



Gillwinga Public School

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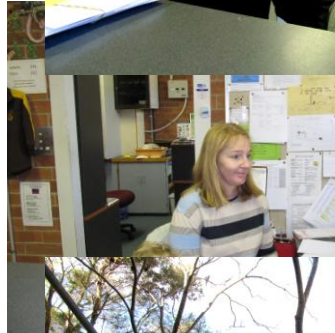
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Mrs Deb Brookes will be retiring next Monday, 23rd August from teaching after a career spanning 34 years. All these years were spent at Gillwinga Public School, with her being responsible for the education of over 1000 children. The high regard in which she is held by students, staff, parents and community members is testament to her commitment and dedication to the students over those 34 years. Thank you, Deb. We will miss you!



This week we acknowledge the hard work done by our School Administrative and Support staff (SASS) as part of National Recognition Week. They do a magnificent job in ensuring the smooth running of the administrative and financial matters in the school, assisting students with learning difficulties and maintaining both the school grounds and buildings within the school. Our special thanks are extended to Mrs Sandra Fahey, Mrs Pam Hunter, Mrs Sandra Sullivan, Mrs Mieke Young, Mr Steve Duroux, Mr Jim Fahey, Mrs Mandy Schroder, Mr John Sandoz and Mrs Lyn Johnston.



Absent: Mrs Lyn Johnston

Staff Changes

Mr Phil Cavanagh has accepted an offer to relieve as principal at Ulmarra Public School for the next seven weeks, beginning in Week 6. This will be a wonderful career enhancing opportunity for him and we wish him well. We have been able to secure Mrs Sandi Woodhouse to teach 3/4C. She comes as a highly regarded teacher who has worked at a number of schools in the Grafton area. Mrs Woodhouse will be meeting with Mr Cavanagh this week to ensure the transition for the students will be as smooth as possible.

Mr Mark White will be taking a period of leave for the last four weeks of this term. Mrs Kris Baker will be 5/6W's class teacher during this time. The students are very familiar with Mrs. Baker as she has worked alongside Mr. White throughout the year.

If you wish to discuss either of these staffing changes please contact me here at school.

Recent results received for the International Science and Writing competitions were outstanding. Congratulations are extended to Kiara Hankinson who was awarded a distinction, Lex Bagster, Jade Allen, Charlie Ford, Josie Cross, Tiana Johnston and Erica Tillman who were each awarded a credit.



Our leaders will be accompanied by Mrs Shauna Baker tomorrow at 4:45 in the Vietnam Veteran's march. This is an opportunity for the students to commemorate the courage and dedication of those who went to Vietnam and to remember the sacrifices of the service personnel who lost their lives during the war. All students are most welcome to attend. Please meet Mrs Baker at Market Square at 4.30pm in readiness for marching at 4.45pm.

Congratulations to our recent AAA award winners: Abrial Taylor, Shannon Vitnell, Ambar Daley, Megan Tillman, Tiana Johnston, Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner and Rose Williams. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



Congratulations are extended to the following students who will be representing the Clarence district at the mid north coast athletics carnival this Friday, 20th August in Coffs Harbour: Dane O'Connor, Joel Nielsen, Jennifer Laurie, Thomas, Chloe and Kate-Lyn Ferguson-Gardiner, Brandi Chalker, Damian Duroux, Brooke Lilley, Erica and Megan Tillman, Shane Skinner and Jesse Ross.



Kind Regards

Jump Rope for Heart

This will take place on Thursday, 19th August. Students and parents are encouraged to seek sponsors as this is one of the school's major fundraisers with the Heart Foundation sponsoring our Hot Shot Skipping team.

Silver Award winners: Alyssa Chalker, Michael Wright, Brendan Vitnell, Shantelle Lentfer, Tiana Johnston, Skye-Anne Young and Madison Beilby.



Bronze Award winners: Bailey Chalker, Isaiah Thornton, Kira Grant, Melanie Laurie, Wesley Fernando, Mitchell Lentfer, Acima Ten-Bohmer, Hayden Pacey and Leigha Vinall-Rainbow.



Writer of the Week: Kate-Lyn Ferguson Gardiner



Tables champion of the Week: Kira Grant



Week 4 weekly award winners: Tylah Connor, Drew Cooper, Cate Duroux, Margaret Roberts, Ambar Daley, Julian Torrens, Bailey Chalker, Bowen Tochel, Janai Ross, Damian Duroux, Caitlyn Corbett, Shania knight, Jason Vermeulen-Smith, Shakira Tochel and Ashton Brown.

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.

2011 Kindergarten ENROLMENTS

Ready, Set, Go Program

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

If your child is unable to attend this transition program but will be enrolling for 2011 please contact the school as classes are being organised and numbers are needed to assist with planning.

Concert DVDs

A film was taken of the school concert and at the moment it is being burned to a DVD. If you would like to purchase a copy please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and include the cost of \$5 with your order.

School Photos

Photos for 2010 House Leaders, School Captains and Prefects and Year 6 group are available to order for \$10 each. Please collect an envelope from the front office to place your order.

Term 3 Dates:

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

Community Sport: Thurs 26th Aug, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Sept.

Parenting workshops for preschool parents: 9:30 – 11am – Mon 30th Aug, 6th, 13th Sept

MNC Athletics carnival: Fri, 20th August

Vietnam Veterans' march: Wed 18th August

Jump off Day: Thurs 19th Aug

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

Father's Day Stall: 2nd Sept

Special canteen day: Thurs 9th 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: _____

Order Form Concert DVD

I wish to order a concert DVD. I have enclosed the cost of \$5

Name: _____

Class: _____

Clarence Science Initiative

Students from Years 4 and 5 are invited to apply for entry into the 2011 Clarence Science Initiative program. A flyer is available from the front office and an information evening will be held at the South Grafton High School Library from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on 6 September 2010. Applications close on 7th September at 3.00pm to the SGHS office. Entry testing is on 10th September.

P&C NEWS**Family Photos**

The P&C will be holding a family photo fundraiser on Saturday 18th September. A family portrait or child colour or black & white 25x33cm photo with frame will be \$15. Other photo packages will also be available. To make a booking please call the school on 66422344.

Father's Day Stall

The P&C will again provide a Father's Day stall for students to purchase a gift for their father. The stall will be held on Thursday, 2nd September and gifts will be priced between \$0.50 and \$10. The P&C is requesting that families donate a small gift to support this fundraiser. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

The Grafton Little Athletics Club will be holding two registration days at Barnier Park, Junction Hill on Friday 17th September and 15th October from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Proof of age documentation is required. New members are always welcome. Phone Rod on 0448 190 530 for further information.

Healthy Food for Your Family

A Government initiative has produced a booklet called "Tomorrow People" to help people with learning healthy eating habits and improved health. This booklet gives tips on various ways to eat a healthier diet.

"Fruit & vegies are food for life!"

You and your family need two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day. You'll not only look and feel healthier, you will also be protected against a number of diseases and it will be easier to maintain a healthy weight."

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 18th August: Sue Osborn

Thurs 19th August: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 20th August: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

Mon 23rd August: Deneal Connelly

Tue 24th August: Colleen Hankinson
