



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last Thursday our students and staff took time to remember the sacrifice of those who have died for Australia in wars and conflicts. The one minute's silence was adhered to as a sign of respect and a time for reflection at school. Mrs Baker accompanied our school captains, Brooke Lilley and Josh Tajber to the cenotaph where they participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony. Our thanks are extended to Daisy Wheel Nursery who again provided a beautiful wreath for the students to place at the cenotaph.



Our stage 2 campers had a wonderful time at Bonny Hills last week. The weather was very kind with the sun shining brightly for most of the time. A fascinating time was spent at Timbertown on Friday. Thanks are extended to Mr Cavanagh and Miss Watters for the wonderful organisation of the camp and to Mr Duroux, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Phillips and our parent helper Mrs Bagster for giving up their personal time to provide this opportunity for the children.

At last week's assembly congratulations were extended to the following students who achieved the prestigious Principal's award: Ryan Fallon and Elisa Allen. 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

BONNY HILLS EXPERIENCE- by Ebony Duckworth (3/4W)

On Thursday and Friday stage 2 went to Bonny Hills where we stayed in cabins. On Thursday we got to go for a swim and play cricket. All of the teachers joined in. On Thursday night we got to watch the movie Open Season. On Friday we got to go to Timbertown. It was an exciting place to go as we got to ride on the horse and carriage and see a Bullock show. I liked dinner the best of all. For breakfast we had a choice of

cereals, pancakes, toast and fruit. It was hard to choose. I hope we can go back there soon. We had fun.



Swim School

This intensive swimming programme will take place from 22nd November to 3rd December and will provide a wonderful opportunity for

students to develop water confidence and basic water safety and survival skills. It will be conducted by qualified teachers and community members. Those children who nominated to participate will receive a permission note to complete and it will need to be returned as soon as possible.

Gold Award winners: Taj Isenhood.

Silver Award winners: Matisse Morrissey, Reese Russell and Hayden Pacey.



Writer of the Week: Ainslee Morrissey



Tables champions of the Week: Tylah Connor.

Week 5 weekly award winners: Jaykila O'Driscoll, Jordan Hartmann, Ally Grant, Krystelle Lentfer, Dylon Stewart and Sharni Mauger.

Term 4 Dates:**CSI:** 17th, 24th; Dec 1st, 8th, 15th**Gymnastics Program:** Mon Nov 22nd, 29th; Dec 6th, 13th.**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:** Wed 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**Canteen Help Needed**

At the moment the canteen is planning for 2011 and it appears that many of the regular workers either have their children going to high school or will be working full time in 2011. As it is essential that parents run and organise the canteen, if the help is not forthcoming the canteen may need to be closed for some days during the week.

If you know you will be available to work on the canteen roster during 2011 please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school. Volunteering for just one day a month is all that is required. If we all give a little of our time it will certainly benefit the children as the canteen is the major fundraiser for our school.

Canteen Helpers for 2011

I will be available to work on the canteen during 2011

No of times per month: _____

Preferred days: _____

Name: _____

Contact no: _____

Please return this note to the front office.**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:

1st prize: Giant hamper2nd prize: Double hammock3rd prize: Large cooler bag on wheels4th prize: Stanley screwdriver set + car wash kit5th prize: Coffee set + picture frame6th prize: Tea set + picture frame7th prize: Vase + photo frame8th prize: Bike helmet9th prize: Bike helmet**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 17th Nov: Natalie Bullock
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 18th Nov: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 19th Nov: Marjorie Bramble
Ron Bramble

Mon 22nd Nov: Deneal Connelly

Tues 23rd Nov: Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clarence Valley Conservatorium

Saturday 27 November Vocal/Choral workshops at the Clarence Valley Conservatorium, this day can include: choral workshop, individual lessons in voice or organ, choosing choral repertoire. Please contact CVCON on 66433555 before 22 November for registration requirements.

Sunday 28 November at 3pm at Christ Church Cathedral Poetry & Passion featuring Bernadette Lannen (Soprano) and Philip Matthias (Organ/Keyboard). A Vocal and Organ recital featuring great works of poetry and music inspiring the senses throughout the ages. Tickets are available at the door or from the CVCON.

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.