



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the last week of last term the following children participated in the regional final of the 2010 premier's Spelling Bee at Sawtell Public School: Kiara Hankinson, Tiana Johnston and Erica and Megan Tillman. All girls performed highly with special congratulations extended to Megan Tillman who was the runner up in the junior girls' section. This meant she was one place off being selected to participate in the State final in Sydney.



What a great success the healthy canteen promotion was last month. The canteen workers presented fruit in enticing ways such as fruit on a stick and fruit cups for the children to eat. Many children were eating fresh fruit and salad wraps and sandwiches throughout the month. The prize of a fresh fruit and vegetable box was won by Megan Tillman. Thanks are extended to Farmer Lou's for their donation of this box and a number of vouchers for students to purchase fruit at the store. The class prizes were awarded to the following students: Jay Jay Whittaker, Zye Smith, Trey Isenhood, Kayla Kaptein, Erica Tillman, Jade Allen, Michael Wright, Lex Bagster, Zarly Smith, Josh Tajber, Lucy Ford and Taylah Blackwell. The major classroom prizes were cushions in the shape of fruit and vegetables. Thanks are extended to Mrs Michelle Tainsh who created, made and donated these to the school. Parents and teachers also participated by buying healthy food from the canteen. Congratulations to Deneal Connolly, Pam Hunter and Steve Duroux who won the prizes for adults. As part of this promotion the children have also been participating in healthy eating classroom activities.



At the end of last term the first gold morning tea was held in the principal's office in recognition of the positive contributions these children make to the tone of our school. Congratulations to the many students who have been awarded the gold award this year.



### P&C Meeting

Gillwinga School has been notified that its status will be downgraded to a P5 either some time during or at the end of 2011. At the next P&C meeting parents will be provided with information detailing what this will mean for our school. An action plan to promote our innovative teaching programs and student achievements will also be discussed so as to raise the profile of our school across the wider community. All parents and community members are invited to come along to this most important meeting.

This meeting will be held next Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. It starts at 5:15pm in the school staff room.

### HATS

With the summer months rapidly approaching it is vital that students wear a hat when in the playground and we ask that parents remind the children to bring their own school hat from home. The school does have a limited number of hats for children to access when they forget their own hat and after use these hats will be washed before being returned to the hat pool. **All children must wear a hat when playing outside.**

Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

### Gymnastics Program

This started today and most of the children attended. We thank the parents for their support of this program. If your child has still not paid and you wish him/her to attend please send in the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 weeks payment of \$8.50.

### Coles Sports For Schools Program

Our school has been registered for this program. Every \$10 spent at Coles or Bi Lo from 2<sup>nd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October will earn 1 voucher. There is a collection box for when the vouchers are sent into school. The more vouchers collected the more sporting equipment the school receives.

### Netball Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the netball raffle:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Tenesha Strong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Ros Donohoe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: S. Grant
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize: Sue Magarry
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize: Finn Hegedus
- 6<sup>th</sup> prize: Ann O'Donnel
- 7<sup>th</sup> prize: Jamarlee Weatherall
- 8<sup>th</sup> prize: Debbie Tobin
- 9<sup>th</sup> prize: Naomi McBride
- 10<sup>th</sup> prize: Jenny Willis
- 11<sup>th</sup> prize: Jaiden Grieve
- 12<sup>th</sup> prize: William West
- 13<sup>th</sup> prize: Donna Cox

### School Notes

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within 7 days:

1. It must explain why your child missed school
2. Include how many days your child was away
3. Remember to include the date or dates
4. Remind your child to give the note to the teacher.
5. If your child is going to be away for more than 3 days please call the school to let the teacher know. You will still need to write a note when your child returns to school.

**Term 4 Dates:**

**CSI:** Wed Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>; Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>; Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

**Ready, Set, Go Program:** Mon Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

**Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion:** Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Gymnastics Program:** Mon Oct 18<sup>th</sup>; Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

**Soccer gala day Stage 2:** Wed Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

**Footsteps dance program:** Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Jacaranda Day:** Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Kindergarten Orientation:** Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

**6-7 Orientation at SGHS:** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Presentation Day:** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Year 6 farewell:** Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Assembly of Appreciation:** Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Class Parties:** Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Last day for students:** 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Staff Development Days:** Thurs & Fri 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Sue Osborn

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: Beth Herkess  
Sharen Bagster

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Deneal Connelly

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Colleen Hankinson