



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Included with the newsletter today are samples of writing from our Term 1 'Writers of the Week'. Congratulations to these children who have shown great expertise and talent in developing vocabulary, specifically by using more interesting words in their writing.

As part of Easter celebrations this week the children will participate in an Easter hat or mask parade on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. The hats and masks are being designed and made by the children here at school. All parents, carers and community members are warmly invited to come along at 12:30 to see these wonderful creations and after the parade they are invited to stay and have lunch with the children.

Congratulations are extended to Samantha Duroux, Shonta Morris, Brooke Lilley and Kiara Hankinson who were selected at district level to compete in MNC hockey and netball.



L to R: Brooke, Samantha, Shonta and Kiara

Congratulations to our March Aussie of the Month Award winners: Edan Stewart, Kayla Kaptein, Jay Jay Whittaker, Josie Cross, Damian Duroux, Lilly Bellette, Cate Duroux. These children have displayed citizenship qualities of responsibility and respect during the month of March.



March Aussies of the Month Awardees (absent Josie Cross)

## Changes to bell times

From the beginning of Term 2 school will start with the first bell at 9am, instead of 9:05. The school bell at the end of the day will be rung at 3pm, instead of 3:05. At the moment a full hour in the playground is too long for the children, particularly when the weather is very hot. The extra five minutes that will be lost at the end of the day will be added on to the morning session. If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mrs Abrahall.

**Term 1 ends on Thursday 1 April 2010, students return for Term 2 Tuesday 20 April 2010.**

As this will be the last newsletter for Term 1 staff at Gillwinga Public School wish all our

students and their families a safe and happy Easter holiday.

Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

### Changes to staffing for Term 2

**Weeks 1-3:** Mrs Abrahall and Mrs Brookes on LSL – Mr Cavanagh will be relieving Principal. Miss Watters will be the class teacher for 3/4W. Miss Mead will be the class teacher for 3/4C. Mrs K Baker will take the role of literacy and numeracy support teacher for Stage 2 students.

Mrs Moran will be on leave until Term 4 and Mrs Magarry will be the literacy/numeracy support teacher for Stage 3.

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN 2010 Tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held from Tuesday 11 May to Thursday 13 May 2010. For more information and test samples, see [www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html](http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html)

### Writer of the Week: Shantelle Lentfer



Shantelle with her trophy and Certificate

**Mathematics champion of the Week:** Kira Grant. Both students are from 5/6W.



Kira with her trophy and Certificate

**Week 9 weekly award winners:** Alyssa Chalker, Rhys Pepper, Arie Buchanan, Zye Smith, Hayden Pacey, Trey Isenhood, Jade Allen, Jaiden Berry, Ebony Duckworth, Sophie Konemann, Hugh Terry, Angela Bolger, Lucy Ford, Shanea Young and Taylah Blackwell.

### Dates to remember:

**Clarence Science Initiative (CSI):** 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

**Easter hat parade:** Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Easter raffle drawn:** Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Easter holidays:** Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

### Term 2:

**SDD:** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Students return for Term 2:** Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Clarence Science Initiative (CSI):** Wed 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Apr, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Red Cross Mufti Day:** Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr

**Anzac Day:** 26<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Writing Workshop:** 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Apr

**District Cross Country:** Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May

### NAPLAN WEEK 4

**Language conventions & writing:** Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Reading:** Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May

**Numeracy:** Thur 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Computer Skills International Assessment:** Tues 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Science International Assessment:** Wed 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Queen's Birthday:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June

**School Photos:** Thur 17<sup>th</sup> June

**School show – Leaping Loonies:** Fri 18<sup>th</sup> June

**School Reports home:** Fri, 18<sup>th</sup> June  
**Parent/Teacher interviews:** Mon 21<sup>st</sup>, June  
to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
**Spelling International Assessment:** Tues  
22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Writing International Assessment:** Tues  
22<sup>nd</sup> June



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March: Sue Osborn  
Anne Maree West

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April : Michelle Tainsh

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> April: Deneal Connelly  
Tracy Bellette

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> April: Sharon Bagster

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Healthy Ears: Attached is a flyer from our local Conductive Hearing Loss Teacher on keeping young ears healthy.

Clarence Valley Conservatorium: The best percussion ensemble event of the year is being held at the Grafton Community and Function Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Peter Jaggle and Drum Jungle are playing, with tickets available from the Conservatorium or at the door. Adults \$15, concession \$10, students \$5.

Lessons for piano, keyboard, guitar and singing are available in South Grafton. Phone Betty on 66432705 for further information.