



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were most proud of 5/6B and Mrs Baker for their award of Highly Commended in the entry in the National Anzac Day awards. The minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Warren Snowden congratulated the students for their strong commitment to honouring the memory of servicemen and women who served Australia in times of war and conflict. Mrs Shauna Baker was also congratulated for her efforts in organising and coordinating the school's entry and was presented with a certificate of appreciation acknowledging her work.



Information about the class in which your child has been placed for 2011 will be coming home this Friday with the school report. A great deal of thought, time and discussion between previous and the 'to be' incumbent class teachers for next year has taken place to ensure that the children have been placed in the class that best suits each of their individual needs. The requirements for each class for 2011 will also be included with this information. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Over the past week the Year 5 students have been delivering their prefect election speeches. The quality of the speeches has been exceptional with many of the students speaking about our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) motto of respect responsibility and safety. Yesterday the staff and students voted for leaders for 2011. There will be a change to the numbers of leaders for 2011 to ensure we have high quality leaders and House captains. This has been necessary due to the decrease in numbers of students entering Year 6.

The structure of school leaders for 2011 will be:

School Captains: girl and boy

School Vice-Captains: girl and boy

House Captains: girl and boy for each House.



Congratulations are extended to our junior hockey team that participated in the Daily Examiner Hockey Challenge earlier in the year. The team was presented with the Vic Wunderlich trophy as the winning team in the competition. We were most proud to receive this trophy as Vic is a well renowned local

hockey identity.



Included with the newsletter today is an invitation to all parents, relatives and community members to Gillwinga's Presentation morning to be held next Tuesday, 7th December from 9:30am at the school.

We ask parents to please ensure that all children wear the full school uniform for this occasion.

Congratulations to our recent AAA award winners Luc Johnston, Erica Tillman, Ebony Duckworth and Calib Bowkett. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



Congratulations to our Aussie of the month award winners: Melanie Laurie, Brooke Lilley, Anthony Napier and Kira Grant. These children have displayed citizenship qualities of responsibility and respect during the month of November.



At last week's assembly congratulations were extended to the following students who achieved the prestigious Principal's award: Erica Tillman, Chellsee Holloway and Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner. All these students have proven to be outstanding students, consistently making positive contributions to our school by working as team.



Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Big River Film Festival

Our whole school community is invited to attend the Big River Public Schools film festival at South Grafton High School tomorrow, 1st 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.

Year 6 farewell

This will take place next Wednesday evening, 8th December at Grafton District Golf Club. The evening begins at 6pm and finishes at 9pm.

Gold Award winners: Joshua Gordon, Tatanya Whittaker, Tegan Fallon, Letisha Stirling, Kayla Kaptein, Alicia Fairbanks and Samantha Allen



Silver Award winners: Anthony Napier, Shanaya Stirling, Sophie Konemann and Tory Taylor



Writer of the Week: Tegan Fallon



Tables champions of the Week: Megan Tillman



Week 7 weekly award winners: Joshua Gordon, Janai Ross, Lily Tainsh, Bowen Tochel, Jennifer Williams and Kyeasha Vinall.

Term 4 Dates:

CSI: Dec 1st, 8th, 15th

Gymnastics Program: Mon Dec 6th, 13th.

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: Tues 13th Dec (change of date)

Last day for students: Wed 15th Dec

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

Early 2011 dates:

Fri 28th Jan – Teachers return to school

Mon 31st Jan – Years 1-6 start school

Wed 2nd Feb – Kindergarten students start at 9:30

Thurs 3rd Feb – School leader induction

Fri 4th Feb – Gillwinga/Coutts Crossing swimming carnival

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 opposite 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.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 1st Dec: Natalie Bullock
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 2nd Dec: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 3rd Dec: Sue Osborn
Marjorie Bramble

Mon 6th Dec: Deneal Connelly
Michaela Kaptein

Tues 7th Dec: Lee Hodge