



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Friday our school choir went on a tour to St Catherine's Villa and Grafton Aged Care. They performed three songs including Hallelujah, Bubbly and Imagine. The residents were also entertained by Sam Allen and Jade Allen who performed jazz and tap routines respectively, while Megan and Erica Tillman performed a duet on the piano and members of our school band played their band instruments. We would like to thank the staff at the two homes for allowing us to perform and share their Jacaranda and to St Catherine's who kindly provided students with morning tea. Thanks are extended to Miss Watters who organised the visit.



Next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am we will be holding the Kindergarten Orientation morning for our new and current families who will be joining us here at Gillwinga Public School in 2011. The children will participate in activities in the Kindergarten room with Mrs Kim Perl while the parents attend the information meeting with staff members and members of the parent body who will be able

to provide information about programmes and answer any queries parents may have. Parents and children will be greeted in the school foyer and will then be accompanied by school staff to the respective areas. There will also be the opportunity for school uniforms to be bought at the school office. We look forward to and welcome all our new and current parents to this morning.

Congratulations to the following students who have been offered a place as a participant in the Clarence Science initiative at South Grafton High School for 2011: Megan Tillman, William West, Erica Tillman, Charlie Ford and Josie Cross.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the 2010 Australasian problem solving Maths Olympiads: Megan and Erica Tillman, Tiana Johnston, Cassandra Ward, Shantelle Lentfer, Josie Cross, Angela Bolger, Kiara Hankinson, Lex Bagster, Brooke Lilley, Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner, Kira Grant, Charlie Ford, Adam Ward, Shanaya Stirling, Janai Ross, Jennifer Laurie, Jack Kelleher, Lucy Ford and Tegan Fallon. It proved to be a most challenging and rewarding experience and special congratulations are extended to Kiara Hankinson who received the highest individual score trophy for our school.



At last week's assembly congratulations were extended to five of our students who achieved the prestigious Principal's award: Janai Ross, Lucy Ford, Rose Williams, Charlie Ford and Brooke Lilley. All these students have proven to be outstanding students, consistently making positive contributions to our school by working as team members and being wonderful role models both inside and outside the classroom.



Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

**Congratulations to our October Aussie of the Month Award winners:** Tylah Connor, Candice Holloway, Hayley Phillips, Samantha Allen, Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner, Willy Ferguson-Gardiner and Tamar Atkins-McHugh. **These children have displayed citizenship qualities of responsibility and respect during the month of October.**



**Gold Award winners:** Erica Tillman, Shania Knight, Brianna Catalano, Bailey Chalker, Krystelle Lentfer, Jax Graham and Jesse Ross.



**Silver Award winners:** Nicholas Torrens, Jessica Cooper, Trey Isenhood and Isaiah Thornton.



**Tables champions of the Week:** Julian Torrens



**Bronze Award winners:** Kathryn Boyd-Skinner, Ambar Daley, Julian Torrens, Hayley Phillips, Kalila Bell and Ally Grant.



**Week 4 weekly award winners:** Vale Taylor, Abrial Taylor, Jax Graham, Jesse Ross, John Connor, Alicia Fairbanks, Kayla Kaptein, Damian Duroux, Rose Williams, Elisa Allen, Joshua Tajber, Jonathon Taylor, Calib Bowkett and Brandi Chalker.

### Coles Sports For Schools Program

This program officially ended on Sunday, 31st October. However, families have until **tomorrow, 10<sup>th</sup> November**, to drop the vouchers into school. The collection box will be delivered to Bi -Lo tomorrow 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.

**Writer of the Week:** Kalila Bell



### 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.

**Term 4 Dates:****CSI:** 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>; Nov, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.**Gymnastics Program:** Mon Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>; Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>.**Kindergarten Orientation:** Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov**6-7 Orientation at SGHS:** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**Self-select testing at SGHS:** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov (after orientation morning)**Swimming school:** Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**Big River Film Festival at SGHS:** Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**Presentation Day:** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**Year 6 farewell:** Wed 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:** Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**Staff Development Days:** Thurs & Fri 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**GILLWINGA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The major fundraiser for Term 4 will be a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle would be appreciated. Tickets will go home with children shortly. Prizes will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Giant hamper2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Double hammock3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Large cooler bag on wheels4<sup>th</sup> prize: Stanley screwdriver set + car wash kit5<sup>th</sup> prize: Coffee set + picture frame6<sup>th</sup> prize: Tea set + picture frame7<sup>th</sup> prize: Vase + photo frame8<sup>th</sup> prize: Bike helmet9<sup>th</sup> prize: Bike helmet**CANTEEN ROSTER**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Sue OsbornThurs 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Michelle TainshFri 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Beth Herkess  
Sharen BagsterMon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Deneal ConnollyTues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Colleen Hankinson**CANTEEN NEWS**

The special canteen pizza day will be next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Orders with payment need to be placed by tomorrow, 12<sup>th</sup> November. The pizzas will be supplied by Eagle Boys Pizza.

**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.