



Gillwinga Public School

A leader in Excellence Innovation & Opportunity

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Dear Parents and Guardians,
Even though the end of the year is approaching very quickly there are still a large number of events happening in our school.

Please don't forget our fete planned for Friday 25th November. We anticipate that it will commence around 12 o'clock and conclude by 3pm in time for students to catch afternoon buses. All classes will be conducting stalls with items for sale from as little as \$1 up to \$5. We also have two bikes as prizes in our raffle. Tickets are \$2 and currently on sale at school. Tickets will also be available on the day of the fete.

On Thursday 1st December we are very lucky to have Australian Netballer Susan Pratley visiting the school as an ambassador for the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. Miss Pratley will hopefully be able to conduct a short coaching session and then will be talking to all the students.

The last Gold morning tea for this year will be held on Thursday 1st December.

This week our Hockey program with Maddie Richie sponsored by the Grafton Hockey Association concluded. Maddie will be back on Friday 2nd December to hand out certificates at our whole school assembly.

Next week we will be having a free band concert in the hall on Wednesday 30th November commencing at 9:00am, thanks to the generosity of the Clarence Valley Conservatorium of Music.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Conservatorium and the support from the

Bendigo Bank, this term we have been able to establish a drumming group. The students involved will be putting on a small performance at our assembly on Friday 2nd December and they will also be presented with their certificates of participation.

In 2012 Gillwinga will be officially reclassified from a P4 to a P5 school as a result of falling enrolments. This will mean that the school will have a teaching a Principal in 2012. Mrs Abrahall has relinquished her position as Principal of Gillwinga and will not be returning to the school. It is anticipated that a new Principal will be appointed some time in term one 2012 and will take up the position in term two of 2012.

As we will be a P5 school in 2012 we will be part of the Small Schools Sports group. This will mean that our students will qualify for District carnivals (swimming, athletics & cross country) through the small schools carnivals. In previous years our students have qualified for District carnivals straight from our own school carnival. Qualification for Mid North Coast, North Coast and all other carnivals will remain the same.

This week's newsletter question is: "Who is the current Mayor of Grafton"?

Finally: No one is perfect... that's why pencils have erasers.

Mr Phil Cavanagh
Relieving Principal

SCHOOL BOOK PACK FEES: Could all families please pay any outstanding book

pack fees at the front office to finalise end of year amounts outstanding.

HALL AND CANTEEN OFFICIAL OPENING

Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations has sent the school a message on the official opening of the new hall and canteen. The message is as follows:

“On behalf of the Australian Government, I would like to congratulate Gillwinga Public School on the opening of the new canteen and classroom refurbishments under the Building the Education Revolution (BER) program.

I regret I cannot be there for the official opening. I look forward to seeing first hand the great benefits that this much needed revitalisation will bring.

It has been a busy time for your school and the education sector in Australia as we see the BER, a critical component of the Government’s Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan, deliver new infrastructure and resources to meet the needs of the 21st Century learning, while supporting Australian jobs.

Whether a project involves the refurbishment of a classroom, the construction of a covered outdoor learning area or a new library or science centre, each is a valuable addition to a school’s learning environment and the quality of the education Australia provides.

I would like to acknowledge the work and effort that your school has invested. I believe this effort and the wider Education Revolution initiatives that we are all working on together will benefit the school and broader communities for many years to come.

I extend my gratitude to the staff at Gillwinga Public School for constantly meeting the demands that are placed upon you in nurturing your students.

The Australian Government is committed to working with schools to ensure that students

have the opportunity to achieve to the very best of their abilities.”



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 twenty dollars each, please request a form from the front office. Thank you for supporting your school.

YEAR 7, 2012

Bookpacks are available from South Grafton High School on orientation day for \$50. If purchasing packs at a later date they will be \$65. Please also provide a copy of your birth certificate and proof of address to the high school if you have not already done so.

LIBRARY BOOKS: We will soon be undertaking the end of year stocktake of our library books. Please help your children look for any outstanding library books and return them to the library as soon as possible.

