



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Presentation morning proved to be a special occasion where the whole school community gathered to recognize achievements in the academic, social, personal and sporting arenas. The most prestigious award winner was Kiara Hankinson who was presented with the 2010 Gillwinga Public School Dux Award. We congratulate Kiara on this wonderful achievement as she has achieved highly in all areas of school life throughout her years at Gillwinga Public School. The Citizenship award was presented to Samantha Duroux. She was a worthy recipient of this most coveted award and has been recognized for her commitment and enormous contribution to all aspects of school life.

Following are the major award winners and congratulations are extended to all these children.

2010 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

Jax Graham (Cathy O'Meara Memorial award), Lucy Ford (Karen Parker Memorial award for music), Zarly Smith (Minister's Fraternal), Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner (Harmony), Samantha Duroux and Brooke Lilley (Sportswomen), Dane O'Connor (Sportsman), Kiara Hankinson (Mathematics), Luc Johnston (Science & Technology), Brianna Fordham (Music), Shantelle Lentfer (Creative Arts), Josie Cross and Charlie Ford (Public Speaking), Brianna Fordham (HSIE), Shonta Morris (PD/Health and PE), Cassandra Ward (Reach for the Stars), Kiara Hankinson (English), Shonta Morris (Quicksmart trophy of excellence) and

Jennifer Williams (View club library encouragement award).

2010 CLASS AWARDS

Kindergarten: Jordan Hartmann, Elisa Allen, Ryan Fallon, Tylah Connor, Jaykila O'Driscoll and Alyssa Chalker.

1C: Krystelle Lentfer, Hanna Kaptein, Jordan Stirling, Candice Holloway, Reese Russell and Abrial Taylor.

2C: Dylon Stewart, Chloe McCafferty, Julian Torrens, Ambar Daley, Jesse Ross and Hayley Phillips

3/4C: Bailey Chalker, Kayla Kaptein, Megan Tillman, Erica Tillman, Tegan Fallon and Alicia Fairbanks

3/4W: Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner, Joshua Gordon, Janai Ross, Jade Allen, Charlie Ford and Rose Williams

5/6B: Josie Cross, William West, Angela Bolger, Kiara Hankinson, Thomas Ferguson Gardiner and Lucy Ford.

5/6W: Shantelle Lentfer, Cassandra Ward, Jesse Williams, Hailey Duroux, Tiana Johnston and Shonta Morris.



Major Award winners



K-2 Award winners



Years 3-6 Award winners

Our school leaders for 2011 were also announced and congratulations are extended to: Edan Stewart, William West, Cassandra Ward and Josie Cross. The leader induction ceremony will take place on Thursday 3rd, February, 2011 at 9:30am. At this ceremony the House Captains will also receive their badges.

Gillwinga Public School 5/6B students are now acclaimed film makers after their success at the recent Big River Public School's Film Festival. The film "Right Said Fred" received an award for the best comedy on the night. Thanks are extended to Mrs Baker who assisted the children in all aspects of the film making process from planning and writing the script through to filming, props, costuming and editing. Congratulations also to the children. The film was amazing and received well deserved accolades on the evening.

Congratulations to our Aussie of the month award winners: Matisse Morrissey, Sharni Mauger and Ryan Fallon. 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 final students to achieve the prestigious Principal's award: Jesse Ross and Chelsea Dwyer. These students have been outstanding, consistently making positive contributions to our school. As part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning program all students who have reached the Principal's Award have been invited to have lunch with the principal at Hungry Jacks. This is in recognition of the wonderful positive contributions they make to our school.





Included with the newsletter today are samples of writing from our Writers' of the Week' during Term 4. Congratulations to these budding authors!

On behalf of the students and staff I would like to thank both Mr Mark White and Mrs Lyn Johnston who will be leaving us in 2011. Both are highly regarded staff members and we wish them all the best.

