

Welcome to

GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

'MOVING FORWARD'

All you need to know





School Information

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Sentral for Parents: Download from the app store.



School Hours

8:35am	Morning playground supervision
9:05am	Morning session
11:05am	Lunch eating time
11:15am	Lunch play break
11:45am	Middle session
1:30pm	Recess eating time
1:35pm	Recess play break
2:05pm	Afternoon session
3:05pm	School ends

There is no supervision before or after these times. OSHC is offered in the school grounds before and after school.

Uniform



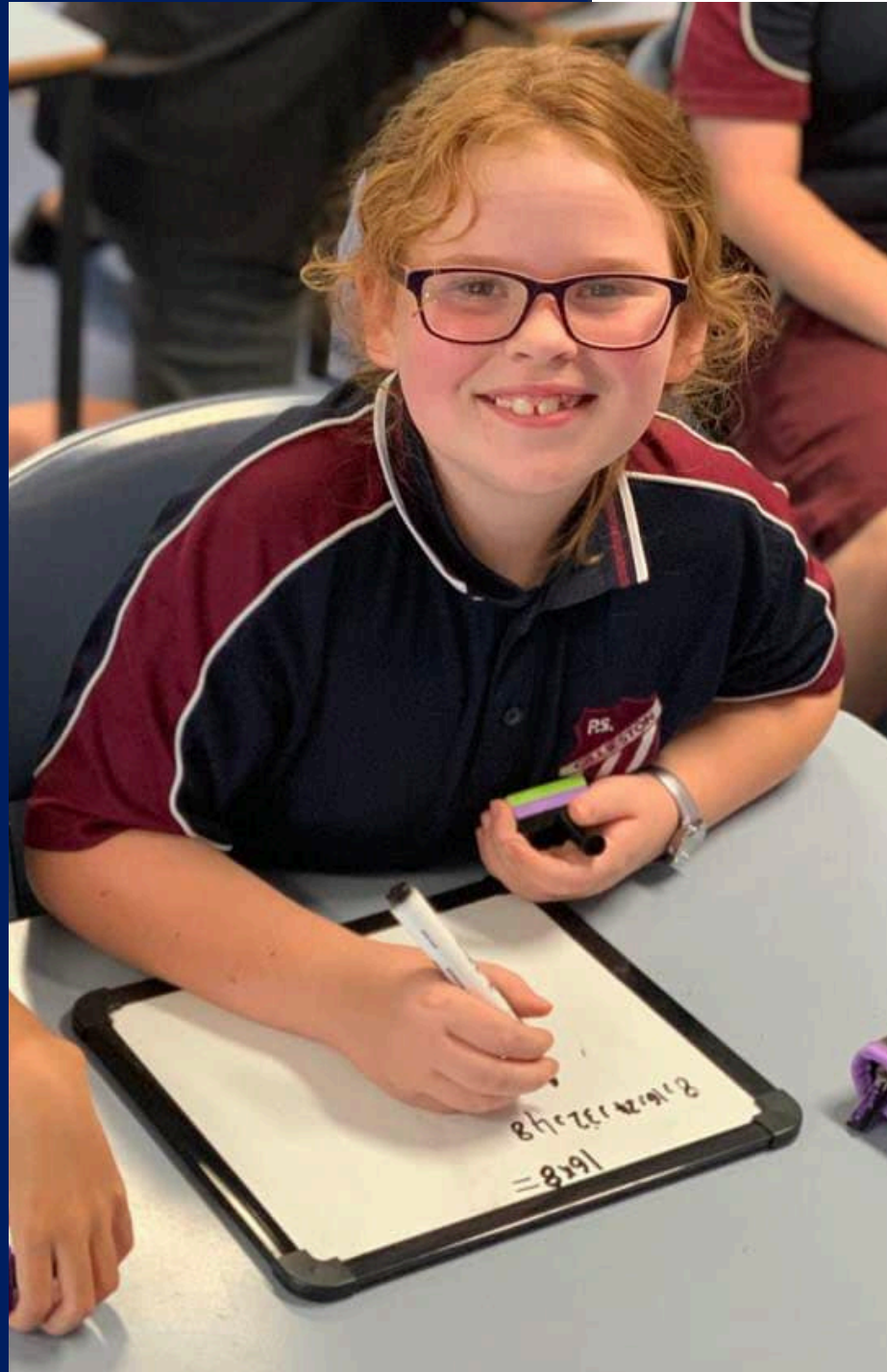
Summer/Winter Uniform

- Navy/Maroon Polo Shirt with Logo
- Maroon Skorts, Skirt, Shorts or tracksuit pants
- White Socks
- Black shoes or black joggers
- Maroon, broad brim style hat
- Maroon Zip Up Jacket or jumper

