



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Footloose and fancy free was the theme for the Footsteps dance company's Gillwinga Public School visit last week. All children from K-6 participated in and thoroughly enjoyed this engaging dance program. The program focussed on co-ordination, rhythm and social skills development while teaching everything from the cha-cha to hip hop to rock. The Grafton Community of Schools, with the help of Clarence Valley Council, secured the services of this professional Footsteps Dance Company to conduct a dance program within all Grafton schools. Thanks are extended to Mrs Lynda Mulder and Mrs Leigh Robertson who were instrumental in planning and organising the visit to our school.



Our netball team continued on a winning streak last week when they won the second round of the PSSA netball competition against Grafton Public School by 15-10. We are very proud of their efforts and they now move into round 3 and will play the winning team in the Coffs Harbour district later in the term.

Congratulations are extended to Brooke Lilley who has been selected in the North Coast netball team to compete at State level early next term. Well done to Shonta Morris who also attended the North Coast trials. Both Brooke and Shonta are valuable members of the successful Gillwinga netball team.



The Mid North Coast Cross Country will be held at Gillwinga Public School this Friday. Our best wishes go to our students, Dane O'Connor, Jennifer Laurie, Yuri Atkins-McHugh, Brooke Lilley, Megan Tillman and Cassandra Ward who will be representing Clarence district. Our thanks are extended to the Gillwinga canteen volunteers who will be catering at the school canteen throughout the day.

As many of you are aware Mr John Phillips is retiring after a long and memorable time at Gillwinga public School. John started at Gillwinga in a voluntary capacity in the 90's and then went on to work as a teachers' aide. He has made a difference too many children's lives by providing ongoing support. On 1st July we are having a BBQ and the whole school community is invited and closer to the date we

will be asking people to indicate if they would like to attend.

Congratulations to last week's AAA award winners: Ryan Fallon, Reese Russell, Trey Isenhood, Samantha Allen, Madison Beilby, Samantha Duroux and Shonta Morris. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Bronze Award winners: Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a bronze award through our welfare and discipline system: Jayjay Whittaker, Ainslee Morrissey, Madison Beilby, William West, Jennifer Williams, Kiara Hankinson, Jack Kelleher, Shania Knight, Zarly Smith, Joshua Tajber, Jayden Berry, Tegan Fallon and Erica and Megan Tillman.



Writer of the Week: Krystelle Lentfer
Tables champion of the Week: Matisse Morrissey. Both students are from 1C.



Week 5 weekly award winners: Vale Taylor, Jayjay Whittaker, Hanna Kaptein, Krystelle Lentfer, Jesse Ross, Joseph Skinner, Samantha Allen, Mitchell Lentfer, Jaiden Berry, Tory Taylor, Jennifer Williams, Jonathan Taylor, Yuri Atkins-McHugh and Edan Stewart.

Book Fair

Just a reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday 26th May, is the last day of the Book Fair. Parents can come up at any time through the school day if they would like to purchase any books.

Special canteen day

This will be held next Tuesday, 1st June. For \$5.00 the children will receive spaghetti bolognese and half a finger bun plus a choice of water, popper or flavoured milk. Orders must be returned by this Friday, 28th May.

P&C News**Term 2 P&C fundraiser**

Included with the newsletter today is an order form for parents to buy a plaster mould for children to paint as a fun holiday activity. Included with the cost are 6 pots of paint and a paint brush. Thanks are extended to Mrs Anne Maree West who has donated the moulds to our school.

Clothing Pool

We have a lot of jumpers in our clothing pool. They are for sale for \$0.50 each.

Music

The world's top academic countries such as Hungary, Netherlands and Japan have strong commitments to music in their schools from the early primary years. It has been recognised that music has huge benefits to children.

Dates to remember:

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

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

MNC cross country: 28th May

Special canteen day: 1st June

District Debating competition: Mon 7th June

Multi cultural public speaking competition: Tues 8th June

Science International Assessment: Wed 9th June

Clarence Valley handball competition: 10th 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 Fun Run: Thurs 1st July

John Phillip's retirement lunch: Thurs 1st July

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

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

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 26th May: Sue Osborn

Thurs 27th May: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 28th May: Beth Herkess
Sharon Bagster

Mon 31st May: Deneal Connelly

Tue 1st June : Colleen Hankinson

COMMUNITY NEWS:

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.