



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

School attendance is a responsibility that all parents assume once their child reaches the age of six. As the parent/guardian you are responsible for your child's full daily attendance at school. Schools, in partnership with parents/carers are responsible for promoting regular attendance of students. While parents/carers are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. It is the responsibility of parents to:

- ensure regular attendance
- explain absences (within 7 days)
- assist to resolve attendance issues

Lateness to school by some students has been identified as a concern here at school. Morning assembly begins at 9:00am each day and it is important that students are present at this assembly as important messages are often given out and changes to the daily routine are outlined. It also provides an opportunity for your child to socialise with their friends prior to the start of the day.

Also, when your child is late to class he/she misses the beginning of the literacy session, where what was taught the previous day is reinforced and the new lesson for the day is explained.

Research shows that the beginning of the day is the best time for children to learn and as such children who are late are missing vital learning time in the most important subjects of reading and writing.

We ask that all parents assist their child to arrive at school prior to the commencement of morning assembly at 9:00am.

This Friday, 4th June there will be a 'red day for heart' to help our skipping team travel to Lismore to perform at a number of schools. Students are invited to wear something red or mufti and make a gold coin donation to support our skippers.

Special congratulations are extended to Samantha Duroux who has been selected in the North Coast hockey team to represent at State level.

Congratulations are also extended to Tamar Atkins McHugh and Dane O'Connor who have both been selected in the mid north coast touch football.



Our sporting representatives Dane, Samantha and Tamar

At the mid north coast cross country last Friday Brooke Lilley performed admirably and has been selected as a reserve for the north coast cross country. Well done Brooke!

The school fun run, which was to be held on Thursday, 1st July, has been postponed until next term.

Bronze Award winners: Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a bronze award through our welfare and discipline system: Brianna Catalano, Rose Williams, Tennaya Bellette, Skye – Anne Young, Zekob Simiana, Krystelle Lentfer, Trey Isenhood, Ruby West, Scott Taylor, Taj Isenhood, Nikita Daley and Tiana Johnston.



Writer of the Week: Elisa Allen

Tables champion of the Week: Shannon Vitnell



Week 6 weekly award winners: Scott Taylor, Jaykila O'Driscoll, Abrial Taylor, Arie Buchanan, John Connor, Julian Torrens, Zecob Simiana, Jade Allen, Anthony Torrens, Tegan Fallon, Blayde Pacey, Cassandra Ward, Scotti Knight and Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Eco tip

Did you know? Australian households spend on average, \$1,500 on energy bills each year. What can you do? Install energy-efficient lighting such as compact fluorescent bulbs, and turn off lights when you leave a room.

More tips at www.livingthing.net.au

Internet safety tip

Keep computers out in the open!

Your child might think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

P&C News

Term 2 P&C fundraiser

Please be reminded that orders for the plaster mould fundraiser need to be returned by Friday 11th June, which is the end of next week.

If you wish to have a family photo taken when the school photos are being held on Thursday, 17th June, please collect a special envelope from the front office.

Thank you to all the parents and families who supported our Book Fair last week. It was a tremendous success and as a result, the library will have many new books for your children to enjoy.

Dates to remember:

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

Eisteddfod choir to perform: Thurs 1st July

John Phillip's retirement lunch: Thurs 1st July

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 2 nd June:	Natalie Bullick Tracey Heywood
Thurs 3 rd June:	Nolene Chevalley
Fri 4 th June:	Marjorie Bramble Ron Bramble
Mon 7 th June:	Deneal Connelly Lee Bolger
Tue 8 th June :	Terrie Duroux Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Clarence Valley Conservatorium present "Two's Company", Robert Eather & Robbie Coulton and Guests performing at Christ Church Cathedral Tuesday 8th June at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at the door \$15/10/5.