



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,  
The highly successful Kindergarten literacy and numeracy transition program has just finished at Gillwinga Public School with the Kindergarten orientation morning held last week. It proved to be a most informative and relaxing one for the many parents who attended. Thanks are extended to Mrs Perl and Mrs Cross for their organization of the morning and to Mrs Colleen Hankinson for providing information about our parent bodies. While the parents were learning more about our school the children had a delightful time with Mrs. Perl busily participating in the many activities organized for the morning. Thanks are extended to Mrs Nolene Chevalley and Mrs Sharen Bagster for providing the morning tea which was enjoyed by the children and their parents. They are a delightful group of children and we look forward to them coming to school next year.



## Year 6-7 Orientation day – South Grafton High School (SGHS)

All year 6 children attending SGHS in 2011 will attend the orientation morning on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. A bus will take the children from Gillwinga PS to SGHS at 9 am and return them to Gillwinga PS at 11am. Mr White and Mrs Baker will accompany the students. Parents are most welcome to attend the morning and may meet their child at the high school. The students who have nominated for the self select classes will remain after the orientation and participate in the testing from 11:30 – 1pm. Parents will be responsible for their own child's transport back to school after the testing.

## Big River Film Festival

Our whole school community is invited to attend the Big River Public Schools film festival at South Grafton High School next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6:30pm. Doors open at 6pm. The cost will be \$2 entry at the door. Our 5/6B with the guidance of Mrs Baker has produced a high quality film: "Right Said Fred" so come along and enjoy a very entertaining evening.





**Congratulations to our recent AAA award winners** – Drew Cooper, Jax Graham and Hayden Pacey. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



At last week's assembly congratulations were extended to the following students who achieved the prestigious Principal's award: Shayla Holloway, Shantelle Lentfer, Tiana Johnston, Shonta Morris, Kira Grant, Tamar Atkins-McHugh, Yuri Atkins McHugh, Samantha Duroux, Kiara Hankinson, Brianna Fordham, Angela Bolger, Josie Cross, Megan Tillman, Jaykila O'Driscoll, Alyssa Chalker, Chloe McCafferty, Ebony Duckworth, Caitlyn Corbett All these students have proven to be outstanding students, consistently making positive contributions to our school by working as team.



Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

**Infants Assembly:**  
**This Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November the Infants assembly will be held at 11:30.** As there is a visit from the RSPCA mobile van the students will be attending this show during the usual assembly time. Primary assembly will remain at the normal time of 9:45.

### **Gymnastics**

Thanks to all those families who have paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for the gymnastics program. There are a few outstanding amounts and we ask that these payments please be finalized by the end of next week, Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Gold Award winners:** Emma Fairbanks, Brandi Chalker, Ashton Brown, Cassandra Ward, Thomas Ferguson Gardiner, Shannon Stewart, William West, Nikita Daley, Skye-Anne Young and Chloe Ferguson Gardiner.



**Bronze Award winners:** Bowen Tochel, Leo Catalano, Calib Bowkett, Taybitha Wilson, Makayla Philp, Dylon Stewart and Sharni Mauger.



**Silver Award winners:** Jesse Williams, Cate Duroux, Jennifer Laurie, Melanie Laurie, Sam Allen, Tegan Fallon. Sophie Konemann, Leigha Vinall-Rainbow, John Connor, Lane Madgwick and Julian Torrens.



**Writer of the Week:** Kiara Hankinson



### Tables champions of the Week: Willy Ferguson Gardiner

**Week 6 weekly award winners:** Drew Cooper, Jay Jay Whittaker, Candice Holloway, Matisse Morrissey, Isaiah Thornton, Dylon Stewart, Yarnee Hodge, Caitlyn Corbett, Samantha Allen, Tegan Fallon, Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner, Luc Johnston, Jonathon Taylor, Tahlia Davis and Shakira Tochel.

### Term 4 Dates:

**CSI:** 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

**Gymnastics Program:** Mon Nov 29<sup>th</sup>; Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Staff Development Days:** Thurs & Fri 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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 should go home with children this week. Prizes will be as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Giant hamper

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Double hammock

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Large cooler bag on wheels

4<sup>th</sup> prize: Stanley screwdriver set + car wash kit

5<sup>th</sup> prize: Coffee set + picture frame

6<sup>th</sup> prize: Tea set + picture frame

7<sup>th</sup> prize: Vase + photo frame

8<sup>th</sup> prize: Bike helmet

9<sup>th</sup> prize: Bike helmet



### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Michaela Kaptein

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Beth Herkess  
Sharen Bagster

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Sharon Wright

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Deneal Connelly

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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#### **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.