CALENDAR

4 July: End of Term. Reports home
4 July: Out of Uniform day – Charity Fundraiser

Term 3
21 July: Start of Term 3
21 to 25 July: Parent-teacher-student interviews
28 July: Activity Challenge starts

Notes to be returned.
Three-way interview requests

Yr 5/6 Term 4 Camp note

Dear Parents

We have reached the half-way mark of the 2014 school year. Three hearty cheers to all of our students and staff who have been working so hard over the past twenty school weeks. Students will be bringing home their Semester One reports on Friday and three-way interviews (parent/teacher/student) will take place in Week One of next term. Don’t forget to book an interview time as this is a great opportunity for your child to discuss their learning and set goals for the remainder of the school year.

The Directorate was pushing to have the re-sealing of the car park completed before the end of the financial year. The weather changed for the worse and now the work is scheduled to be completed during the holidays. Our staff does an outstanding job, often very much in “quiet achiever” mode, not seeking to be publically acknowledged. David King has been acting in the Building Services Officer role this year. You will have noticed that the school has very much been kept looking “ship shape” at all times. The Directorate has recently offered David permanency and we are very pleased to have him on board to continue to keep our school in such good order.

Vicki Lucas came to us from her previous position as Deputy Principal at the Southern Cross School. Her achievements working across the Education and Training Directorate in a number of roles were recently recognised at the 2014 ACT & Region Indigenous Excellence Awards hosted by the ACT & Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Congratulations to Vicki and all of our hard working staff for the difference they make for our students and our community.
Last week seventeen Year 4-6 students attended rehearsal at The Royal Theatre on Thursday morning for their part in the Dance Nation Spectacular which drew together schools from across the ACT. Our dancers had been working hard with dance instructor Treza on their item since the beginning of Term One and were looking forward to showing the anticipated audience of over one thousand Canberrans just what they could do. They did an outstanding job and played their part in making the Dance Spectacular really live up to its name. Congratulations to: Charli, Kira, Nadine, Akayla, Rakaïya, Maree, Chloe, Brooke, Lucy, Maddison, Emily, Samantha, Declan, Bailey, Emmanuel, Liam and Haydyn!

Sticking to the dancing theme, today’s assembly in May Gibbs highlighted the Kulturebreak ‘Every Chance to Dance’ program. Each week every class from Kindergarten through to year 6 accesses dance lessons ‘online.’ These lessons have been building across the terms and the students had the opportunity to perform in front of parents and special guests from Kulture Break including Franco. Our students were certainly in their element and Kulture Break were so impressed that they invited themselves to return later in the year to see the students perform again.

Our senior students have organised an ‘Out of Uniform’ day to end up the term. Students are invited to come out of uniform and make a gold coin donation for the privilege of doing so. Our senior students have chosen to support the RSPCA with this term’s fundraiser.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and relaxing holiday. With the level of sickness across students and staff alike recently, the two week break couldn’t have come at a better time as it will allow everyone to ‘recharge their batteries’ for Term 3

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

Congratulations to our Term Two, Week Nine winners:

Jim, Adam, Mohammad, Kaylee, Kian, Declan, Blaze, Paige, Lachlan, Ainslie, Brooke, Grace, Akayla, Emily, Rebecca, Oliver, Chloe, Page

Andrew Geering
Principal
Gilmore Primary School

Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) survey

Reminder that the survey is only available till the end of term

What is it like being a parent/carer at this school?
How involved in the school do you feel?
How do you relate to teachers and school leadership?
What are the things you like about this school?
What are the things you would like to see changed?

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to request your participation in an important survey about the climate or social environment at this school. The aim is to hear from parents/carers about their experiences as a member of this school community. This survey looks at more areas in detail than the school satisfaction survey, such as relationships with teachers, connection to the school (school identification), and engagement in school life. While we will endeavor to combine the two surveys in the future, it is important for our school improvement process that we receive a strong response to both surveys this year.

Relationships – being valued, respected and listened to in our dealings with others.
Connection – a sense of belonging and connection to the school and what it stands for.
Engagement – investment in and enthusiasm for school

Your responses are extremely useful and valuable in finding out what we do well and where we can improve as a school community.

To access the survey you need to do the following:

1. Use a search engine to find the school web page
2. Click on the survey link (or type this code into the search area of the browser)
   https://anupsych.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5iQBNXsKdKtnL
   If you do not have access to the internet please contact the schools front office for a paper version or to complete a survey online at school.
3. Generate your access code following the instructions provided
4. The survey will take 30 minutes to complete and is open until the end of term.

Thank you for your participation.

