Term 4 Week 1  15 October 2014

Photos of the week:

Award winners at today’s assembly

Student Banking Every Thursday
Dear Parents

Term 4 is off and running. There are many things happening in the last few months of the year so we have attached a copy of the Term 4 calendar for you to put up at home and keep track of the many things that are happening this term.

Do note that in organising many of these events, information is sent home with a ‘return by date’ included. To avoid missing out, do ensure that notes etc. are returned on time.

Building Maintenance
During the BER (Building the Education Revolution) works undertaken in all ACT schools a few years ago, our Junior Toilet Block was renovated / upgraded. Whilst this work was underway all of our students used the Senior Toilet facilities. Since then we had the toilets in the hall refurbished. It is now the turn to have the 1987 décor and facilities in the Senior Toilet building upgraded. The Education and Training Directorate has finalised the tender process and we were informed yesterday that work will commence on Monday 20 October. The Senior Toilet block will be fenced off whilst the work is undertaken which will be over the remainder of this term. During this time ALL STUDENTS will be using the Junior Toilet block. The contractors, where possible, will undertake ‘noisy’ work outside of school hours. They will also be accessing the school site from the back of the school to avoid adding further to car park congestion at those peak times both before and after school.
We look forward to having new toilet facilities across the school.

Artist in Residence update
The student’s will begin to paint this week as soon as the weather allows. It is most important that all students have an art smock at school as the paint will not wash out of clothing. We are planning to have an ‘unveiling’ event later this term.

Upcoming happenings:
- 22 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
- 12 November: “Every Chance to Dance” Assembly
- 15 November: School Fete
- 17 December: Last day 2014 school year.

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 was distributed with the newsletter towards the end of last term. 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.**

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 additional resources for them to use at school)
A new SOCs voucher sheet will be distributed in Week 3. Additional copies can be obtained at the front office.

Our school has signed up to the very exciting Ride or Walk to School program for the next 3 years.

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

Andrew Geering
Principal
Gilmore Primary School

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Program:
Welcome back for term 4. We hope that our families have had an enjoyable holiday break. This term we have been fortunate in applying for and receiving a tadpole kit from ACT frog watch. In term 4 we will be exploring lifecycles and other cultures as our focus this term. If you would like to share some of your families culture (dances, traditional dress, songs or anything else) please see staff.

Commemorative tea towels:
You should have received a note about the preschool commemorative tea towel. Please see the office if you did not get one. This year’s template and previous examples are on display. Please return your orders by Tuesday 28th October (week 3).

Reminders:
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).

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

Alison Lester News
Welcome back to our fourth and final term for the year. The children have settled back into their routines really well and are getting ready for assessment for report writing.

Please ensure that you child has a hat - bucket or legionnaire style - to be worn for all outside activities. There have been a number of children coming to school without a hat and we are having to restrict their play activities to shaded areas.

A reminder that library days are important for borrowing fiction books and having access to information texts for general knowledge. Many children are forgetting their library bags and books from previous borrowings and are then consequently unable to borrow again. Library days are:

Kindergarten/ year 1 Tait - FRIDAYS
Year 1/2 Sheehan - THURSDAYS

Homework will continue to be issued each week this term. This is an invaluable opportunity to reinforce class work and allow for the extension of the children’s learning. It is handed out on Mondays and is due back on Fridays. Please assist us in encouraging your child to complete it and return it to school each week.
Our Assembly today was presented by Mrs Owens and had a focus on the Performing and Visual Arts programme within the school. Among the activities, children learnt and performed very special song from the Torres Strait area. Well done to everyone.

On Monday, each child was issued with a note outlining the Year 6 Fun Day. This will happen next Wednesday - 22nd October - in the middle teaching session. Tokens are available for purchase by the children for the day. Please refer to the note for details.

