



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school athletics carnival was held last week in beautiful, sunny conditions. Thanks are extended to Mr Cavanagh for the organisation of the day which ran very smoothly. The discus event will be finalised this week and champions will be announced and awarded their trophies this Friday at assembly beginning at 9:10am. All parents and community members are invited to attend. Special thanks are extended to the following parents who assisted with the canteen on the day: Sharen Bagster, Michelle Tainsh, Sharyn Fallon, Michaela Kaptein, Sue Osborn, Nolene Chevalley and Lee Hodge. A very special thanks is extended to Mike and Joyce McMullen, grandparents of Kiara Hankinson. Although Kiara was away on holidays Mike and Joyce assisted all day! Thanks also to Mr Phillips and Mr Fahey who helped to set up and Elgas for providing the barbeque facilities.



Infants children enjoying the novelty events



Jaala Morris showing style in high jumping

The performance of our school concert began yesterday with a matinee performance at South Grafton High School. The grand finale will take place tonight at 6pm at South Grafton High School. It promises to be spectacular and most entertaining night with the many talents of our students to be showcased.

## Open Day

Next week Gillwinga Public School will be celebrating Education Week with the Open Day to be held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Parents, carers, friends and relatives are invited to visit their children's classrooms from 10am. Morning tea will be an informal gathering with parents and visitors invited to have "play lunch" with their children. After recess the students will be participating in the Student Representative and Environmental Council (SREC) fun run. The money raised will be used to assist with the school concert expenses. Parents are welcome to stay on for this fundraiser.

Brooke Lilley is representing North Coast area this week at the PSSA netball titles in Camden. We wish Brooke good luck and know she will give of her best throughout the week.

Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

**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.

### **2011 Kindergarten ENROLMENTS** **Ready, Set, Go Program**

This intensive literacy, numeracy and technology program for preschool children starting school in 2011 begins Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. There are a few places still available so either ring the school or complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter to register your child.

### **Avoid danger when using heaters this winter**

The Children's Hospital at Westmead recommends these top tips to help your children avoid burns, falls and electrocution:

- Make sure your heater meets Australian standards
- Use a guard
- Keep your heater on a level floor surface
- Ensure your heater isn't blocking any exits or high traffic areas
- Do not dry clothing items by placing them over an electric heater.
- Ensure you install and maintain at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home.

More information at  
[www.chw.edu.au/parents/kidshealth/safety\\_factsheets/pdf/heaters\\_and\\_fireplaces.pdf](http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/kidshealth/safety_factsheets/pdf/heaters_and_fireplaces.pdf)

### **Primary school**

#### **Do friendships make learning easier?**

Your child's ability to make friends will affect their interest in learning – how can you help?

- Help them to learn self control
- Show them how well you treat other people, so they can learn from you
- If you are concerned, speak to your child's teacher about it.

More details at

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezone/yr2010/issue03/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezone/yr2010/issue03/index.php)

### **Term 3 Dates:**

**CSI:** Wed 28<sup>th</sup> July; 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Aug; 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

**Concert night performance:** 6pm Tues 27<sup>th</sup> July

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

**New School of Arts preschool visit:** Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

**ABC Learning preschool visit:** Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Parenting workshops:** 11:30-1pm Tues, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Aug

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

**Fun Run:** Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug

**Jacaranda preschool visit:** Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Aug

**P&C meeting:** Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Jump off Day:** Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Ready, Set, Go Program:** 9:30-12:30, Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Aug, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

### **READY, STEADY, GO KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

This 10 week Kindergarten Orientation Program will give preschoolers starting school in 2011 a head start.

I am interested in my child participating in this orientation program.

Child's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact

address: \_\_\_\_\_



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> July:	Natalie Bullock Tracey Heywood
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> July:	Nolene Chevalley
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> July:	Marjorie Bramble Ron Bramble
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> August:	Deneal Connelly
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> August:	Terrie Duroux Lee Hodge

If students wish to have pikelets from the canteen please order them at the beginning of the day as there is usually only 1 volunteer on the canteen at a time. If pikelets aren't ordered, only one per person will be available due to the time restraints of spreading them! Thank you for your assistance.

## Positive Parenting Workshops

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

## P&C NEWS

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

## Father's Day Stall

We will be running a Father's Day stall again this year. Please bring any donations that we can sell at the stall to the front office.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School jackets with matching long pants are available to order through the school. Jackets are \$34 and pants \$22. Some sizes are available to try on. Payment needs to be made at the time of order. Order forms are at the front office.

A parent has informed us that there is a website called 'Jumbo Kids' that sells brown skorts and other uniform items. You may need to search under that name and then enter their website through ebay.

## 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, 30<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30-8.00pm. Bring your own instruments and/or voices. Food and drinks provided. This is a fully supervised event.