



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were recently informed that Elisa Allen, a kindergarten student, was a finalist in the University of New England's school acquisitive art prize. There were over 500 entries and Elisa's entry was one of 15 selected in her age division. Her entry demonstrated a very high standard of application and technical skill, as well as creative expression. It was also part of an art exhibition and prize giving ceremony in Armidale. Congratulations Elisa!



## **NAIDOC Week celebrations between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of July.**

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the significant contributions of Indigenous Australians. Mr Kerry Skinner and South Grafton High School Indigenous students will be joining us for traditional Aboriginal and Hip Hop dance workshops as well as traditional Aboriginal games next Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. The morning will start with the reading of the apology by our school leaders and a visit from Mr Roger Duroux. All our parents and

community members are most welcome to attend for part or all of the day.

One of our long standing school learning support officers, Mr John Phillips, has retired. Mr Phillips has worked for many years assisting students of Gillwinga Public School to develop their learning outcomes. He has also supported many extracurricular activities such as sporting competitions and school camps, giving up his own personal time to train the sporting teams and assist with the supervision of students. As well, he has supported the P&C body by helping out at their many fundraisers. On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1pm a barbeque lunch will be held for the whole school community to farewell and show their appreciation of Mr Phillip's many years of service to the school. If you would like to attend please contact the school for further details. Numbers are essential for catering purposes.

At Gillwinga the students are provided with many opportunities to participate in interschool sporting competitions. Over the next two weeks our students will participate in soccer and basketball gala days in Coffs Harbour. Our thanks are extended to Mr Cavanagh, Mrs Magarry and Miss Horrocks for organising these opportunities and for preparing the children for the competitions. We wish the teams the best of luck.

Congratulations to our recent AAA award winners: Joel Nielsen, Bailey Chalker, Kyeasha Vinal, Jaiden Berry, Abrial Taylor, Jaykila O'Driscoll and Julian Torrens. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



Congratulations to Dane O'Connor and Josh Tajber who have been selected to be part of an AFL talent identification scheme and will travel to Coffs Harbour with the chance of selection to compete at State level.



### **STOP PRESS NEWS:**

Our girls' netball team won their third round game in the State PSSA competition by defeating the Coffs Harbour area champions, Sandy Beach Public School by 23-3. This was a thrilling win with the girls playing with great determination and skill.



Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

### **Canteen Facilities at Athletics Carnival**

The canteen committee will again provide canteen facilities on the day of the Athletics Carnival, which will be held on **Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, which is in Week 1 Term 3. The carnival will be held at Barnier Park at Junction Hill.**

To allow for these dedicated workers to have the opportunity to spend some time with their children and to also share the workload on the day a time slot of 1 hour has been allocated for each class to be in charge of the canteen. Each hour has been split into 1/2-hour slots and there are two classes rostered during the peak time. Please return the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter with a nominated time you can help. We thank parents for their support and cooperation.

### **Gymnastics Program**

This program was very popular with students last year and the opportunity is again offered to students during Term 3. The P&C's generous contribution of 50% of the normal cost has reduced the cost to \$17 per student for the 9 week program. The two payment options available are:

1. The total \$17 per student up front
2. Pay in two 5 weekly instalments of \$8.50 per student

The tear off slip is at the end of the newsletter if you wish your child to participate.

**Silver Award winners:** Jessica Cooper, Brooke Lilley and Angela Bolger.



**Bronze Award winners:** Scotti Knight, Taylah Blackwell, Ashton Brown, Shanea Young, Chelsea Dwyer, Samantha Allen,



Chellsee Holloway, Shanaya Stirling, Kayla Kaptein, Dane O'Connor, Luc Johnston, Jaala Morris and Tatanya Whittaker.



**Writer of the Week:** Angela Bolger  
**Tables champion of the Week:** Josie Cross



**Week 9 weekly award winners:** Taj Isenhood, Rhys Pepper, Candice Holloway, Koorine Cutmore – Thomas, Chloe McCafferty, Cassius Roberts, Leigha Vinall-

Rainbow, Acima Ten-Bohmer, Rose Williams, Charlie Ford, Samantha Duroux, Jennifer Williams, Jesse Williams, Kate-Lyn Ferguson Gardiner and Edan Stewart.

**Clarence Science Initiative (CSI):** 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Life Education:** Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June; Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Parent/Teacher interviews:** Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June

**Spelling International Assessment:** Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Writing International Assessment:** Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> June

**Eisteddfod choir to perform:** Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> July

**John Phillip's retirement lunch:** Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Term 3 Dates:**

**Staff Development Day:** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Students return for Term 3:** Tues 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Athletics Carnival:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Concert matinee performance:** Mon 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Concert night performance:** Tues 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Education Week:** Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Open Day:** Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug

**Please tear off and return to school**

Timetable for Canteen Duty at Athletics Carnival – 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010

Place your name beside your child's class. If you have more than 1 child in the school place your name beside one timeslot that best suits.

Time	Name
9:00 – K	
9:30 – K	
10:00 – 1C	
10:30 – 1C	
11:00 – 2C, 3/4C	
11:30 – 2C, 3/4C	
12:00 – 3/4W, 5/6B	
12:30 – 3/4W, 5/6B	
1:00 – 5/6W	
1:30 – 5/6W	

The canteen will close at 1:30pm and parents rostered at this time will help with the clean up. In previous years this has been a huge job with the canteen committee working late into the afternoon. Again we thank the parents for their help.

**School Gymnastics Program**

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the School's gymnastics program next term. Medical conditions that we should be aware of:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Signed:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/guardian)

Total Amount enclosed:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Positive Parenting Workshops**

We all know how difficult it can be managing our homes and families! We have been extremely lucky to be able to host a series of Parenting Workshops run by Mary Cutts from Community Programs right here at Gillwinga. These sessions will be aimed at parents of our infants students and will run on Tuesday mornings from 9am-11am, for three weeks starting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is about helping us gain confidence; establish clear and consistent expectations, rules and consequences; develop listening and communication skills and managing difficult behaviour. It will also be a fantastic chance to meet other parents and get to know people in our school community. Childcare for preschool aged children will be provided as well as morning tea at the end of each session.

We would love to see you there. Please let us know if you would like more information or if you would like to attend. Numbers are limited – so get in fast! Call Sandra on 66422344 to RSVP.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Sue Osborn

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> June: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June: Beth Herkess  
Sharon Bagster

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> June: Deneal Connelly

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> June: Colleen Hankinson