Dates for your calendar:
20th - 31 October - PIPS Testing for Kindergarten
29th October - Assembly hosted by K/1 Tait
28th October - School performance "Sheekere Beats"
12th November - "Every Chance to Dance" Assembly
15th November - School Fete

In 1/2 Sheehan, we have been reading “The Cocky Who Cried Dingo” as our read aloud book of the week. It is based on the tale of “The Boy Who cried Wolf”. We are studying the moral of the story, the structure, the characters and the introduction of new vocabulary and word structure. Following is a selection of the work completed by the children:

Kaylee: Cocky was lying about a dingo eating him and then it really happened.
Charlie: The cocky was a naughty cocky and he also was a silly cocky and he told lies.
Declan: The moral of the story is don’t play bad tricks and don’t lie to friends.
Olivia: The moral of the story is don’t lie because it is bad to lie because your friends won’t believe you anymore and then they won’t trust you.
Alyssa: Cocky lied and was naughty. He lied at night time. He was being mean. He stopped being naughty.
Zac: Cocky was silly and he played tricks. He lied to the other birds and when he needed their help, they would not help him.
Jarrad: Cocky was a silly cockatoo. He lied a lot to other birds. He played nasty tricks.
Kian: Cocky played a dirty trick on the other birds, so he got in trouble. Then he played another dirty trick so he got in trouble again, and before he could play another trick, a dingo held him down and opened his jaws and tried to eat Cocky. Cocky called out to the other birds but they didn’t believe him. Before the dingo ate him, he slipped out.

Narelle Tait and Anne Sheehan
Welcome back – Hope you are looking forward to a fabulous term 4.

Homework sheets have been sent out and due back on Friday 17 October.

Library days are 2/3P Thursday and 3/4M Mondays – Please make sure books are returned so new one can be borrowed.

Thank you
Aaron Partridge and Nicole Minshull

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A REMINDER FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 6 BAND MEMBERS.

Bandstrav
Tuesday 18 November 2014
Llewellyn Hall
Childers St Acton

Tickets for Bandstrav need to be ordered by Wednesday 29 October. Each band member is allocated 2 tickets at a cost of $13 each. If you wish to purchase more through the school please let us know on your order form that was sent out at the end of last term and if some remain unsold we will be able to reallocate them. We will be able to let you know before tickets go on sale at Ticketek on Monday 3 November. The tickets are not numbered so people will be able to sit together if tickets are purchased at different times. It is a great atmosphere and a wonderful experience for the children to play with other schools on the stage at Llewellyn Hall and to hear other bands play.

Cheers, Karen Owens
P & C News

Our fete will be on the 15 November more information soon about how you can support our school.

Uniform shop will be open this Friday 2:45 – 3:15 pm

Cookie Dough will be ready for collection 21 October (Tuesday) 2 – 3:30 pm

New Avon brochures are out now.

Thank you for your support

Canteen News

Happy first week back 😊 I hope everyone had great holidays. It’s a cold start to the term and I will have hot food over the counter at recess and in lunch orders at lunch time to help beat the cold. This weekend is looking much nicer and in the spirit of spring and the warmer weather on the way I am including recipes that I will be serving over the counter in the canteen as of next week. Flavours will vary each week.

Real fruit icy poles – makes 6

**INGREDIENTS:**
6 icy pole moulds
Any summer fruit you like! Strawberries, mango, blueberries, cherries, kiwi fruit, pineapple, watermelon etc – about 1 cup
2 cups 99% fruit juice of your choice

**METHOD:**
Cut fruit into chunks and place in the moulds, filling about half way. Pour in fruit juice to the top of the mould. Freeze overnight. When ready to serve, run some warm water over the mould and gently slide icy pole out.

Strawberry & Banana smoothie icy poles – makes 6

**INGREDIENTS:**
6 icy pole moulds
1 banana
200g tub reduced fat strawberry yoghurt
2 cups reduced fat milk

**METHOD:**
Blend banana, yoghurt and milk together. Pour into moulds and freeze overnight. When ready to serve, run some warm water over the mould and gently slide icy pole out.


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Up and Coming Japanese Events in Canberra.

The 21st Canberra Nara Candle festival will be held this year on the 25th October between 4:30-9pm at The Canberra Nara Peace Park and Lennox Gardens (behind the Hyatt Hotel). Candle lighting ceremony usually begins at 7:25pm, but there are many displays, activities and food to try before and after the formal procedure.

For more information please visit http://www.events.act.gov.au/nara

Week 1 Assembly photos