

Weekly News Term 1 Week 10

GILLIESTON PS
**CROSS COUNTRY
CARNIVAL**



**TUESDAY
9TH APRIL**

**LOCATED ON THE SCHOOL OVAL
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME
AND WATCH**

**INFANT START TIME: 9:15AM
PRIMARY START TIME: 9:45AM**

**REMEMBER TO
PACK PLENTY OF
WATER!**

ADMIN NEWS

Sentral Online Permission Notes and Online Payments

Term 2, we will be sending permission notes for all events and excursions via Sentral Parent Portal. No paper copies will be sent home. Parents will receive an email with a link for payment and online permission. It is important to respond by the due date to allow staff to finish preparations for the event. Excursions and other events will be added to our Sentral calendar. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if there is an event mentioned that you were not aware of.

**Sentral messages & emails have been sent to parents of SRC and Sports Leaders for assembly on Monday 8th of April
Permission Notes published to the portal.**

- Athletics Carnival, Under 8's permission & High Jump Long Jump competitors
 - EOI Bathurst Excursion - Stage 3 students
 - Star Struck Dance and costume orders - Selected students
 - Star Struck Choir - Selected Students
- Soccer Gala Day - Stage 3 Selected students (\$2 cash only)
 - EOI Aboriginal Dance Workshop
 - EOI Indigenous Tennis Carnival
- Stage 2 Fantastic Mr Fox PG movie permission

If you have not received your Family Key to access the Sentral Parent Portal, please email gillieston-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



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



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4 weeks



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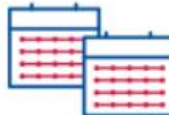
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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RAISE SOME Dough

**DOMINO'S GILLIESTION HEIGHTS
IS PROUD TO SUPPORT**

**GILLIESTON HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
IN THE FORM OF A 'DOUGH'RAISER.**

*This Money will go towards the school to
help with funding.*

When: Wednesday 10th April
Between 4pm-9pm

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ANZAC DAY MARCH

THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024

Students of Gillieston Public School have been invited to attend the Maitland Anzac Day March and service of Commemoration.

10:00am Meet at Maitland Fire Station

Church Street Maitland

10:25am March commences

11:00am Commemoration at Maitland Park Cenotaph

All students marching are to wear full school uniform and school hat.

JOIN US IN HONOURING OUR HEROES



GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

PBL REWARD DAY



APRIL
11
THURSDAY

FREE ACTIVITY AT SCHOOL AFTER LUNCH

SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

CHANGE HOME READERS AT THE LIBRARY



MON-THURS

BEFORE THE MORNING BELL TO GET A GILLO GREEN

Remember to bring your
Home Reading Logbook

in every 25 nights so Mrs Hunt can give
you your reading award and Gillos!

Once you have 5 Reading Awards bring
them in to receive your special
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

**NEVER
STOP
READING**

Reading takes you
to amazing places..



CURRICULUM NEWS - FLUENCY

This term all students in K-6 have engaged in reading fluency lessons.

Students are learning to develop their reading fluency by improving in the following 3 areas:

Accuracy -

The reading of words correctly.

Rate -

The speed in which they identify words. It is recorded as the number of words read correctly per minute.

Prosody -

The sound of the reading. This can be explained as the expression used when reading.

Repeated reading of familiar texts at home will help your child to continue to develop their reading fluency.





NSW Department of Education







Thinking about applying for an opportunity class? Year 5 entry in 2025

What's different about an opportunity class?


Opportunity classes are special classes for students who have high academic potential. They are offered in Years 5 and 6. To be considered for a place in an opportunity class, your parents/carers need to apply, and you need to sit a test. Most students will leave their current school to attend a school with an opportunity class.

Opportunity classes help you learn more quickly and explore concepts more deeply, so you are challenged. They follow the same curriculum as other schools. You will still be able to explore your other interests such as creative and performing arts, sport, debating and social justice. You would be in a class with like-minded peers in an environment that accepts and celebrates high ability.

Is it right for me?

-  Do you learn quickly and easily?
-  Are you curious and creative?
-  Do you enjoy deep investigations?
-  Do you love being challenged?
-  Do you prefer to learn with like-minded peers?
-  If you answered **yes** to any of these, ask your parents/carers to **apply** for you!

I'm interested! What should I do?

- 1** Scan the QR code to visit **the student resource hub** and learn about opportunity classes and the test. 
- 2** If you have questions, ask your teacher or the schools you're applying to so you can make an informed decision.
- 3** Tell your parents/carers to **apply online by 20 May 2024**. You don't need coaching to get into an opportunity class.



NSW Department of Education

Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.