Shirts, hats and jackets are available at the front office for purchase. Other items can be ordered in or purchased from retail stores.

No caps or sun visors will be permitted. We have a NO HAT - PLAY IN THE SHADE policy where students without hats are restricted to the COLA or shade areas.

The school strongly encourages the wearing of the school uniform. With the exception of watches, medical alert bracelets and necklaces, jewellery is not to be worn. The uniform shop is operated by our office staff and is located in the school office. It is open every Monday - Friday from 8:30am - 2:30pm (subject to change)



Contacting the School

If you have a question or need information your first contact should be with your child's teacher. If you require further support or information please see the Assistant Principal of the stage. You can contact teachers by phoning the school office, emailing the school or through messages on the Sentral Parent Portal.

Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time
Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

Every Day Matters

Make sure your child doesn't miss out on the important things like:

Learning



Strengthening friendships



Emotional development



When it comes to attending school, every day matters.

Scan the QR code to learn more



Attendance

What if my child has to be away from school?
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Health

ALLERGIES

Students with allergies are a high priority for Gillieston Public School. We require all families with students with allergies to work in consultation with their Doctor, to make a time with the school to develop an allergy management plan. We ask that all families assist us to support students with allergies by not packing nut based foods and spreads in student's lunch boxes.

ANAPHYLAXIS VAND ALLERGY

All students who are identified as requiring an Epi-Pen or require asthma preventors/relievers are required to provide the school with a ASCIA management plan or asthma plan completed by your child's GP.

STUDENT MEDICATION

Parents/Carers should inform the school on enrolment if their child has ongoing health needs. An action plan (ASCIA or Asthma) and a individual health care plan should be developed for any student.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to notify the school of any change to the action or health care plan, for example, when medication is changed. It is also the parents/carers responsibility to replace their child's medication when it runs out, the office will notify parents/carers when running low. Medication will be kept at the office and administered by trained staff



Health

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE

Parents/Carers of students needing prescribed medication during the day at school are required to complete a form at the school office. This form will include: Child's name and class, Name of medication, Dosage, Time to be administered, Reason for the medication

Medication must be provided in a webster pack, clearly labelled with the child's name, medication, dosage and time. A parent or an adult over 18 years of age must sign in and out medication. Please do not send it to school with the student in their bag. A designated first aid trained member supervises the administration of all medication. Paracetamol and other non-prescription medication cannot be administered by school staff without a doctor's certificate. Medication cannot be left onsite or administered by staff until it is approved by the Principal.

SICKNESS AND ILLNESS

Health issues in schools are extremely important. Parents are therefore asked to co-operate in complying with any requests from the school concerning health issues. When children become ill during school time, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

Occasionally children do have accidents and first aid is given. In the case of serious accidents an ambulance is called. Parents are notified immediately.

The ambulance costs are covered by the school.



Curriculum

Gillieston Public School delivers the mandatory NSW Education Standards Authority K-6 curriculum. The curriculum is organised into six key learning areas that include: Mathematics, English, Science and Technology, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and the Creative Arts.

These key learning areas are organised into four stages of learning that include:

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

Stage 1 - Years 1 and 2

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY

Students attend weekly library lessons. Research and information skills are taught in line with relevant class themes. Each class also utilises the school computer lab. Classrooms contain interactive whiteboards and classroom computers. These lessons provide students with the opportunity to borrow books on a weekly basis as well as learning about books, authors and research skills. Students are required to have a library bag.



Curriculum

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of the parents. If you wish your child to participate in these lessons, please indicate this on the form you will receive with your enrolment application.

