



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Gillwinga Students made a great splash as they merrily marched in the Jacaranda Parade of Youth last Saturday celebrating local beaches. They carried artistic creations representing the life and locations of Minnie Water as the combined bands of Gillwinga and Westlawn Schools set the pace with their vibrant renditions. The school band had worked hard practicing their pieces under the guidance of Kristina Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium of Music at a recent combined workshop with the Westlawn band. A big Thank You to all parents and the following students for their time in participating in this great Grafton event: Hailey Duroux, Tegan Fallon, Charlie Ford, Jason Vermeulen-Smith, Josh Tajber, Michael & Adam Wright, Damian Duroux, Taybitha Wilson, Hugh Terry, Hannah and Kayla Kaptein, Angela Bolger, Luc and Tiana Johnston, Lex Bagster, Lily Tainsh, Travis O'Connor, Shania Knight, Samantha Allen, Kiara Hankinson, Shonta Morris, Brianna Fordham, Shantelle Lentfer, Erica and Megan Tillman, Lucy Ford and Brooke Lilley. Thanks are also extended to the staff who supervised on the morning, Mrs Sue Magarry who designed the banners and Kristina Edwards who prepared the band.



Recently Kinder jumped on the big bus and headed off to Bunnings to learn how to bring butterflies into their gardens. They discovered plant food made from safe things to make the flowers grow, they saw clever bugs that eat the nasty ones and found some little lights that work from the sun to shine in the garden at night.

After, the children made a gorgeous, sparkly butterfly and then piled back on the bus with a

reusable bag of goodies. Now they're bursting to get into the garden with mum and dad to grow lovely things. Thanks are extended to Bunnings who provided this wonderful opportunity for our Kindy students.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – SREC tokens

Included with the newsletter today are SREC tokens which parents can give to their children for respectful, responsible and safe behaviour at home. This will greatly assist the school and allow parents and teachers to

work together to reinforce these core values. On their return to school the tokens are included in your child's class tally towards the achievement of rewards.

Assessment Week

Next week the students will be involved in assessments across all the key learning areas. We ask that parents ensure that their children are at school every day as these assessments provide valuable information for the teacher when reporting on the children's progress.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Please be reminded that Jacaranda Day will be celebrated this Thursday, 4th November and staff will not be on duty at school on this day.

School website:

Below is the direct link to the Gillwinga Public School website. You will find information about our school, photographs, weekly newsletters, further information notes, permission notes for various activities and events and parent testimonials. Thanks are extended to Mrs Cross for her work in ensuring that this website is continually kept up to date. An alternative to finding the site is to search Gillwinga Public School through Google.

<http://www.gillwinga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/home.node>

Coles Sports For Schools Program

This program officially ended on Sunday, 31st October. However, families have until 10th November, to drop the vouchers into school. The collection box will be delivered to Bi-Lo on that afternoon. By the end of November we will be informed of the total points we have to spend on sporting equipment and how we go about redeeming them. Our thanks are extended to the many families who have supported this program.

Gold Award winners: Michael Wright, Madison Beilby, Zarly Smith, Kyeasha Vinall, Shannon Vitnell, Jay Jay Whittaker, Alyssa Chalker and Chellsee Holloway.



Silver Award winners: Joshua Gordon, Brandi Chalker Luc Johnston, Willy Ferguson-Gardiner, Jonathon Taylor, Jaala Morris and Blake Mellish.



Bronze Award winners: Anthony Napier, Taybitha Wilson and Tarni Napier.



Writer of the Week: Krystelle Lentfer



Tables champions of the Week: Candice Holloway



Week 3 weekly award winners:

Kinder	Tarni Napier Nicholas Torrens
1C	Matisse Morrissey Jordan Stirling
2C	Trey Isenhood Hayley Phillips
3/4C	Megan Tillman Blake Cox
5/6B	Kyeasha Vinall Brianna Catalano
5/6W	Shakira Tochel Rhys Fordham

Selective High School for 2010

Selective high schools are one strategy used by the Department of Education and Training to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students.

If you would like your child to go to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2012, you will need to apply soon.

From this year, all applications should be made online through an Internet connection. A limited number of application packages will be provided through the school shortly for those parents who do not have Internet access.

The website where you will find all the necessary information, including the list of selective high schools and the application portal is:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Parents will be able to apply online between 25 October and 22 November 2010.

School fees

Thanks are extended to the many parents who have paid the school/book pack fees. Term 4 fees are now due and a reminder is extended to those parents who have previous outstanding fees owing. We ask that these please be paid as soon as possible. For Years 1-6 term fees are \$12.50 and for Kindergarten \$10.00 per child.

Whooping cough alert

- NSW Health is warning parents to be on alert for whooping cough following an increase in the number of school-aged children diagnosed with the disease over the last few weeks.
- For more information see:
- <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news-at-det/news/whooping-cough-alert>

Term 4 Dates:

CSI: Nov 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; Dec 1st, 8th, 15th

Ready, Set, Go Program: Mon Nov 8th

Gymnastics Program: Mon Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; Dec 6th, 13th

Jacaranda Day: Thurs 4th Nov – no staff will be at school this day.

Kindergarten Orientation: Tues 16th Nov

6-7 Orientation at SGHS: Thurs 25th Nov

Self-select testing at SGHS: Thurs 25th Nov (after orientation morning)

Swimming school: Mon 22nd November – Friday, 3rd December

Big River Film Festival at SGHS: Wed 1st Dec

Presentation Day: Tues 7th Dec

Year 6 farewell: Tues 8th Dec

Assembly of Appreciation: Fri 10th Dec

Class Parties: Mon 13th Dec

Last day for students: 15th Dec

Staff Development Days: Thurs & Fri 16th & 17th Dec

Mobile Phones

A reminder to parents and students that if your child brings a mobile phone to school could they please leave it at the front office on their arrival to school and pick it up at the end of the day.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 3 rd Nov:	Natalie Bullock Tracey Heywood
Thurs 4 th Nov:	Canteen Closed
Fri 5 th Nov:	Sue Osborn Marjorie Bramble
Mon 8 th Nov:	Deneal Connelly Michaela Kaptein
Tues 9 th Nov:	Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS

Homework Centre

The homework centre at Camellia Cottage is restarting so if students need help with their homework or you don't have access to a computer to do your homework the centre will be open to help you. The centre is offering general homework help, project help, free access to computers for school work, and educational games. The centre is open from 4.00-5.00pm Wednesdays for Primary school aged children and 5.00-6.00pm Wednesdays for High School aged children. For more information call 66431566.

Junior Cricket

Junior cricket for girls and boys 5-9 years starts at Rushforth Park South Grafton on Saturday, 23rd October from 9.15-10.45am for

8 weeks. Cost is \$55 which includes a great starter pack. Phone Jason Thompson on 0432 565 553 for further information.

Bent Street Buddies

Playgroup Starts Thursday 14th October 10-11.30am. Music, dancing, games, craft, for ages 5 and under. Bent Street Uniting Church, Cnr Bent and Norrie Street, South Grafton.

PLAYGROUP

For Dads & their kids

Term 4, starting on Thursday 21st October 10am to 12noon At the "Chataway Room" Chataway Lane, Grafton (Crown Hotel end of Prince Street, the little Street next to the Pullen Centre.)

Playgroup is FREE with morning tea provided for Dads and children. Come and enjoy the company of other dads while your children play! Playgroup will run every 2nd Thursday during the School Terms.

Dates for Term 4: 21st Oct, 4th Nov, 18th Nov, 2nd Dec, 16th Dec.

For details contact Kristen at Community Programs Inc. on 6642 7257.

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR SHREK TOKENS