



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I trust that everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

As you are all aware ANZAC is on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April and schools and community groups have been invited to join in the ANZAC day March. We would appreciate as many Gillwinga students as possible to participate in this very important community event. The march will commence at 11:00am from the New School Arts, South Grafton and will proceed to the Cenotaph in Through Street where an ANZAC day service will take place. Students are asked to be at the New School of Arts at 10:40am in their full school uniform, including a school hat as it can get quite hot. As a lead up to ANZAC Day we will be having our own commemorative service as part of our normal school assembly on Friday, all parents and community members are invited to come along and join us.

Congratulations to Tiana Johnston, Josie Cross, Yarnee Hodge and Charlie Ford who have been selected to represent Gillwinga in the next level of the Public Speaking Competition. Thank you to Mrs Magarry, and all those students who participated in our own school competition, both Miss Watters and myself were very impressed with the speeches and found them all very interesting and informative.

This coming Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Gillwinga will be holding a Red Cross Mufti day. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation with all funds going to the Red Cross. As part of this day students will also be receiving a green

treat to welcome everyone back to school for Term 2.

Good luck to Sam Duroux who will be trying out for the Mid North Coast girl's hockey team on Friday.

Just a reminder that 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. The extra five minutes that will be lost at the end of the day will be added on to the morning session.

Finally, here's a little something to think about:

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."*

**Henry Ford**

Kind Regards

Phil Cavanagh (Relieving Principal)

As part of the Easter celebrations our students made some wonderful masks and hats here at school for the Easter Hat parade. Here are some of the wonderful creations.





Some people may not be-aware that Mr John Phillips will be retiring soon. Mr Phillips has been a great asset to our school and has given many countless hours as both a staff member and volunteer to working with past and present students. The school is organising a farewell and thank you gift for Mr Phillips and if any families would like to contribute they could leave their donation at the front office.

#### **Dates to remember:**

**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 holiday:** Monday 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 21st April: Sharon Bagster

Thurs 22nd April: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Sue Osborn  
Marjorie Bramble

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> April: Holiday