STUDENTS ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

We provide written reporting of student achievement twice a year at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Teachers are available for interviews at other times, please contact the office or teacher via Seesaw to organise a suitable time.

HOMEWORK

We are a Homework Opt-In/Opt-Out school. A note is required to be completed and returned upon enrolment.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions for all classes and camping activities for primary students are considered valuable educational experiences. It is hoped that one major excursion will be planned per year. Other class excursions may be organised by the class teacher.

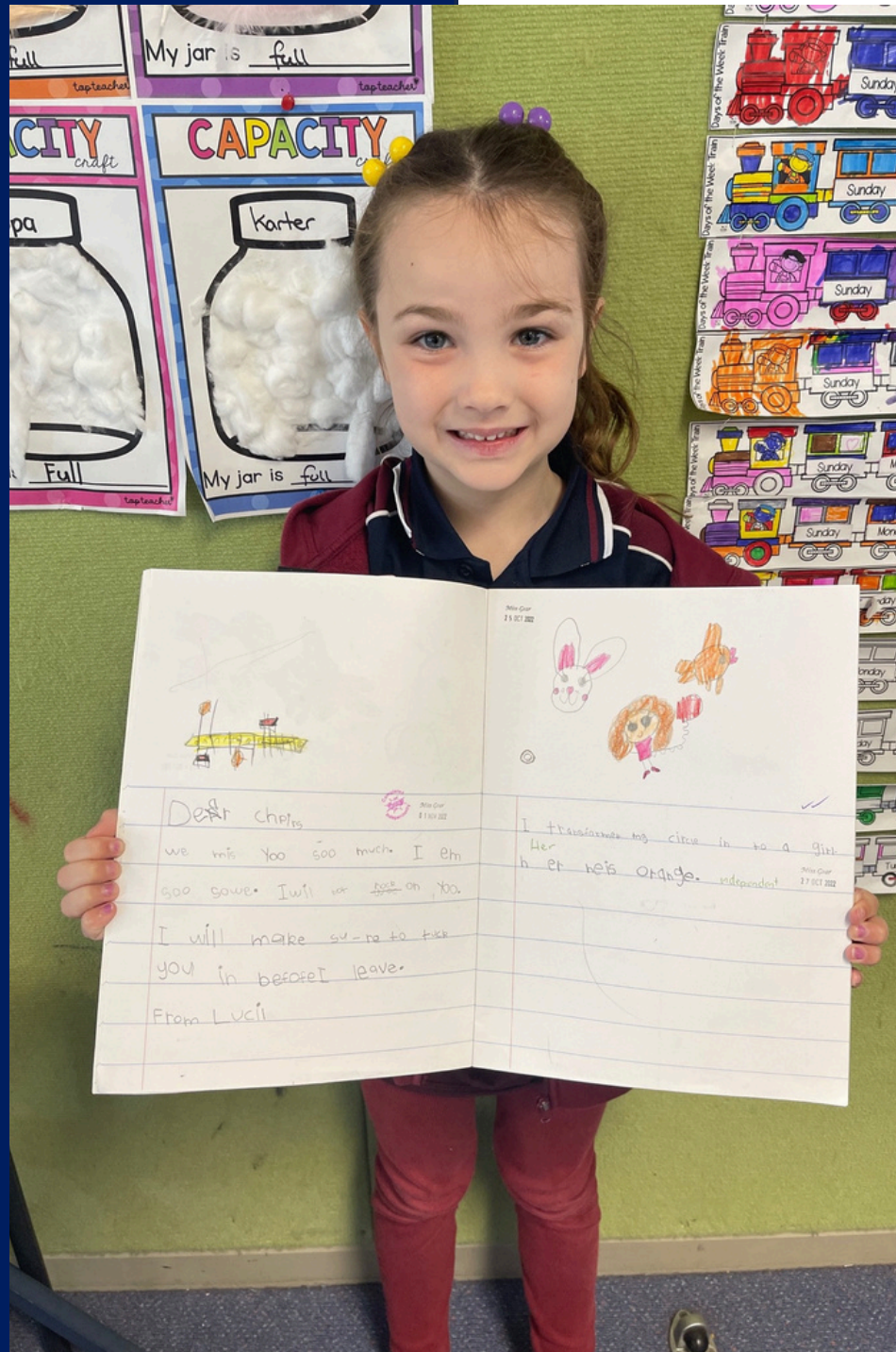


Curriculum

EXTRA CURRICULAR

In parallel with a strong academic focus, music, the arts and sport programs are integral to a diverse and enriching education at Gillieston Public School.

