



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our celebration of Mother's Day was a wonderful team effort last week. A small band of helpers provided the children with a wonderful selection of high quality gifts for a small price. This was a most exciting time for the children as they browsed to find something 'just right for mum.' The other benefit was the raising of \$509.50 for our school. Special thanks are extended to Mrs Michelle Tainsh and Mrs Joyce McMullen who donated an extraordinary number of gifts both bought and hand made for the stall. Along with Mrs Sharon Bagster, they also manned the stall over the two days. Thanks are also extended to the many families who donated gifts for the children to buy. The very moving PowerPoint display of photos of mums with their children was well received. Thanks are extended to Mr Phil Cavanagh and Mr Mark White for their organisation of this presentation and Mrs Peta Carrigan who was the driving force behind the idea.

Our girls' netball team played Round 1 in the NSW PSSA netball competition against South Grafton Public School last week and came out the winners. Congratulations to the following girls: Samantha Duroux, Kira Grant, Yuri and Tamar Atkins McHugh, Kiara Hankinson, Brianna Fordham, Chelsea Dwyer, Brooke Lilley, Shonta Morris and Shantelle Lentfer who played with great commitment and sportsmanship. Congratulations are also extended to Mrs Magarry who trained the team. They are looking forward to their next game against Grafton Public School.



Gillwinga Girls PSSA Netball Team

Congratulations to all our children who competed in the district cross country last Friday. We were very proud of their efforts particularly the following children who will now represent the District at the Mid North Coast cross country to be held on the 28th May at Gillwinga: Dane O'Connor (who was placed 2nd), Jennifer Laurie (who came in 3rd) and Yuri Atkins-McHugh, Brooke Lilley, Megan Tillman and Cassandra Ward who qualified to compete at the next level.



Cross Country representatives Jennifer Laurie, Dane O'Connor, Brooke Lilley, Megan Tillman and Cassandra Ward.

Congratulations to our AAA award winners: Alyssa Chalker, Krystelle Lentfer, Kathryn Boyd-Skinner, Chellsee Holloway, Charlie Ford, Kiara Hankinson and Kristian Fletcher. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



AAA Award Winners

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Child Protection

Beginning this term teachers will be delivering child protection lessons which will provide strategies for students to protect themselves against sexual assault and develop their capacity to participate in positive relationships. At times correct anatomical terms are used for the private parts of the body. If you do not wish your child to participate or you wish to discuss this with your child's teacher please contact the school.

Bronze Award winners: Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Bronze Award through our welfare and discipline system: Sebastian Bailey, Alyssa Chalker, Tylah Connor, Drew Cooper, Jordan Hartmann, Shannon Vitnell, Reese Russell, Jaiden Berry, Catherine Ferguson Gardiner and Janai Ross.



Bronze Award winners: Back row l to r: Tylah Connor, Jordan Hartmann, Alyssa Chalker
Front row l to r: Drew Cooper, Reese Russell, Janai Ross
Absent: Sebastian Bailey, Catherine Ferguson Gardiner, Jaiden Berry, Shannon Vitnell.

Writer of the Week: Isaiah Thornton

Tables champion of the Week: Jesse Ross.

Both students are from 2C



Isaiah with his trophy and Certificate



Jesse with her trophy and Certificate

Week 4 weekly award winners: Nikita Daley, Shannon Vitnell, Matisse Morrissey, Jordan Stirling, Cassius Roberts, Chloe McCafferty, Anthony Torrens, Samantha Allen, Skye-Anne Young, Michael Wright, Josie Cross, Blake Mellish, Thomas Ferguson Gardiner, Leo Catalano and Tiana Johnston.

School Uniform

Last term there were a number of families expressing concerns at the difficulty in buying shorts and skorts for Gillwinga school. A P&C representative has done some local research and following is a summary.

Best and Less does sell brown shorts (Mango for around \$20 with a cheaper brown short also available). There is also a darker brown short that does appear almost black but when in the light is definitely brown.

Best and Less also sells the skorts (not culottes). Lowes does not sell the uniform as there was not a great demand for it, however, they are more than happy to order any in for parents who want them. Shorts are around \$20 and the skorts are around the \$25-26 mark.

As the weather is turning cooler we have had a large number of jumpers left in the playground and being handed in to lost property. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on jumpers or other items that may be removed during the day.

Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 in 2011

If you're looking for Opportunity Class placement for Year 5 entry in 2011, please submit an application form by 21 May 2010. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2010 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2011. You can find out how to apply at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Music

Household surveys by the Australian Music Association show that nearly 90% of respondents believe music education should be mandatory in Australian schools. More people made submissions to the National Review of School Music Education than to

any other Commonwealth Government enquiry.

Dates to remember:

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI): Wed 12th, 19th, 26th May, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June

NAPLAN WEEK 4

Language conventions & writing: Tues 11th May

Reading: Wed 12th May

Numeracy: Thur 13th May

P&C meeting: 17th May

Maths Olympiad: 19th May

Footsteps dance workshop: 20th May

Class assessment week: 24th May – 28th May (Week 6)

Computer Skills International Assessment: Tues 25th May

MNC cross country: 28th May

Special canteen day: 1st June

Science International Assessment: Wed 9th June

Queen's Birthday: Mon 14th June

School Photos: Thur 17th June

School show – Leaping Loonies: Fri 18th June

School Reports home: Fri, 18th June

Parent/Teacher interviews: Mon 21st, June to Fri 2nd July

Spelling International Assessment: Tues 22nd June

Writing International Assessment: Tues 22nd June

School Reports home: 18th June

Parent/teacher interviews: 21st June-2nd July (Weeks 10&11)

Athletic Carnival: 25th June (tentative)

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 12th May: Michaela Kaptein

Thurs 13th May: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 14th May: Beth Herkess
Sharon Bagster

Mon 17th May: Sharon Wright

Tue 18th May: Deneal Connelly
Tracey Bellette

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Any parents who have children who they wish to be confirmed please contact Brendan Moloney at St Joseph's Primary telephone 6642 2899. Lessons will begin next week, Thursday, 13th May at 2pm at St Joseph's School, South Grafton. Year 2 children usually make this sacrament, however, older children who are baptised Catholic are most welcome.