How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount** of **preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: edu.nsw.link/equity

Resources in other languages:
edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages



Financial support

edu.nsw.link/pubedu

The [Public Education Foundation scholarships](#) offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.



GILLIESTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mother's Day

Breakfast



THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024

7:30AM - 9:00AM

Save the date!
More details to come.





Thank You!

FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

**Total funds raised by the SRC for
ASPECT Australia \$241.30**



Gillieston Public School

**Thank
you!**

**Our Bookfair has
been a fantastic
success!!!**

We have sold \$3834 worth of items.
As a result we have \$1150 to purchase books
from Scholastic! Our library will be brimming
with quality texts. Huge thankyou to all that
attended and to Mrs Atkins and Mrs Plumpton
for their help behind the counter.



Thank you!



Gillieston P&C for your donations

We want to thank the P&C for their generous donations which will go towards engaging our students with new and exciting picture books, purchasing supplies for craft club and supporting us to be safe, respectful learners.

\$600 to the
Library to
purchase 2024
CBCA
shortlisted
books

\$600 craft
club for our
lunchtime
craft
activities

\$1700 for our
Term 2 PBL
Reward Day

\$1000 to
wellbeing to
support our
PBL Gillo Shop

♥ Love, Gillieston Public School Students



Gillieston Public School redevelopment

Project update | April 2024

Project overview

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild essential services, the 2023-24 Budget is delivering a record \$8.8 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment in growing communities will ensure working families get access to a world class public education.

The 2023-24 Budget has committed funding to progress the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School to replace the current existing demountables on site with permanent facilities.

As part of the NSW Government's commitment to deliver expanded access to early childhood education, a new on-site public preschool will also be built at the school.

Progress summary

Work on the master plan and concept design for the site has continued in consultation with the school and technical stakeholders. Master planning and concept design are the first two of four design phases and provide a high level vision for the school. The final designs will be determined in future design phases in consultation with stakeholders. We are working to ensure we can show the community these updated designs shortly.

The results of the geotechnical and due diligence testing of the ground conditions were examined, which has helped us understand the condition of the site as we continue to plan for the design and location of the buildings.

Update on minor works

Separate to the redevelopment project, upgrades have been made to the existing facilities at Gillieston Public School. The following progress has been made since March 2023:

- The external walls of Block D were repainted and ground remediation works near the building, including laying new turf, were finished in early Term 2 2023.
- The new security fence to the school perimeter was finished in May 2023.

School Infrastructure NSW
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Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



- Construction of the additional covered walkway was finished in June 2023.
- Additional covered walkways and refurbishment of the kitchen in Block D was finished in July 2023.
- Internal work on Block A, including painting, carpet replacement and minor building repairs, was finished in July 2023.
- An electrical upgrade to increase power capacity to the school was finished and an additional demountable to cater for increased enrolments was installed in time Day 1 Term 1 2024.
- The geotechnical survey and investigations for the sewer upgrade have been finished and Hunter Water has been consulted. Design has started on the preferred option that will accommodate the existing infrastructure, future growth and be adaptable to integrate with the redevelopment project.

Next steps

We will continue to refine the design for the redevelopment of Gillieston Public School while considering the needs of the school, community, and the complexities of the site and the area's distinctive character.

For the latest information, visit the project webpage: edu.nsw.link/Gillieston-PS or scan the QR code.

If you have any queries or concerns about the project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours via the contact details below.



Safe Respectful Learners

PBL FOCUS

TERM I WEEK II

STOP, OPT, GO



Stop before you act

Think of your options and how
they will work out

Go with your best option



The Week Ahead

Week 11 - Term 1

Monday

8th April

Parent Teacher Interviews

3/4W, 5/6O, K/1W, 1/2A

Leaders Badge Assembly

9:15am - Cola

Tuesday

9th April

Cross Country

Infants - 9:15am
Primary- 9:45am
Families welcome to attend. BYO chair.

Wednesday

10th April

P&C DoughRaiser

Purchase a pizza from Gillieston Dominos between 4pm - 9pm to show your support.

Anzac Assembly

Thursday

11th April

Soccer Gala Day

Selected students involved. Meet at 9:00am - Maitland Park. Parents to transport.

PBL Reward Day

Friday

12th April

Last day of Term

Kinder Assembly
9:15am - School hall

What's Coming Up?

Term 2, Week 1

30/4 Students Return
2/5 Athletics Carnival

Term 2, Week 2

9/5 Mothers Day Breakfast & Stall
10/5 Zone Cross Country
Stage 3 Assembly

Term 2, Week 3

17/5 Walk to School Day
Stage 2 Assembly