- Choir - Choir is offered to all interested students. Our school choir participates in Star Struck, as well as other school events.
- Dance - is part of the curriculum for all students. We also have K-2 and 3-6 dance groups who regularly perform throughout the year.
- Sport - A variety of sports are encouraged both in the playground, during weekly sport and where possible through PSSA events, zone try outs, carnivals, gala days etc.
- Aboriginal Culture - students are supported through a variety of cultural experiences.



PBL

Gillieston Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school (PBL) where we are safe, respectful learners.

At Gillieston Public School, our mission is to give our students the skills to become resilient, responsible citizens who value their learning. Our school provides students with ongoing opportunities to help students reach their full potential and help them becoming caring, respectful community members.

Each week students take part in PBL lessons focused around being a safe, respectful learner in different areas of the school. These lessons highlight an area in the school that we are focusing on.

Students receive 'Gillos' for demonstrating being a safe respectful learner in the classroom and on the playground and demonstrating the weekly expectations. 'Gillos' can be spent at the 'Gillo Shop.'

Students also receive 'Captain Gillo' awards throughout the year and are recognised at assembly for every 5 awards they receive.

ALL SETTINGS



SAFE

- Move sensibly and safely at all times
- Hands, feet and objects to self
- Right place, right time
- Use equipment appropriately

RESPECTFUL

- Use school appropriate language
- Listen attentively
- Care for our school environment

LEARNERS

- Follow instructions from all adults
- Make positive choices
- Do your best always
- Be prepared and ready to learn



WELLBEING

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

School counselling staff support students by providing psychological counselling, assessment and intervention services. School counselling staff work collaboratively with teachers, families, school executive, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community. School counsellors support students with a range of issues related to learning, peer and family relationships, and managing emotions such as depression, anxiety, worry or isolation. Access to the counsellor/psychologist is by referral after consultation with the learning and support team.

LEARNING AND SUPPORT TEAM

Students with identified learning needs are referred to the Learning and Support Team. The role of the team is to develop personalised learning plans in consultation with parents to support referred children achieve success. These plans are delivered by dedicated learning and support teachers and are reviewed on a regular basis.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND WELFARE

Gillieston Public School establishes clear guidelines for expected behaviour of students. This includes positive acknowledgements for excellent behaviour and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. We endorse the Core Rules and Values for students in NSW public schools.

Gillieston Public School has a zero tolerance to bullying. We believe in prevention rather than remediation as our key focus in supporting all students to feel safe at school.



CONNECT

Our students will be actively connected to their learning, have positive and respectful relationships and experience a sense of belonging to their school and community.



SUCCEED

Our students will be respected, valued, encouraged, supported and empowered to succeed.



THRIVE

Our students will grow and flourish, do well and prosper.

ENABLE

The school environment is pivotal to the growth and development of our most important assets – our children and young people. Our schools strive for excellence in teaching and learning, connect on many levels and build trusting and respectful relationships for students to succeed.



HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

P&C

The school and staff value the help and involvement of parents/carers. The P & C Association not only provides very substantial financial assistance which allows the school to be well equipped, but also serves as a vital communication link between home and school. P & C meetings are a valuable time to discuss educational and school policy with parents. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 5pm in the staffroom.

AECG

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. is a non for profit Aboriginal organisation that provides advice on all matters relevant to education and training with the mandate that this advice represents the Aboriginal community viewpoint. Parents and community are invited to be involved in the AECG.

SCHOOL HELPERS

Parents are welcome at school and encouraged to participate in all activities, including assisting with:

- Reading and other class activities;
- Assisting in the canteen;
- Sport and excursions; and
- Enrichment programs

If you do wish to become a parent helper we will ask you to attend an information session including information about child protection.