



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here at Gillwinga the children receive the opportunity to enjoy and participate in a host of extra curricular activities. Mrs Carrigan has already held auditions for the Hotshots skipping team. This team performs for visiting groups throughout the year but significantly it raises funds for heart, stroke and blood vessel disease research and health promotion. It is also a fun program which develops healthy lifestyle behaviours. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as new members of the team: Janai and Jesse Ross, Cate Duroux and Brooke Lilley. These children along with the following children make up the Gillwinga Hot Shot team: Josie Cross, Erica Tillman, Cassandra Ward, Megan Tillman, Lucy Ford, Chellsee Holloway and Tamar Atkins-McHugh.



The Hot Shots skipping team

Chalker, Ashton Brown, Luc Johnston, Jack Kelleher, Yuri and Tamar Atkins-McHugh, Chelsea Dwyer and Shantelle Lentfer are privileged to be part of a very experienced group of musicians. Many of our band students have been learning an instrument and been part of the band program for two or more years which means we now have an experienced group of musicians who are playing with self-confidence and talent. We are looking forward to their performances throughout the year.



Band players

Gillwinga Public School is so proud of the continuing improvement of our band that we have introduced a set of scholarships to support the students toward success. This year of the five scholarships received, two were for proven dedication to the band, two for opportunity to participate in the band and one to encourage a junior member to begin a musical journey. Our recipients are keen students who all show an ongoing willingness to participate happily in school events.

The music program is well and truly up and running with Ms Kristina Edwards providing a wonderful band program for our students. The newer band members of Lex Bagster, Hugh Terry, Yarnee Hodge, Brooke Lilley, Brandi



Music scholarship awardees: (Back Row): Lucy Ford, Brooke Lilley, (Front Row) Hailey Duroux and Samantha Duroux. (absent: Yarnee Hodge)



Bailey with his trophy and Certificate



Dylon with his trophy and Certificate

The staff and students will participate in the Clean up Schools day this Friday, 5th March. Each class will be designated an area within the school and the children will be provided with rubber gloves to assist with the clean up. However, it would be most helpful if students could bring along their own gloves.

The student representative body, SREC, is organizing a mufti day this Friday. For the privilege of wearing civvies students donate a gold coin to the Haiti earthquake appeal. SREC will also be selling purple ribbons from today and they can wear them throughout the week.

Kind Regards

Colette Abrahall

Congratulations are extended to our **Writer of the Week:** Bailey Blackburn and **Tables champion of the Week:** Dylon Stewart. Both students are from 2C

Week 5 weekly award winners: Jaykila O'Driscoll, Jordan Hartmann, Krystelle Lentfer, Jax Graham, Makayla Philp, Lilly Bellette, Catherine Ferguson Gardiner, Tennaya Bellette, Letisha Stirling, Lionel Johnson, Kate-Lyn Ferguson Gardiner, Shonta Morris, Samantha Allen and Melanie Laurie.

Emergency Contact Information

A reminder to families to please return the Emergency Contact details form to the school, even if you have no changes. These forms are very important for our records.

Canteen News

A special canteen day will be held next Tuesday, 9th March. For \$4 the children can order a hotdog, chocolate crackle and choice of water, popper or flavoured milk. Orders need to be returned with payment by the, 4th March.

Music News

Boom, Bang, Boogie!! Is Back!!

This workshop organised by the Clarence Valley Conservatorium has been enjoyed by lots of kids in the last few years so we're really happy that the con has offered it again. The junior musicians from a variety of local schools are led by very experienced senior musicians and come together at the end of the day to entertain the public in a startling concert. The concert will be at 2.00pm in the main room of the conservatorium in Villiers Street (just south of the roundabout, come early to get a good parking space). All friends, relatives and other interested people are very welcome to attend.

A big thank you goes once again to the parents, grans and friends who offer transport to days such as these. We understand how hard it can be to arrange middle of the day events for the kids and we really appreciate your help.

The workshop will be held on Friday the 19th of March, starting at 9:15 am.

Public Concert starts at 2.00pm.

Youth Orchestra Plays!

Well, it doesn't rain but it pours! Not only is the Boom, Bang, Boogie band workshop about to excite our band but the Australian Youth Orchestra Brass Quintet is coming to town. Some of our lucky students will be able to attend the free recital during the day. What an inspiration that will be for them. There will be a concert for the public that night at the Conservatorium starting at 7.30pm. The cost to attend is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/concession holders.

P&C News

Sale of yellow bucket hats

The P&C is selling the yellow bucket hats for \$4.00 each. Size is 57cm. They will be on sale until all are sold.

Easter Raffle

The P&C is requesting donations for the Easter egg raffle. All donations can be left at the front office. Ticket books will also be coming home with each family to be sold at 50C each. All children who return sold tickets

with the money will be entered in a class draw to win an Easter egg prize. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 1st April.

Dates to remember:

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI): Wed 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March

AFL Infants gala day: Wed 3rd March

Mufti Day - Haiti: Fri 5th March

Canteen meeting: Mon 8th March at 3:15

Special canteen day: Tues 9th March

Fireman visit: Wed 10th March (change)

School Nurse Visit: Thurs 11th March

P&C meeting: Mon 15th March at 5:15pm

Selective Class placement test for 2011: Thurs 18th March

Shadow Puppet school show: Wed 24th March

Easter raffle drawn: Thurs 1st April

Easter holidays: Fri 2nd April – 18th April (inclusive)



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 3rd March: Sue Osborn
Anne Maree West

Thurs 4th March: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 5th March: Beth Herkess
Sharon Bagster

Mon 8th March: Deneal Connolly

Tue 9th March: Colleen Hankinson

COMMUNITY NEWS

South Grafton Pool Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will not be held this week at South Grafton Pool due to the fire in the office area. The swim school has lost a lot of the student's records in the fire so they are unable to contact many families. They are hoping to resume lessons this Saturday, 6th March.

The Australian Young Orchestra Brass Quintet: Will be playing on Friday, 12th March at 7.30pm in the Moran Auditorium, Clarence Valley Conservatorium, 8 Villiers Street, Grafton. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$10, concession/students \$5.
