



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **WE WON!**

Our awesome little netball team has been crowned North Coast champions after winning against Banora Point yesterday. The girls continued to play exceptional netball with great skill, determination and sportsmanship, winning 20-14. Congratulations are extended to both the girls and Mrs Sue Magarry, who has been committed and dedicated to the girls throughout the competition. The team will now travel to Sydney for the finals series.



Since Term 2 this year we have been running a numeracy intervention program called "QuickSmart". This is a program designed for students in Years 5 and 6 and runs 3 times a week, for a 1/2 hour each session

Last week the students invited their parents along to have a look at them working with their tutor and a partner to complete their QuickSmart lessons. It was a great chance for the students to show their parents how much their maths has improved since starting the program and gave parents the opportunity to ask plenty of questions about the program.

Thanks so much to all of the parents who came along to support their children – I know they loved showing off their skills!



Shonta Morris with tutor Mrs Pam Hunter. Looking on is Shonta's mum Kerrie Morris.

**Gold Award winners:** Our first gold award winners were presented with their certificates at last week's assembly. Congratulations are extended to Lucy Ford and Samantha Duroux who consistently make outstanding contributions to our school by working as team members and role models through being responsible, respectful and safe in our school.





Kind Regards

Colette Abrahall

### Community Sport

Please be reminded that community based sport begins on Thursday and will continue for the next 4 weeks. Children are reminded to bring the bus fare and money for entry for their particular sport.

**Silver Award winners:** Yarnee Hodge, Chloe Ferguson-Gardiner, Ainslee Morrissey, Nikita Daley, Jay Jay Whittaker, Zarly Smith, Jennifer Williams, Shannon Stewart, Hailey Duroux and Shantelle Lentfer.



**Bronze Award winners:** Jennifer Laurie, Jonathon Taylor, Jason Vermeulen-Smith, Tory Taylor, Acima Ten-Bohmer and Lochie Smith.



**Writer of the Week:** Jonathon Taylor



**Tables champion of the Week:** Samantha Duroux



**Week 5 weekly award winners:** Elisa Allen, Emma Fairbanks, Reese Russell, Hanna Kaptein, Makayla Philp, Jessica Cooper, Lockie Smith, Yarnee Hodge, Tegan Fallon, Samantha Allen, Jack Kelleher, Blake Mellish, Kira Grant and Cassandra Ward.

### Term 3 Dates:

**CSI:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

**Parenting workshops for preschool parents:** 9:30 – 11am – Mon 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept

**NC Athletics carnival:** Fri, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

**Gummyaney preschool visit:** Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

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

**Father's Day Stall:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

**Special canteen day:** Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Sept

**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 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm to the SGHS office. Entry testing is on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**P&C NEWS****Family Photos**

The P&C will be holding a family photo fundraiser on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ZumbAtomic Zumba Fitness**

Zumba Atomic is Zumba for kids. This is a fun, healthy program designed especially for children's minds and bodies. The goal of the program is to incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives. The program fuses modified zumba moves (cumbia, merengue, salsa, reggaeton) fun games, and performances. Classes are each Wednesday at 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Ages 4-12 Grafton Primary School Hall (Queen Street). Cost is \$6 per child. Make sure children bring along

a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing and joggers. Phone Josie on 0439799440 or Laura 0405986593 for further information.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> September: Michaela Kaptein

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Beth Herkess  
Sharen Bagster

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Sharon Wright

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Sept: Deneal Connolly

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Our Canteen has entered the school in the 'Chow Down and Win' Campaign for healthy eating. Keep watch for notes outlining the details of the activities and of the great prizes that can be won. Fruit 'n' Veg month is sponsored by the Sydney Markets, Healthy Kids Association and the NSW Cancer Council. They have listed some fantastic prizes including a family holiday to the Gold Coast, laptops and ipod shuffles. As well as these tasty incentives to eat well, our canteen has also offered some fabulous individual prizes just for our school!

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR REFLECTIONS  
FROM MRS BROOKES





## REFLECTIONS FROM MRS BROOKES – GILLWINGA TEACHER (1977-2010)

For 34 years I have been driving up the hill to begin my school day at Gillwinga.

Straight out of Teachers' College, Gillwinga was to be my first school and funny enough – my only school.

It has been a real privilege to have been here that long. I've seen many changes with the buildings, playgrounds and staff members. Thousands of little children have come and gone, but "Gillwinga still stands high upon the hillside, 'Neath gum trees straight and tall".

Gillwinga Public School has been a huge part of my life and my family's. My four sons were given a wonderful education and provided with so many opportunities whilst attending this fabulous little school.

I'm going to miss the staff and especially our wonderful children. Gillwinga has always been special because it offers so many opportunities to all its children.

A very big thank you to past and present parents for giving me the opportunity to teach your children. **I** have been the lucky one!

As a teacher, every day is different and full of surprises. I am going to miss this!

My final message to our children, 'I have been blessed to have a career that has been very rewarding and most enjoyable. Children, as you go through Primary School and then High School, may you choose a job that inspires you and allows you to grow.'

Finally,  
Good bye  
Mrs Debbie Brookes