As this will be the last newsletter for 2010 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and community members who have supported the school throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Year 6 farewell

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

Gold Award winners: Ruby West, Ainslee Morrissey, Tarni Napier, Taylah Blackwell, Shanea Young, Nicholas Torrens, Vale Taylor, Savannah Tochel and Scott Taylor.



Silver Award winners: Ally Grant, Shakira Tochel, Rhys Fordham and Taybitha Wilson.





Writer of the Week: Janai Ross



Bronze Award winners: Jordan Stirling, Mary Lofthouse, Tahlia Davis, Brodi Jeffery and Shanisha Bowkett.

Tables champions of the Week: Lex Bagster



Week 8 weekly award winners: Shannon Vitnell, Shayla Holloway, Jordan Stirling, Jayden Wallace-Skinner, Lex Bagster, Tory Taylor, Leigha Vinnall- Rainbow, Josh Mellish, Makayla Philp, Chloe McCafferty, Josie Cross, Jaala Morris, Mary Lofthouse and Taybitha Wilson.

Term 4 Dates:

CSI: 8th, 15th

Gymnastics Program: Mon Dec 13th.

Year 6 farewell: Wed 8th Dec

Assembly of Appreciation: Fri 10th Dec

Class Parties: Tues 14th Dec (change of date)

Last day for students: 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 9:30am

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 8th Dec: Sue Osborn

Thurs 9th Dec: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 10th Dec: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

Mon 13th Dec: Closed

Tues 14th Dec: Closed

P&C NEWS

The P&C and Canteen Committees would like to thank all volunteers for their help in 2010. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

The first combined P&C and Canteen meeting will be held on Monday 7th February, 2011 at 3pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS

Friday 10th December, 2010 will be the last day for canteen this year.

Canteen will be closed during the first week of school in 2011. It will open on Monday, 7th February 2011.

A new menu with updated prices will be in effect from next year. A copy will go home with this week's newsletter.

The canteen will be closed on Tuesdays in 2011 due to lack of volunteers. We are also in desperate need of 1-2 volunteers for one Friday a month, otherwise the canteen may be shut on this day as well.

Writer of the Week Term 4

At the butterfly house
a butterfly landed on my jumper.

Jordan Hartmann – K

Harriet is a mean little girl. One day a new boy came to school. The teacher let horrible Harriet take care of Athol Egghead and they had a great time together. But when it was time for Egghead to go Harriet was sad.

Krystelle Lentfer – 1C

The Girl Who Lost Her Way Home

One day a young girl named Lucy was walking home from school when she lost her way. Lucy was scared, she tried everything to get home. Lucy knocked on doors to use their phones but when she asked them they shut their doors.

Lucy was getting sad and lonely. It was getting dark and Lucy's mum was getting worried. So she started to look for her. Lucy's mum jumped in her car and drove off. When she found Lucy she was scared and cold. They went home.

By Janai Ross 3/4W

Homework

I think we should have homework because it helps us to learn and revise our work.

Homework is good and makes you learn.

Homework is important because you can get a job.

I think we shouldn't have homework because it is boring and sometimes you can get busy at school.

Kalila Bell – 2C

Solids, Liquids and Gases

Materials are all made of tiny particles called molecules. When a material is solid, the molecules are packed very closely together, so they do not move about. This means a solid can hold its shape and you can hold it, cut it or shape it.

Sometimes solids like ice or wax can be changed into liquids by heating them. Heat makes the molecules spread apart, so they can move about a bit. Liquids flow downwards and take the shape of the container, but the top surface stays level.

All liquids (e.g. water) change into gases when they are heated, because the molecules spread

it even further. They move apart very quickly in all directions, so they are hard to control. If you cool these gases down, they will become liquids again. If you keep cooling the liquid it will turn back into a solid.

Tegan Fallon – 3/4C

Rules

Rules keep order in the world. They keep us from hurting one another. Rules help us survive the world. Rules are meant for a reason. They should not be broken. Rules are what keep us alive.

