events and news.
Access via facebook or http://www.spreaker.com/user/radio_gps

Alison Lester unit

It is difficult to believe that we are nearly half way through Term 1.

Our classes are running smoothly and routines have been well set.

Interviews: We would like to thank those parents who have been able to attend the “Getting to Know You” parent/teacher interviews this week. It is of tremendous benefit to speak to parents and discuss any concerns that may have surfaced and to have the opportunity to get to know your child on a deeper level. For parents still wishing to speak to teachers, please contact them for a time that is convenient.

Hats:

We ask that parents ensure that hats are at school so they can be worn at recess, lunch and sport times. If a hat is not worn, children will need to spend outside times in designated shaded areas. Baseball hats are not acceptable as they do not give full coverage.
Drink Bottles:

With the hot weather still upon us, we ask that the children have with them each day a drink bottle to help combat dehydration. We are encouraging them to keep them on their desks during the day and have them at recess and lunchtimes.

Assembly:

Earlier today, the children in 1/2 Sheehan hosted our School Assembly. They did a great job entertaining us and sharing their frog craft.

Frog Stories:

In 1/2 S the class has been focusing on frogs and using information texts to help them with their researching of facts. This is part of the Science unit on “Watch it Grow”. Following are some interesting facts about frogs that we would like to share with you.

Brodie: Frogs can breathe under water and can lay eggs.
Zac: Frogs are amphibians. It is the tadpole that turns into frogs.
Kaylee: Frogs are colourful and can be poisonous.
Alyssa: Frogs like to catch dragonflies to eat.
Ryan: The corroboree frog gets its name from the colours on its body.
Jake: A week or two after the eggs are laid the tadpoles hatch.
Kian: Frogs need moisture. Their skin is not dry like ours and it needs to stay damp.

Narelle Tait and Anne Sheehan
Alison Lester Teachers

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MUSIC NEWS

Canberra Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce:

Disney Fantasia: Live in Concert
Sunday, 9 March, 2014 at 7:30pm
Symphony in the Park – Stage ‘88
Commonwealth Park

Join us for a thrilling performance of Walt Disney’s ground breaking synthesis of symphonic music and animation. Magnificent repertoire from the original 1940 version of Fantasia and Fantasia 2000 will be performed with Disney’s stunning footage shown in high definition on the big screen. Revisit iconic moments in animation history when Mickey Mouse tries his hand at magic in Dukas’ The Sorcerer’s Apprentice. Enjoy the great ballet of hippos, elephants, ostriches and alligators in Ponchielli’s Dance of the Hours and let your imagination run wild with the mythical unicorns and winged horses accompanying Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony.

This event is FREE and is presented by Events ACT
Click on the link below to see a sample clip from the Blu-Ray release and from a Disney Fantasia Live in Concert performance:
http://youtu.be/RcR3K6dRR0Y
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaVSw-V89HE

Bring your chairs, rugs and food and enjoy this classic family favourite with the CSO!

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P & C News

Dear Parents

The P&C will be running an Raffle this term. Donations for the Easter Raffle will start next week. The P&C are asking each family to donate a small Easter
item for the raffle. All donations can be left at the front office.
Please contact Donna on 0402 790 089 or Jana 0417 286 623

Thanks
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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. Items still required on an ongoing basis are

- Foil
- Patty Pans
- Flour
- Cake mix.

I would also like to ask parents if they would like to donate on an ongoing basis things from their home that they would not use and would throw out. Things like bananas that are getting old, (i freeze them and make cake) veggies from your garden that you have too many of (eg zucchinis) or even eggs if you have chickens. I would appreciate anything you are able to spare. Either drop them into the front office or into the canteen (wed-fri)
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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