Term 3 Week 10  24 September 2014

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

Term Three draws to a close and undoubtedly everyone is looking forward to a break and the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful (mostly) spring weather we are experiencing. Do note that the school holidays do include two public holidays. Next Monday 29 September is the ACT Family and Community Day. The following Monday 6 October is the Labour Day holiday in NSW and the ACT. That weekend also heralds the start of Daylight Saving so don’t forget to put your clocks forward one hour.

On behalf of all the staff at Gilmore Primary School I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you back for the start of term 4 on Monday 13 October.

Dame Mary Gilmore Assembly and Learning Journey

Congratulations to Miss Minshull and the staff who supported her to organise the Dame Mary Gilmore Writing Competition for 2014. The class teachers worked very hard to support the students to produce the outstanding writings that were presented for judging. As many of the teachers commented yesterday, the work was of such a high quality that their judging duties were not easy. Congratulations to all of our writers and a big hand to all of the prize winners. We may well have a budding writer, journalist, author or poet in our midst.

We welcome on board and publicly thank the Independent Property Group from Tuggeranong who have provided a generous donation which was used to purchase the many book prizes that individual winners received at the DMG Assembly. Former Gilmore student Milan Kraljevic from IPG took great pleasure in attending the assembly and assisting in the presentation.

Learning Journey

Once again this year we followed the DMG Assembly with our Term Three Learning Journey. Some 72% of students from Kindergarten to year 6 had a family member or members come and look around the units, talk about the learning the students have been engaged in, and even have a go at some Every Chance to Dance in May Gibbs. Many thanks to all of the family members who were able to make it for Learning Journey. The children gain so much from being able to share their achievements with you.
Artist in Residence update
As you wandered around the school yesterday you will have noticed that Dan has finished ‘sketching’ the designs that the students (in Peer Support groups) have come up with. After the holidays the student’s will begin to paint. It is most important that they have an art smock at school as the paint will not wash out off clothing.

Upcoming happenings:
- 26 September: End of Term 3. ‘Out of Uniform’ charity fundraiser
- 13 October: Term 4 starts
- 17 December: Last day 2014 school year.
- 23 October: Yr 6 ‘Fun Day’
- 24 October: ‘Buoyed Up’ sailing summer program starts
- 28 October: ‘Shekere Beats’ performance
- 29 October: School Board / P & C meetings

At school – on time – in uniform – in class ready to learn

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.

Planning for 2015
It may seem a long way away but planning is already underway for the 2015 school year. A ‘request for Class Placement’ form has been distributed with last week’s newsletter. It would be greatly appreciated if parents of Preschool to Year 5 students could please complete and return by no later than Friday 7 November 2014.

A gold coin donation to come ‘Out of Uniform’ on Friday 26 September 2014.
Our senior students have organised a number of ‘Out of Uniform / Gold Coin Donation’ days this year in support of charities which are active in our local area. On Friday 26 September students can make a gold coin donation in exchange for the privilege of coming to school ‘Out of Uniform.’ Sensible casual clothes (NO sleeveless tops or open shoes) thanks.

All money raised will go to supporting Kidney Health Australia.

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) A new SOCs voucher sheet was distributed last week. Additional copies can be obtained at the front office

Andrew Geering
Principal
Gilmore Primary School
Dame Mary Gilmore Awards

Dame Mary Gilmore Award
Joel Joby
Ryan Cunanan
Luke Boxall
Maddison McKinless-Brown
Dante Costa
Ann Liddiard

Highly commended:
Christopher Lim
Zac Vincent
Jordan McGowan
Grace Leheny
Alycia Williams
Mikayla Leishman
Maree McGuire
Kira Piper

Outstanding Effort:
Cooper Tai
Kian Morris
Paige Leishman
Liam Ryan
Mitchell Paterson
Natalia Dyer
Charli Wyatt
Liam Brown

Dame Mary Gilmore Award Winners
CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done
From the Deputy

Well done Charli placed 3rd in the ACT Track and Field Championship this week

Pamela Allen Unit

Program:

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of term three.

We continue to explore how our bodies work and this week we have been looking at the sense of taste. We read an information book about taste and then tasted different foods that were salty, sour and sweet.

In art we did some fruit printing and brightened our classroom by painting the windows. We are exploring the concept of author and illustrator and are looking at books by Colin West. We read ‘Not Me’ said the Monkey’.

Dress Up Day:

To celebrate the end of Term we will be having a dress up day in week 10. This will be held on Thursday 25 September for the Seahorses. Can the children come dressed as something that begins with same letter as their name e.g. Kim the Karate Kid. We will be looking at healthy eating in the next two weeks of our program so if families could provide a plate of healthy lunch to share on the day (fruit platter, biscuits and dip, mini quiches, sandwiches). Please see the note for further details.
**SOS**
We still need some helpers to assist in the making of the end of year mementos of a stuffed Dolphin or Seahorse. Please put your name on the board if you can help. We will not be able to proceed with this if we do not get enough helpers.

**Reminders:**
School photos for Seahorses Friday 26th September. Please return permission for your child’s name to be listed on the photo.

A reminder to try and return library books each week. A few children have had books for several weeks. Library days are Tuesdays for the Dolphins and Fridays for the Seahorses. Please check for school books at home.
With the warmer weather fast approaching please remember to send your child with an appropriate sun hat (not a cap).

Wishing our families a safe and enjoyable break.

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

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**Jeannie Baker News**

Students in 3/4M have been having fun learning about Australia’s states, territories and capital cities. They pieced together these puzzle maps of Australia and labelled them. This week we are beginning to learn about Australia’s landmarks and what’s special about Australia.

We have begun our new text type narratives. We have started to learn about interesting ways to start a story. We are looking forward to sharing our work with you at the Learning Journey this week.

Have a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. Only one term left for the year!
**P & C News**

**WINE FUNDRAISER** – Orders due now!

**UNIFORM SHOP** - next open Friday 17 October 2:45 to 3:15

**FETE NEWS** – Fete Planning meeting in Week 1 – Wednesday 15 October at 2pm.

_Thank you for your support_

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**Canteen News**

Special lunch order is this Friday. Late orders cannot guarantee to get what is ordered. **No other lunch orders will be available on the day.**

_Thank you_ for another great term.

_Thank you_ to the friendly and polite students

_Thank you_ to the parents for volunteering and donating to the canteen.

Reminder that the summer menu will be out next term. If you have any suggestions or would like to comment please contact me on 0400868589 or leave a note at the office.

Have a great holiday break and I will see you next term 🌞 Rachael

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**Have we got your up to date contact information?**

It is important that you advise the front office of any changes to personal details or emergency contacts.

This includes changes to your email, the gazette, updates and reminders are sent out via email.

Current and correct details enable us to make quick contact in case of emergencies and help keep our families and community up to date and informed on what is happening at Gilmore.

_Thank you_ for your attention in this matter

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**CHANGE OF DETAILS**

| Student Name: | __________________________ |
| Parent Name:  | __________________________ |
| Email:       | __________________________ |
| Home Phone:  | __________________________ |
| Mobile Phone:| __________________________ |
| Address:     | __________________________ |
|             | __________________________ |
| Contact 1:   | __________________________ |
| Name:       | __________________________ |
| Phone:      | __________________________ |
| Contact 2:   | __________________________ |
| Name:       | __________________________ |
| Phone:      | __________________________ |
| Signed:     | __________________________ Date: __________ |
Highlighting the great students and work at Gilmore Primary

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