



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We welcome everyone back and hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. As always the term is shaping up to be a very busy one with two major school events taking place in the next week. Our school athletics carnival will be held this Thursday, 22nd July at Barnier Park, Junction Hill.

As mentioned last term, canteen facilities will be provided on the day and the committee is asking for volunteers to assist on the day. Please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter to register the time you can help. We thank parents for their support and cooperation, however 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 issue. Please also see the special canteen menu for the day.

The school canteen will also be **closed next Monday, 26th July** as students will be attending the concert at South Grafton High School.

The other whole school event is the school concert, which will be held at 12midday on Monday, 26th July and Tuesday evening, 27th July, starting at 6pm. It promises to be a wonderfully entertaining evening. Included with the newsletter today is important information about this event.

Gillwinga Public School was a great place to enjoy NAIDOC celebrations during the last week of last term. A knowledgeable and skilful team from South Grafton High School and the Aboriginal community led our students

through a variety of lively, mainly traditional, activities and games. Teachers, students and visitors were enthralled by a display of traditional dances by South High Dance Group to the accompaniment of the didgeridoo. Happy, exhausted students trundled back at the end of this cultural, yet very athletic day. Our thanks go to the many people involved at all levels to produce such a joyful event for everyone involved, particularly Mrs Debbie Brookes, Mr Steve Duroux and Mrs Sandra Sullivan whose organisation made it all possible.



We are extremely proud of our girls' netball team which has progressed through to the 5th round of the PSSA netball. They have been victorious over South Grafton, Grafton, Westlawn, Sandy Beach and Yamba Public Schools. Their next game will be against the Lismore district team, in Week 3 and we know they will continue with great sportsmanship and determination to do their best.

Our choir performed exceptionally well at the Grafton Eisteddfod last term, receiving a highly commended. Special thanks are extended to Ms Reed and Mrs. Brookes who prepared the children so admirably. Mr Andrew Tapp and Ms Kristina Edwards were supportive in stepping in to accompany the students after our pianist was unable to be there.

The youngest child in each family has today received the Annual School Report for 2009. The report recognises the wonderful programs in our school that benefit the students. Significantly student achievements throughout 2009 are listed with the 2010 targets in literacy and numeracy specifically set out. The report can also be accessed on the school website.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Gymnastics Program

This program has been postponed until Term 4. All money that has been paid will be carried over to this Term. Parents are still welcome to pay in advance and the tear off slip can be completed at the end of the newsletter.

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 FEES We again thank the parents who have paid these fees and remind those who are paying in installments that Term 3 fees are now due. Statements for outstanding Term 2 fees will be sent home as a reminder over the next two weeks. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

Ready, Set, Go Program

We have had a strong response to this intensive literacy, numeracy and technology enrichment program for preschool children starting school in 2011. Registration is needed as places are limited, so to avoid disappointment either telephone the school or complete the registration slip included with the newsletter to ensure your child does not miss out! After registration the school will make contact to provide further details.

Term 3 Dates:

CSI: Wed 21st, 28th July; 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Aug; 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Sept

Athletic Carnival: Thursday, 22nd July

Concert matinee performance: 12 midday, Mon 26th July

Concert night performance: 6pm Tues 27th July

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

New School of Arts preschool visit: Mon 2nd Aug

ABC Learning preschool visit: Thurs 5th Aug

Parenting workshops: 11:30-1pm Tues, 3rd, 10th 17th Aug

Open Day: Tues 3rd Aug

Fun Run: Tues 3rd Aug

Jacaranda preschool visit: Thurs 12th Aug

P&C meeting: Mon 16th Aug

Jump off Day: Thurs 19th Aug

Ready, Set, Go Program: 9:30-12:30, Mon 23rd, 30th Aug, 6th, 13th, 20th Sept

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.

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)

Student Banking: Just a reminder there will be no student banking until week 3 of this Term.

Positive Parenting Workshops

A reminder these fantastic workshops will run Tuesday mornings from 11.30-1.00pm, 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. 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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CANTEEN MENU

Sausage sandwiches	\$1.50
Bacon & egg rolls	\$3.50
Coffee buns	\$2.20
Red frogs	\$0.50
Chips	\$1.00
Water	\$1.20
Poppers	\$1.20
Cans	\$2.00



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 21 st July:	Sue Osborn
Thurs 22 nd July:	Michelle Tainsh
Fri 23 rd July:	Beth Herkess Sharon Bagster
Mon 26 th July:	CANTEEN CLOSED
Tue 27 th July:	Colleen Hankinson

P&C NEWS

The P&C is holding a Pie Drive. Please see the attached order form. Orders with money need to be returned by Friday, 30th July. Orders may be picked up from school after 11am on Monday 16th August.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School jackets with matching long pants are available to order through the school. Please see the attached form for pricing and size orders.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSIC CAFE: St Matthew's Anglican Church, Tyson Street, South Grafton is holding a Music Cafe evening for Primary and High School age students on Friday, 30th July from 6.30-8.00pm. Bring your own instruments and/or voices. Food and drinks provided. This is a fully supervised event.