



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations are in order after receiving our NAPLAN results this week. Results in numeracy in both Years 3 and 5 were outstanding. In Year 3 numeracy achievement was above the State average and in Year 5 growth was 22 points higher than the State growth. As a whole school community we should be justly proud of these achievements. Today the results for both Years 3 and 5 will be sent home. If you wish to discuss your child's results please do not hesitate to make an interview time with the class teacher.

Gillwinga public School continues to win State and national awards in visual arts. Congratulations to Kira Grant whose art work has been accepted for Operation Art 2010. Her artwork will be professionally framed and hung at the Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park. Kira, her family and staff members from the school have been invited to the exhibition.



Gillwinga Public School's celebrated netball team has been madly fundraising to assist with the costs of travelling to Sydney to compete in the NSW State PSSA netball finals. As well as a highly successful cake stall day a raffle has been organised. The girls will be selling tickets for \$2 each at recess and lunch times. The prizes are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Stephanie Alexander Limited Edition cookbook in wooden presentation box plus utensils.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 2 months subscription to Curves gym.

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Country Energy credit voucher

4<sup>th</sup> prize: Kids Dyson Vacuum cleaner

5<sup>th</sup> prize: Ashdene mugs & tray

6<sup>th</sup> prize: \$30 Wishcard

7<sup>th</sup> prize: Towel Pack

8<sup>th</sup> prize: Photo album & frames

9<sup>th</sup> prize: Coke glasses & drink bottles

10<sup>th</sup> prize: Money monster

11<sup>th</sup> prize: Pool toy & checkers

12<sup>th</sup> prize: Paint craft pack

Parents and community members are also welcome to purchase a ticket from the front office.

Thanks are extended to the many businesses and individuals who have made donations to assist the girls in their quest for netball supremacy.





Congratulations are extended to the following children who performed exceptionally well in the International English competition each awarded a distinction of credit: Charlie Ford, Erica Tillman, Megan Tillman, Kiara Hankinson and Tiana Johnston.



As part of fruit and veg month our students participated in a school based colouring in. The winners received a fruit cup from the canteen and the runners up received a piece of fruit. Congratulations are extended to our winners: Tylah Connor, Elisa Allen, Krystelle Lentfer, Hanna Kaptein, Julian Torrens, Jesse Ross, Shanaya Stirling, Matthew Vermeulen Smith, Caitlyn Corbett, Damian Duroux, Jaala Morris, Josh Tajber, Shantelle Lentfer and Chelsea Dwyer.



Gillwinga Public School has been involved in a number of community sports throughout Term 3. Jason Vermeulen-Smith has journalistic aspirations and offered this short piece to inform us of the fun of Thursday sport.

"On Thursdays Stage 2 and 3 students go and play sport. I go to play indoor soccer. We have to choose teams to play with when we get there. When they are sorted, we go out and play. We all have a good laugh while playing the game especially when the teachers come and play with us. We work up a good sweat and are also playing as a team."







Congratulations are extended to Erica Tillman who has now qualified to compete at PSSA State level for high jump and long jump. A wonderful achievement. Megan also performed highly at North Coast level coming 4<sup>th</sup> in high jump.

Kind Regards  
Colette Abrahall

### Community Sport

Please be reminded that community based sports is on Thursday and will continue for the next 2 weeks. Children are reminded to bring the bus fare and money for entry for their particular sport.

**Gold Award winners:** Rose Williams, Kiara Hankinson, Lex Bagster, Elisa Allen, Ryan Fallon, Jaykila O'Driscoll and Shayla Holloway.



**Silver Award winners:** Thomas Ferguson-Gardiner, Brianna Catalano, Jack Kelleher, Shania Knight, Dane O'Connor, Chellsee Holloway, Krystelle Lentfer, Hanna Kaptein and Hollie Montgomery

**Bronze Award winners:** Jesse Williams and Nicholas Torrens.



**Writers of the Week:** Shanaya Stirling



**Tables champions of the Week:** Bailey Chalker



**Week 8 weekly award winners:** Jaykila O'Driscoll, Tarni Napier, Margaret Roberts, Abrial Taylor, Julian Torrens, Kalila Bell, Alicia Fairbanks, Madison Beilby, Ebony Duckworth, Angela Bolger, William West, Shonta Morris and Edan Stewart.

### **Coles Sports For Schools Program**

Our school has been registered for this program. Every \$10 spent at Coles or Bi Lo from 2<sup>nd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Shadows No More**

Throughout this term the Shadows No More Program funded by the Indigenous Children's Program has been delivered by Kerry Neill on behalf of Gurethlgam.

Kerry has planned a concert on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am to showcase what the children have learnt.

The morning will begin with:

- Welcome to Country
- 5/6B will perform a cultural dance
- Kerry will play the didgeridoo and engage us with his story telling
- All classes across 3-6 will perform other dances.

All parents are invited to attend the concert and stay for morning tea.

To assist with catering please return the slip at the end of the newsletter.

### **Ticks**

A number of parents have alerted the school to the problem of ticks on the bottom playground. The school has identified the top field as the main tick infested area and the children have been moved to other playground areas. An information leaflet has been sought from district office and it is recommended that repellents against ticks be used. The school has purchased Bushman repellent and it is available for teachers to apply to students **with parental permission.** If you wish your child to have an application of this repellent before they go to the bottom

playground please complete the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter.

### **Fire Appeal**

As many families are aware the Ferguson – Gardiner family recently lost all their possessions in a house fire. The five children Thomas, Kate-Lyn, Willie, Catherine and Chloe are students here at Gillwinga. The school has spoken to Mrs Kathy Ferguson – Gardiner and she has identified a vacuum cleaner as something that was damaged in the fire and really needs to be replaced. The school is asking for any donations to assist in the purchase of this item. If any parents would like to donate to this appeal please send the money to the front office.

### **SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY**

A special canteen day will be on this Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. 1 x sausage sizzle & lamington plus a drink is \$4. An extra sausage is an additional \$1. No other lunch orders will be available on this day. Orders and payment need to be in by tomorrow morning (Wednesday) at the latest.



### **Term 3 Dates:**

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

**Ready, Set, Go Program:** 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Special canteen day:** Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Shadows No More Performance/parent morning tea:** Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

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### **Shadows No More Program Gurethlgam Corporation LTD**

I will attend the concert on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2010, and stay on for morning tea.

**Name:**

**Number attending for morning tea:**

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**Permission for Application of bushman  
 tick repellent**

I \_\_\_\_\_  
 give permission for my child  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 class \_\_\_\_\_ to receive an application  
 of Bushman insect repellent from the class  
 teacher before going to the bottom  
 playground.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sept: Sue Osborn

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: Michelle Tainsh

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: Beth Herkess  
 Sharen Bagster

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Deneal Connelly

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Colleen Hankinson

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

To subscribe to Firewise eNews to help protect yourself and your family from bush fire you can go to [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links.

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**Grafton Amateur Swim Club**



**Sign on nights**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
**6pm-7.15pm at South Grafton Pool**

Whether you are a serious or social swimmer; Club nights at the Grafton Pool are great fun, good exercise and can enable children and young people to prepare for carnivals. Competitors must be 5yrs and over and be able to swim 25 metres. Children can also build new friendships in a relaxed setting. Sausages and kebabs are available at the BBQ every Wednesday night.

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