



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A number of our parents attended an Aboriginal cultural performance by our students today. This was a culmination of the Shadows No More Program funded by the Indigenous Children's Program and delivered by Kerry Neill, on behalf of Gurethlgam. The program emphasised the importance of respectful behaviour and it encouraged the children to learn, sit quietly and to listen to others. The children were provided with opportunities to listen to cultural songs, stories and participate in dance. Our thanks are extended to Kerry who provided a most worthwhile and engaging program for all our students.



Our preschool visits this term were highly successful with both the preschoolers and our own students having lots of fun. As well the literacy, numeracy and technology Ready Set Go program has provided a wonderful opportunity for children who will be coming to school next year to experience 'big school' activities. This program will continue each Monday for 5 weeks during Term 4.



Adam Wright and Xander Fisher 'doing hard work' at 'big school'



Our Kindies for 2011 enjoying a big book with Mrs Perl

Congratulations to our recent AAA award winners: Shonta Morris, Jordan Hartmann, Angela Bolger, Alicia Fairbanks, Hanna Kaptein, Lex Bagster, and Isaiah Thornton. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



Community Sport

Please be reminded that the last day for community - based sports is this Thursday. This program has been highly successful with a 100% attendance rate. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we thank parents for their support of this extracurricular program.

Our netball girls and Mrs Magarry did us proud in Sydney yesterday. They came 5th in the State, which is an amazing result as many of the teams the girls played came from schools with enrolments in excess of 600 students.

Thanks are extended to the children and their families who supported the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser which raised \$1736.35. Mrs Carrigan has sent away for the prizes.

On behalf of staff I wish all the children and their families a safe and happy holiday. Term 3 finishes on Friday 24 September. Students return to school on Monday 11 October.

Gymnastics

A separate note will be sent home if your child has not paid for this program.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Gold Award winners: Angela Bolger, Chloe McCafferty, Damian Duroux, Caitlyn Corbett, Ebony Duckworth, Travis O'Connor and Jordan Hartmann.



Silver Award winners: Kiara Hankinson, William West, Yuri Atkins-McHugh, Tamar Atkins-McHugh, Tiana Johnston, Shanea Young, Cassandra Ward and Chloe McCafferty



Bronze Award winners: Savannah Tochel, Jesse Williams



Writers of the Week: Julian Torrens



Tables champions of the Week: Chloe McCafferty



Week 8 weekly award winners: Kayla Kaptein, Emma Fairbanks, Alyssa Chalker, Koorine Cutmore-Thomas, Candice Holloway, Hayden Pacey, John Connor, Sophie Konemann, Melanie Laurie, Jade Allen, Zekob Simiana, Josie Cross, Jaala Morris, Leo Catalano and Taylah Blackwell

Gymnastics Program

This program will begin on Monday, 11th October and run for 9 weeks across Term 4. The P&C's generous contribution of 50% of the normal cost has reduced the cost to \$17 per student for the 9 week program. 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

Most students have already paid, however if you wish your child to participate, the first 5 weekly instalments must be paid by the end of this Term.

Coles Sports For Schools Program

Our school has been registered for this program. Every \$10 spent at Coles or Bi Lo from 2nd September to 31st October will earn 1 voucher. There is a collection box for when the vouchers are sent into school. The more vouchers collected the more sporting equipment the school receives.

Quick snack idea

Celery sticks with cream cheese

- A celery stick, cut into 10cm lengths
- Cream cheese

Spread the cream cheese in the curve of the celery and pack it into your child's lunchbox.

More recipes at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue02/lunchbox/celery.php

Family first aid

St John Ambulance Australia has designed a new first aid course especially for parents. Parents will learn the following life saving skills:

- resuscitation
- control of bleeding
- management of shock
- wound management
- burns
- bites and stings
- acute illnesses
- poisoning
- fracture and sprains.

Visit www.stjohn.org.au for more information.

Term 3 Dates:

CSI: 22nd Sept

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Ready, Set, Go Program: Mon Oct 11th, 18th, 25th, Nov 8th

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion: Fri 5th Oct

Gymnastics Program: Mon Oct 11th, 18th; Nov 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; Dec 6th, 13th

Soccer gala day Stage 2: Wed Oct 20th

Footsteps dance program: Mon 25th Oct-Fri 29th Oct

Jacaranda Day: Thurs 4th Nov

Kindergarten Orientation: Tues 16th Nov

6-7 Orientation at SGHS: Thurs 25th Nov

Presentation Day: Tues 7th Dec

Year 6 farewell: Tues 8th Dec

Assembly of Appreciation: Fri 10th Dec

Class Parties: Mon 13th Dec

Last day for students: 15th Dec

Staff Development Days: Thurs & Fri 16th & 17th Dec



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 22nd Sept: Natalie Bullock
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 23rd Sept: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 24th Sept: Marjorie Bramble
Ron Bramble

Mon 11th Oct: Deneal Connelly
Michaela Kaptein

Tue 12th Oct: Lee Hodge

COMMUNITY NEWS

MINNIE WATER – WOOLI JUNIOR SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Activity Days will be held every second weekend from 10am to 1pm for the 2010/11 season. Contact Peter Young on 66429929 or 66428653 or 0414859920 to register or for a calendar of Nippers events.

Email jac@mwwslsc.org.au

Web address www.mwwslsc.org.au

Opera

Cowper Public School is presenting Opera with the Cows at 7.30pm on 16th October featuring present and future Stars of the Opera plus support. Bring your own chair. Food & drinks available for purchase. Contact Melissa on ph:66431888 for more information or see the website

www.operawiththecows.com.au

SPRING HOLIDAY FUN

At Grafton Regional Gallery

Painting and Story Telling

Thursday 30th of September. Drop in anytime between 11am-3pm Come into the gallery to visit Dymphna Kerinauia, Raelene Kerinauia and Janice Murray three artists from the Tiwi Islands. They will be in Grafton as part of the public program for their exhibition Prints from Jilamara: Nginiuwila Jilamara - Our Design. They will demonstrate painting with ochres and tell Jilamara and Tiwi design stories. Children will especially love this interactive program to enjoy during a visit with family and friends.

JADA While You Shop

Thursday 7 October at Grafton Shopping World between 11am and 2pm.

The first JADA While You Shop interactive drawing workshop. The activity will be set up inside the shopping centre. Have a go at drawing with a variety of mediums with our professional staff there to guide you. The JADA While You Shop holiday activity is open to all ages and free of charge.

At Grafton Branch Library

Games Morning

28 September 10am-12pm

Eat your Zines

Free Zine Workshop for young people ages 12-24 years Friday 1 October 10am-1pm The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative delivered in partnership with the Clarence Valley Council

Pirate Story Time

Thursday 7 October 10.30am-11.30am

Dress up as a pirate and enjoy the fun.

At Maclean Branch Library

Eat your Zines

Free Zine Workshop for young people ages 12-24 years Friday 1 October 2pm-5pm The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative delivered in partnership with the Clarence Valley Council

Library and Gallery Activities are FREE and no bookings are necessary.

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