Rhys Fordham – 5/6W

An Adventure with my Grandad

One, on a Sunday mornin'
Early on a summer's day
Just as the sun was dawnin'
I walked up to my grandad to say

You know the trail near the bus stop?
We should go exploring up there
Come on then, let's go Grandpop
Let's go for a bush walk – if you dare!

So up from 4 mile we walked
Across the highway road
We opened the gate as we talked
And changed into bush walking mode.

We picked the middle path of the three
And walked off into the bush
Talking and laughing so happily
Then hearing a birdcall, we shoosh.

But then we came to a split in the path
So we took the trail to the left
But it got so hot we wanted a bath
And you finished off our water, that's theft!

As the bush thickened, the path disappeared
Until it was thin as string
But after ages of walking it reappeared
And we saw the most beautiful thing

For we had come across a large clearing
With the greenest softest grass
But the best bit was a lovely thing
A deep, aqua creek, still as glass.

So we rested in the shade for a while
Underneath an old gum tree
We walked back and put the sport in the file
And that's grandad's adventure with me

Kiara Hankinson – 5/6B

NSW Sport & Recreation School Holiday Activities North Coast Region

Cricket coaching clinics

(8-16 years all ability levels) Coaches from the popular Bradman Clinics will put you through an enjoyable program including the history and spirit of the game, drills, developing your batting, bowling and fielding techniques and implementing your skills on game day.

9am – 3pm daily

Cost \$110

Grafton – Fisher Park

Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 December

Yamba – Yamba Oval

Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 January

Port Macquarie – Stuart Park

Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 January

South West Rocks – South West Rocks Oval

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 January

Lismore – Woodlawn College

Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 January

Extreme fun – abseiling

(8 - 14 years) Go abseiling and exploring at the old IQ Quarry with the fun team from Wildside Adventures. Let the team of trained adventurers take you over the edge of the cliff and have some fun.

IQ Quarry, Byron Bay

Tuesday 18 January, 9.30am – 1pm

Cost \$60

Surf clinic

(8 - 15 years) If you want to learn to surf or simply brush up on your existing skills, this is the perfect program for you. Learn about safe surfing, skill development, rips, currents and surfing etiquette.

Lennox Head – Meet at Sport & Recreation Centre

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 January, 9am – 4pm daily **Cost \$120**

Mountain biking

Rainforest adventure tour to Nightcap National Park focusing on adventure based learning activities, navigation and fun. Participants can expect to ride a range of different mountain biking tracks, swim in secret swimming holes and develop their mountain bike skill level.

Lennox Head – Meet at Sport & Recreation Centre

Cost \$70 with own bike **\$80** including hire

Age 10 – 14 years

Wednesday 19 January, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Age 14 years and over, Adults welcome

Monday 24 January, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Lake Ainsworth activity days

(7-13 years) A fun filled day of activities which may include sailing, archery, rock climbing, riding and much more at the beautiful Lake Ainsworth Centre.

Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head

9am – 4pm daily

Monday 17, Wednesday 19 and Friday 21 January

Cost \$55 per day

How to enrol

By phone: Call **(02) 6618 0400** and have your credit card details ready (Visa, Mastercard).

By fax: Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to **(02) 6687 4175**.

By mail: Complete the enrolment form and send to:

NSW Sport and Recreation

PO Box 121, Lennox Head NSW 2478

Physical Culture:

Grafton Physical Culture classes will commence back in February 2011. Registration day is Tuesday 8th February 2011 at the Grafton Public School Hall 4.30 to 5.30pm. Physie promotes good posture, flexibility, self esteem, coordination, team spirit, fitness, friendships and fun. Physie is a form of dance incorporating marching, exercises, jazz dance, ballet and gymnastic movements. Physie is for girls aged 3 years to ladies. For further information call Justine on 0431 470 552.