



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a proud occasion we had last week with the superb performances of our children in the school concert. There were many congratulatory comments made to staff and we thank parents and community members for this positive feedback. The success of the performances was due to a team effort by the staff, parents and of course the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, grandparents and families of our students who provided the costumes for the children. Special thanks are extended to Ms Kristina Edwards and Ms Karen Reid who gave of their own time to assist with the performances by the choir and band, Mrs Deb Brookes who brought the whole concert together, Cameron Wright, an ex pupil who showed a remarkable talent in providing the lighting and Mr White for his wonderful sound techniques.



"Imagine"



Mexican Hat Dance

Last week we were visited by a past parent who presented a signed copy of a recently published novel by her daughter Lesley Barklay (nee Jones). Lesley was Dux of Gillwinga School in 1993 and scripted inside this book was a message of thanks for the part Gillwinga had played in helping her fulfil her dream. We extend our congratulations to Lesley on this wonderful achievement.



Recently results were received for the International Computer skills competition. Our results were outstanding. Congratulations are extended to Kiara Hankinson, Josie Cross,

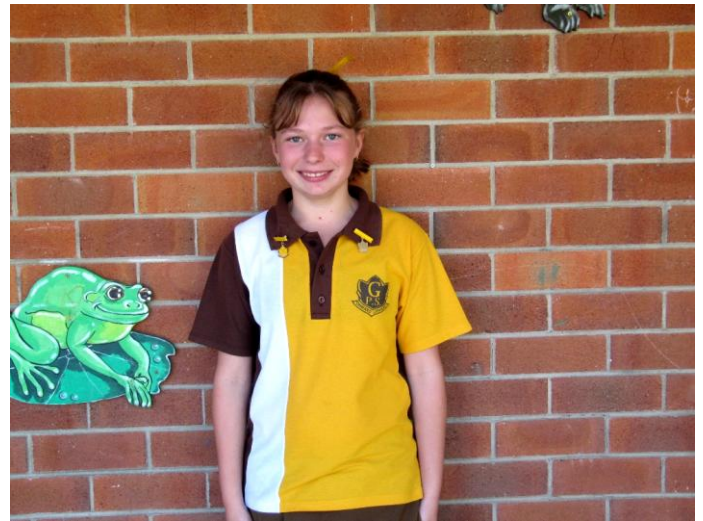
Megan and Erica Tillman, Charlie Ford and Jade Allen who were all awarded a credit.



Congratulations are extended to Luc and Tiana Johnston who have both been offered a place in selective high schools for 2011. Both students sat the selective high school placement test earlier this year with Luc receiving an offer at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in Tamworth and Tiana was offered a place in the selective class at Grafton High School.



Congratulations to Lucy Ford who has been offered a place in the Clarence Science Initiative (CSI) program at South Grafton High School.



Athletics Carnival results

Congratulations to the following students who were the champions on the day:

Minor champions: Ally Grant and Jayden Wallace Skinner

Junior champions: Erica & Megan Tillman and Damian Duroux

11 year champions: Chelsea Dwyer and Jason Vermeulen-Smith

Senior champions: Brooke Lilley and Yuri Atkins-McHugh and Dane O'Connor

There was a tie on the day with both Mulga and Wattle awarded champion House.

Congratulations are also extended to the following children who set new event records: Jesse Ross in the 8 year 100 metres and Katelyn Ferguson-Gardiner in the senior girls' shot put.



July Aussie of the Month: Candice Holloway, Joel Nielsen, Mitchell Lentfer, Nikita Daley, Jack Kelleher, Janai Ross, Trey Isenhood, These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude. These children have displayed citizenship qualities of responsibility and respect during the month of July.



Our skipping team will be performing at Shoppingworld on Thursday, 5th August between 10 and 10:30am. This is part of Gillwinga's celebration of Education Week. Along with our open morning, the fun run, district athletics and the recent concert our school will have celebrated the many talents of our students over the past two weeks. As always we are most proud of all our students and their achievements.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

School Backpacks: Gillwinga School backpacks are currently on a half price sale for \$12 until sold out. They are available from the front office.

Year 6-7 students

Year 6 students will have the privilege of the South Grafton High School principal, Mr Brian Heath speaking to them this Thursday, 5th August at 9:30am in the school library. All parents and carers are invited to come along to listen or ask any questions they may have about their child's transition to high school.

Silver Award winners: Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner, Lex Bagster, Caitlyn Corbett, Chloe McCafferty, Rose Williams, Damian Duroux, Ebony Duckworth, Erica Tillman, Megan Tillman, Travis O'Connor, Jax Graham.



Bronze Award winners: Cate Duroux



Writer of the Week: Cassius Roberts



Tables champion of the Week: Jesse Ross

Week 2 weekly award winners: Nicholas Torrens, Taj Isenhood, Abrial Taylor, Hanna Kaptein, Jessica Cooper, Dylon Stewart, Skye-Anne Young, Tatanya Whittaker, Josh Mellish, Robert Gibson, Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner, Lucy Ford, Shantelle Lentfer and Mary Lofthouse.

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

This intensive literacy, numeracy and technology program for preschool children starting school in 2011 starts on Monday, 23rd 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.

Please let us know if your child is unable to attend this transition program but will be enrolling for the 2011 school year.

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.

Presentation Day

As we approach the end of the year we would like to offer sponsorship opportunities for families and businesses to support our annual Presentation Day. The awards presented offer recognition to our children for effort, achievement and care of others throughout the year and are valued by all. If you would like to provide one or more sponsorship packages valued at \$20 each, please request

a form from the front office. Thank you for supporting your school.

Term 3 Dates:

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

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

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

Open Day: Tues 3rd Aug

Fun Run: Tues 3rd Aug

Year 6 talk by Mr Heath: Thurs 5th August

District Athletics carnival: Fri, 6th August

Debating competition: Mon, 9th August

ABC Learning preschool visit: Tues, 10th Aug (change of date)

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

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 No: _____

Contact address: _____

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 4th August: Michaela Kaptein

Thurs 5th August: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 6th August: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

Mon 9th August: Sharon Wright

Tue 10th August: Deneal Connelly