Andrew Geering
Principal Awards

You Can Do It Awards
Emmanuel  Cooper
Ryan      Keira
Jim x2    Jarrad
Jake      Taylor

Puzzle Club
will be back in 4. We had a fun solving brainteasers different of puzzles.

Pamela Allen Unit

Alison Lester News

Jeannie Baker News

3/4 Camp to Birrigai

On Tuesday to Wednesday last week students in 3/4, Ms Lucas, Mr Partridge, Miss Minshull and Zuzette braved blizzard like conditions and had a fantastic two days at camp.

On Tuesday we left school about 9:10am and arrived at Birrigai about 9:40am. We were greeted by our camp leader Ben who showed us around the campsite. After having some Birrigai biscuits we spent some time setting up our beds in our cabins. Next was a yummy lunch of bread rolls with some salad, salami and fruit. After lunch we all put on some huge rain coats and walked up a mountain on an ‘explorer’s walk’ where we learnt about some of the native plants and animals and also got to walk through a small cave. When we got back from the walk, we took off our soaked rain coats and went into the dining hall where we made and ate damper with golden syrup- it was delicious!

Then we enjoyed some free time before having spaghetti, garlic bread and salad for dinner. After dinner we played trivia with Miss Minshull and Mr Partridge and board and card games with Ms Lucas and Zuzette. It was Lachlan’s birthday so for supper we had an amazing birthday cake and a disco. We went off to bed at
9:30am, however, we did not go to sleep until after midnight!

On Wednesday morning we were all up by 7am and spent time cleaning the cabins and packing our bags. We enjoyed toast, porridge, fruit and cereal for breakfast. After breakfast the teachers divided us into family groups. In each group there was a student who was the father, the mother and each family had 3-children. Students spent the morning pretending they were a family from the 1800’s creating a life in Australia.

Students had a small section of land they had to look after and create a home on. Student had to pull weeds that still had the roots attached and use them as money at the shop to buy things for their land and family.

Students could buy things like, spades, items to make a tent, wheelbarrows, animals and they even had to pay for their morning tea. Students had to work in family groups to set up the tent and if they wanted help from the teachers they had to pay 20 weeds! The father was in charge of the family and only the mother was allowed to visit the shop with one daughter. Children were seen and not heard. Mr Partridge was the Governor who inspected each block of land and Miss Minshull and Ms Lucas were the police. After we finished this activity we enjoyed a BBQ lunch before having some free time and coming home.

Here is what the students liked most about camp...

Akayla- my favourite thing was building the farm and tents.

Maggie- my favourite thing was the bush walk in the rain.

Emily B- my favourite thing was the trivia and card games.

Jack- my favourite thing was going through the cave on the bush walk.

Lachlan- my favourite thing was the bush walk in the rain.

Shayla- my favourite thing was building the tents.

Taylah- my favourite thing was cooking and eating the damper.

Haydyn’s favourite thing was having a sleepover with his friends.

Tahlia’s favourite thing was the bush walk.

Grace and Alycia’s favourite thing was having a disco party to celebrate Lachlan’s birthday.

Violet and Brooke liked the family farming activity the best.
The Robin Klein students enjoyed the NRL Gala Day last week with Aaron and Daniel from the Canberra Raiders.

The Year 6 students completed their Peer Support Training this week. They will lead their Peer Support groups through a range of activities starting in Week 2 next term.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in our Kulture Break Assembly on Wednesday as well as the group of students who represented Gilmore at the Dance Nation performance last week. We are very lucky to have so many fantastic dancers at our school! We wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you at the Three-Way Interviews in Week 1 next term.

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. Alternatively, you can lodge an online absence form via the school website: http://www.gilmoreps.act.edu.au/parent_information/student_absences

Mrs Van Eyk and Miss Dearden

**P & C News**

*Have a happy and safe holiday. See you all for term 3*

**Canteen News**

Special lunch is this Friday. Orders handed in after Wednesday may not get what they ask for. There will be no other lunch orders that day.

Reminder that I will be selling hot milo and hot soup at recess and lunch.

With the school holidays coming up these 20 lunch box ideas are a great to make and freeze for next term (omitting the nuts from some recipes if bringing to school) http://www.kidspace.com.au/20-lunch-box-power-snacks/

My boys and I made this Wholemeal apricot and coconut cake and they thought it was delicious http://www.kidspace.com.au/best-recipes/Healthy+25/Wholemeal-apricot-and-coconut-cake-recipe+487.htm

**Wholemeal apricot and coconut cake recipe**

Canteen helpers – A huge thank you to the parents/grandparents who have offered to volunteer at the canteen. 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 contact me on 0400868589 or leave your number at the front office.

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Thank you Rachael