

Weekly News Term 2 Week 3



School Communication Guide

Website



Our school website is regularly updated with our weekly newsletter. Enrolment applications are also completed via the school website.

Facebook



Our facebook page is used to celebrate student achievements & school events.

Weekly News



Our newsletter is used to convey school news, p & c news & community news.



Sentral App

The school now uses Sentral App for the following things;

- Newsfeed
- Absences
- Messages
- Calendar
- Interviews
- Newsletters
- Payments/Invoices
- Forms
- Resources



Seesaw App

The Seesaw App is now used only for classroom photos.



Flexischools App

The Flexischools App is a cashless canteen ordering app.

What is a phoneme?

Phonemes are the smallest unit of sound that forms a part of speech. These include:

- consonant phonemes
- vowel phonemes

There are five types of vowel phonemes:

1. Short vowels: a, e, i, o, u
eg: fl**a**t
2. Long vowels: ay, ee, ie, oa, ue
eg: **sta**y****
3. R-controlled: er, ir, ar, ear, air
eg: **fa**i**r**
4. Diphthongs: mouth changes or air glides
oi, ow
eg: **soi**l****
5. Schwa: an unstressed or lazy vowel
found in multisyllabic words.
eg: dragonon, about, eleephant, brotherer



**Phonemes are the sounds
of the English language that
we hear and say.**

Indigenous Tennis Carnival

12 Aboriginal students attended the National Indigenous Carnival held at Broadmeadow District Courts last Thursday. The rain held off and students were able to enjoy a mix of culture and tennis fun. Students were instructed by famous tennis athlete, Ian Gooloogong (the only Indigenous male to represent Australia at the Wimbledon) and experienced a fast paced game of pickleball. Students also had the opportunity for some didge lessons from staff from the Wollutuka Institute. Thanks to the parents who assisted in transporting students to and from the event. It was great day.





Aboriginal Dance Workshop

On Wednesday, 10 Aboriginal primary students attended the Brolga Dance Academy workshop with other Hunter based schools to learn elements of traditional and contemporary Indigenous dance. It was a fabulous day with students engaged and learning new moves that will be showcased at our NAIDOC celebration in Week 10.





Australian Library and
Information Association

SCHOLASTIC

LIANZA

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



AURA PARKER

BOWERBIRD BLUES

SAVE THE DATE!

22 May 2024 • 12pm (AEST)


www.alia.org.au/nss #LibraryStorytime



Gillieston Public students will be listening to Mrs Hunt read the NSS book along with millions of other students across the country. By facilitating NSS, we aim to promote the value of reading and literacy while having fun with books.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for K-6.





2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Gillieston Public students are participating in the 2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for pleasure and for students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to read and to read more widely. The PRC is open to all NSW students in K-10 every year!!

K-2 is 30 books

3-6 is 20 books

This year our infants classes are challenging each other to be the first class to reach the 30 book level first which is monitored on our PRC book tree.

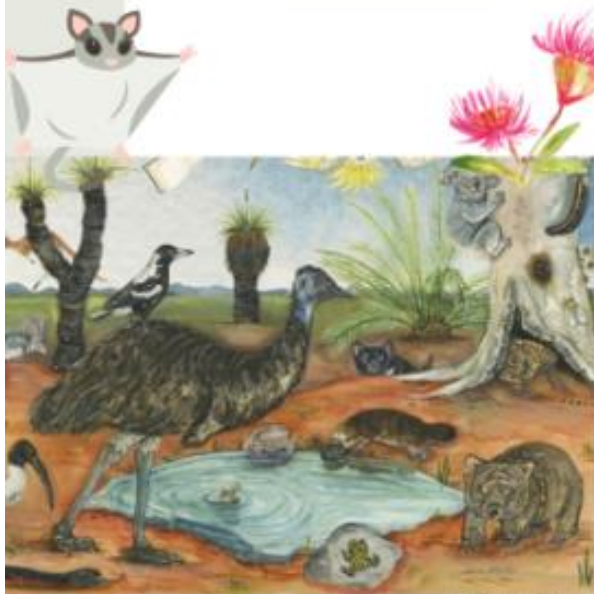
K-2 will be reading PRC books with their teachers.

In our school library PRC books are recognised from the national list with a

Pink sticker - K-2, Orange sticker 3-4, Green sticker 5-6

These colours help students identify the PRC books which are a combination of fiction and non fiction when borrowing.

Primary students will be supported in library to individually log their books online through their school portal. For our primary students who achieve their 20 books challenge their names are on the special recognition wall and Mrs Hunt will acknowledge their success with an ice-block. All students will receive their special certificate from the Premier in Term 4.



Artwork by Sara Bayle



NSW Department of Education

2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 26 February
Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 23 August

SCHOLASTIC Book Club



Our school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Each order helps earn free books for our school, however there is never any obligation to order.

Twice a term we will send home a Scholastic catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.



Orders in
by Fri
17/5

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**



ADMIN NEWS

Sentral Online Permission Notes and Online Payments

All permission notes for events and excursions will be sent 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.

Permission Notes published to the portal.

- Star Struck Dance transport and costume orders - Selected students
 - Star Struck Choir - Selected students
- Futsal Championships - Selected students (Date has changed to Monday 20th May)
 - AET Leadership Day at Cessnock HS - Selected students
 - AET Reconciliation Morning Tea - Selected students
 - Year 6 Transition to Kurri Kurri HS
 - PSSA Rugby League Knockout - Selected students
- Zone Cross Country - Selected students (New date & location)
 - PSSA Netball - Selected students (New date and time)
 - Zoo Snooze Excursion - Stage 3
 - Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Excursion - Kindergarten

Safe Respectful Learners

PBL FOCUS

TERM 2 WEEK 4

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 4 - Term 2

Monday

20th May

**Futsal
Competition**

Tuesday

21st May

**GRIP Leaders
Conference**

**StarStruck Choir
Rehearsal**

Wednesday

22nd May

**National
Simultaneous
Storytime**

**Zone Cross
Country**

Thursday

23rd May

**Netball PSSA
Round 1**

Friday

24th May

Stage 1 Assembly
9:15am - Hall

**StarStruck Dance
Rehearsal**

What's Coming Up?

Week 5

27/5 KKHS BlueHub Applications Open
Public Speaking speeches due in class
29/5 StarStruck Dance Rehearsal
AET Leaders Morning Tea
30/5 AET Leaders Day
31/5 Kinder Assembly

**Please refer to the sentral parent portal calendar, news feed
& digital permission notes for further dates & information
regarding upcoming events.**



You can get free weekly speech, language, and literacy tips known to build your child's language and literacy skills delivered straight to your phone by text message

Written by speech pathologists, you will receive helpful information and activities to support your child's speech, language and literacy skills at home.

Why? Children entering Kindergarten ready to learn are more likely to thrive. Whether the strategies in the texts are new, or offer a different way of doing something, you can help your child get ready to learn

Register anytime via:

<https://qars.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/Survey?p=16819902>



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW *good works*

MAITLAND COMMUNITY HUB

- Community Support and Referral Service
- Emergency Support
- Food Packages

PHONE 4961 6885 FOR APPOINTMENTS