



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Athletics Carnival

We will be holding the school athletics carnival on the first Thursday back next term, 22nd July. It will be held at Barnier Park, Junction Hill. The school is currently conducting eliminations in all the field events in the hope that they will be finalised on the day of the carnival. Track and novelty events will be held for Infants students (K-2) as part of the day to provide a fun and engaging time for them.

School Concert

Students and staff have also been working very hard throughout this term in preparation for the school concert. Individual classes have been preparing their own items and there will also be performances from our school band, choir and skipping team. Some individual acts will showcase the many talents of our students. It promises to be a spectacular array of performances.

The matinee performance will be held at South Grafton High School on Monday, 26th July from 12pm with the night performance on Tuesday, 27th July at 6pm. Mark these dates on your calendar. Further information will be coming home next term.

2011 Kindergarten ENROLMENTS

Gillwinga Public School has over many years provided wonderful, innovative programs to assist children who are starting school for the first time. Last year's highly successful literacy, numeracy and technology program Ready, Set, Go will again be offered this year for students who will be starting school in 2011. It will be a 10 week intensive, enrichment program which will be a 'big

school' experience for the children and provide them with a head start for their first year at school. They will attend school from 9:30am-12:30pm every Monday for a 10 week period.

The children will be provided with formal lessons in literacy, numeracy and technology in a fun and interactive environment and participate in many school experiences such as choir and band. Included with the newsletter today is a flyer outlining the program. If you are interested in your child being part of this wonderful program or you know of anyone who may be interested please contact the school to register, or alternatively complete the registration slip inside the pamphlet. Be quick as there are limited places available!



How they have grown! Tylah Connor and Elisa Allen at last year's Ready, Set, Go program.

Staff Development Day (SDD) Term 3

The first day back next term, Monday, 19th July will be a staff development day. Teachers will be involved in professional learning around mathematics. In stage groups they will

be planning a specific program to teach students the strategies needed when problem solving. They will also spend time viewing a new on line maths program, Mathletics and understanding the Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) program which has been implemented across the Infants this year. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) will also have a focus with staff developing a consistent approach towards certain targeted behaviours. **Students return on Tuesday 20 July for Term 3.**

Congratulations to the following students who were our Silver and Bronze award winners last week:

Silver Award winners: Charlie Ford, Janai Ross, Jade Allen, Jaiden Berry, Ryan Fallon, Shayla Holloway, Jaykila O'Driscoll and Elisa Allen.



Bronze Award winners: Adina Morris and Lane Madgwick.



Our school choir will be performing at the schools' Eisteddfod day on Thursday. We wish them all the best and thank Mrs Reid and Mrs Brookes for preparing the students and Mrs Brennan who will provide the accompaniment on the day.

We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Included with the newsletter today are samples of writing from our Term 2 'Writers of the Week'. Congratulations to these children who have shown great expertise and talent in developing vocabulary, specifically by using more interesting words in their writing.

Writer of the Week: Alicia Fairbank



Tables champion of the Week: Tegan Fallon



Week 10 weekly award winners: Drew Cooper, Nicholas Torrens, Krystelle Lentfer, Jax Graham, Hayden Pacey, Hayley Phillips, Bailey Chalker, Matthew Vermeulen -Smith, Samantha Allen, Mitchell Lentfer, Janai Ross, Damian Duroux, Jaala Morris, Brianna Fordham, Josh Tajber, Shonta Morris and Rhys Fordham.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Elisa Allen was a finalist in the UNE Acquisitive Art prize. Following is a short story she wrote about her experience when visiting the exhibition in Armidale.

On the weekend I went to the University of New England at Armidale. I went to see my painting of a lion which was a finalist in a competition. The winning painting was of people playing soccer. I'm glad that my family took me there.



Elisa at the Art Gallery with her painting

Mr Phillips Retirement

This will take place on Thursday, 1st July at 1:30pm. All the children will receive a sausage sandwich (1 sausage and 1 piece of bread). The children are asked to bring any extra food they need for the day.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

When: Wednesday, 30th June, 2010.

Where: Gillwinga PS.

Time: 9.30am to lunchtime (1pm on this day)

Who's Coming: SGHS Aboriginal Dance Group.

This is a Mufti Day so to join in the spirit of the day please wear our Aboriginal colours of red, black and Yellow. Please bring along a \$1 donation towards the cost of the day.

Reminders:

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, 22nd July, which is in Week 1 Term 3. The carnival will be held at Barnier Park at Junction Hill.**

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.

Please be reminded that children are not allowed in the canteen either at school or school events as this is an Occupational Health and Safety matter.

Gymnastics 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

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:

Signed: _____
 (Parent/guardian)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Boost your child's confidence at Kids' Camp in the school holidays

Sport and Recreation Kids' Camps are a great way to help your child develop in a fun, secure and professionally run environment. They'll try new things, make new friends and really come out of their shell. More information see:

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp

Grafton Regional Gallery KIDS HOLIDAY ART: Silver Snow Scapes with Cass Samms

Make your own aluminium sculpture encased in a glittering snow dome.

Facilitated by Cass Samms and inspired by her sculpture *Spare Parts in Sphere* installed in the gallery courtyard.

DATE: Friday 9 July

TIMES: 10am-12pm Art for Joeys (5-7yrs)

1pm-3pm Art Adventurers (8-12yrs)

COST: \$15 per child includes all materials and morning or afternoon tea.

MORE INFO: 02 6642 3177, visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

BADGE MAKING at Clarence Valley Libraries

Make a badge from your own art work
Facilitated by Jesse McIntosh. Designed for over 12yrs.

WHEN: Tuesday 13 July

TIMES: Grafton Branch Library 10-12pm

For Bookings phone Grafton: 6643 0254

Maclean Branch Library 2pm-4pm

For Bookings phone Maclean: 6645 3611

COST: FREE

Also at Grafton Branch Library

Wed 7 July: Kids Knit In

Fri 16 July: Games Morning

MORE INFO: 6643 0254

Car Safety

New safety restraint laws now apply to children under the age of 7.

Under the new regulations:

- children younger than 6 months must be secured in rearward facing restraints
- children between 6 months and 4 years must be secured in either a rearward facing or forward facing restraint with an inbuilt six point harness
- children between 4 and 7 years must be secured in a forward facing restraint with an inbuilt six point harness or a booster seat
- children younger than 4 cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- children between 4 and 7 cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than 7 years in a child restraint or booster seat.

More details at www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Dates to remember:

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI): 30th June

Eisteddfod choir to perform: Thurs 1st July

John Phillip's retirement lunch: Thurs 1st July

Student Banking: There will be no student banking for the first two weeks of Term 3.

Term 3 Dates:

SDD: Mon 19th July

Students return for Term 3: Tues 20th July

Athletic Carnival: Thursday, 22nd July

Concert matinee performance: Mon 26th July

Concert night performance: Tues 27th July

Education Week: Mon 2nd Aug – Fri 6th Aug

Open Day: Tues 3rd Aug

Please tear off and return to school

Timetable for Canteen Duty at Athletics Carnival – 22nd 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.

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 3rd. 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 Menu

Please see the new menu and price list attached to the newsletter.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 30 th June:	Natalie Bullock Tracey Heywood
Thurs 1 st July:	Nolene Chevalley
Fri 2 nd July:	Beth Herkess Sharon Bagster
Mon 19 th July:	Staff Development Day
Tue 20 th July:	Terrie Duroux Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS

"Guitars Galore" featuring Robert Hughes, John Peppercorn and Kevin Shanahan performing at the Clarence Valley Conservatorium Friday 30 July at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door \$15/10/5.