



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Coming into the school playground parents will notice that fencing surrounds much of the playground and part of the Infants building. This is in readiness for the commencement of the Building Education Revolution project at our school, which will begin on Monday, 31st May. Each classroom will receive built in wet areas, small group areas, Interactive classroom equipment and increased access to the Internet. The new canteen will be erected and within the next month a start will be made on the rebuilding of our hall. Whilst this building program will mean some disruption, it will be on completion a wonderful asset to our school.

The boys' football team played round 1 of the PSSA rugby league competition last Thursday and although going down to South Grafton Public School, we were most proud of their efforts. Thanks are extended to Mr Josh Nagle who is coaching the boys in developing ball and teamwork skills.

Earlier this term students' art work was submitted to the Grafton Show. Congratulations are extended to the following students who were awarded prizes:

1st place – Tylah Connor

2nd place - Damian Duroux

Highly commended: Elisa Allen and Tennaya Bellette.



Bronze Award winners: Congratulations to Michael Wright and Elisa Allen who have been awarded a bronze award through our welfare and discipline system. They are pictured below with last week's winners Janai Ross and Tylah Connor.



Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Writer of the Week: Hugh Terry
Tables champion of the Week: Lily Tainsh.
 Both students are from 3/4C



Hugh Terry with his trophy and Certificate



Lily Tainsh with her Certificate and trophy

Week 5 weekly award winners: Jordan Hartmann, Tylah Connor, Ally Grant, Cate Duroux, Lilly Bellette, Trey Isenhood, Kayla Kaptein, Bailey Chalker, Adina Morris, Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner, Jason Vermeulen – Smith, Shannon Stewart, Tahlia Davis and Joel Nielsen

Lost clothing

We have had several jumpers left lying around the playground in the last few weeks. Please ensure your child's name is on their jumper so it can be returned to them.

Book Packs

Term 2 book pack fees are now due. Fees are \$12.50 per term or \$50 for the year. Kindergarten fees are \$10 per term or \$40 per year. Please pay at the front office.

Music

The Australian business community wants kids to learn music at school. The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry last year delivered its "Skills for a Nation: A Blueprint for Improving Training and Education Policy 2007-2017. Among its fifteen recommendations for improving children's education in the primary years was: "There should be an opportunity for all students to learn a musical instrument in primary school".

Worried about your child's hearing?

Have they had lots of colds and ear infections?

Do they seem like they are ignoring you?

Then come along to

Otitis Media Awareness Day

Thursday 10th & 17th June

Grafton Shopping World (*near Coles*)

2pm - 6pm

Ear Health Checks for Children (0 – 18years)

FREE

No Appointment Necessary

Each ear check will only take about 5 minutes

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Dates to remember:

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

Maths Olympiad: 21st 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 holiday: 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)

Athletics Carnival: Thursday, 22nd July (TERM 3). This date has been confirmed.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 19th May: Natalie Bullock
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 20th May: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 21st May: Sue Osborn
Marjorie Bramble

Mon 24th May: Deneal Connelly
Michaela Kaptein

Tue 25th May: Terrie Duroux
Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS:

"Mr Kranky" is a Grafton rock and blues band featuring Rob Hughes on guitar. Live at the Clarence Valley Conservatorium Friday, 21st May at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Children \$5.

Grafton High School will present a matinee performance of "Wolfstock The Rock N' Howl Musical" on Thursday, 17th June, 2010. Show is suitable for all age groups. Venue: Grafton High School MPC – Fry Street, Grafton. Entry \$4 per student.