SCHOOL BANKING

The last day to redeem tokens for school banking is 6th December 2011. This year’s rewards can still be ordered first term next year. The last day for school banking this year is also the 6th December. School banking will resume next year on 7th February 2012. There will be new rewards next year.

Award Winners:

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Chelsea Williams, Adrion Gibson, Jaykila O'Driscoll, Nicholas Torrens, Latoya Wallace, Ally Grant, Jesse Ross, Jessica Cooper, Zekob Simiana, Madison Beilby, Damien Duroux, Sam Allen, William West, Willy Ferguson-Gardiner.

Bronze Award Winners: Congratulations to Daniel Pratt.



Silver Award Winners: Drew Cooper, Taj Isenhood.



Gold Award Winners: Congratulations to Ryan Fallon, Chloe McCafferty, Jordan Hartmann, Tarni Napier, Shayla Holloway, Rahni Holten.



Tables Champion: Congratulations to Mitchell Lentfer

Writer of the Week: Congratulations to Megan Tillman.

Principal's Award: Congratulations to Hollie Boyd-Skinner, Josie Cross, Jesse Ross, Carter Smith, Madison Beilby, Griffin Wheatley.

**Gillwonga Bike Raffle**

Win a BMX bike at the fete!

Tickets are only \$2.

If you have the winning combination that unlocks one of the two bike locks the bike is yours!

Buy as many tickets as you like.

Tickets go on sale Monday morning, 21/11/11.

CANTEEN

The last day for the school canteen this year will be Friday 9th December. If you or a friend can assist in the canteen next year please let the front office know. We are looking for at least 8 new volunteers to enable the canteen to remain open four days per week. Unless we can find more volunteers, the canteen will need to close two days per week next year.

Canteen commences the second week back of school. Next year it will be open Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

Dates to remember:

School Banking: Every Tuesday morning

Friday 25th Nov: School Fete

Friday 9th Dec: Last day of canteen for the year

Friday 16th Dec: Last day of school for Term 4

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 23rd Nov: Karen Arnett
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 24th Nov: Julie McHugh

Fri 25th Nov: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

Mon 28th Nov: Michelle Tainsh

Tues 29th Nov: **CANTEEN CLOSED**

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No items are available from the canteen on Tuesdays.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Big River Public Schools Film Festival

You are invited to attend an evening of spectacular films produced by primary school children from Public Schools in the Clarence Valley on 23rd November at 6pm at the South Grafton High School Hall. \$2 entry payable at the door. The evening will feature short films made by local students.

Family Fun Movie Night

Grafton High School presents the Pre-Screening of **Puss in Boots** A story about the

events leading up to the sword fighting cats meeting with **Shrek** and his friends.

Monday 28th November 2011

5.30pm (for 6pm start)

Tickets \$12 p/p

Saratton Theatre

(tickets available at Grafton High School office and Blooms the Chemist at Shoppingworld)

Plus Bonus Screening GRAFTON AT WORK

AND PLAY IN 1926 (12min)A Grafton High School P&C fundraiser

Parent Information Line: They have free promotional items that they can send out to you – fridge magnets, posters and pamphlets. Please feel free to email us on info@parentline.org.au or contact our administration office on 8968 1102. Their telephone counselling line is **1300 1300 52** and is available for the cost of a local call from a land line.

Clarence Valley Conservatorium of Music:

Open Day and Concert Marathon: Sunday 4th December. Concerts will be starting on the hour at 2, 3, 4 and 5pm. Each concert will be about 45mins. Teachers will be available if you would like to try an instrument. Concerts at the CVCon, 8 Villiers Street, Grafton. Free of charge.

Family Skills Courses

Reminder of last two courses for the Year at the Pullen Centre.

After shock!

When a relationship ends

Tuesdays 22nd, 29th November, 6th December

6pm-8pm The Pullen Centre, 3-7 Prince St, Grafton.

Attending to stress

Wednesday 30th November 9.30am-2.30 pm.

Free lunch and child care. The Pullen Centre, Grafton

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Camelia Cottage

Camellia Cottage is celebrating *Christmas* and it's

10th Anniversary Join us for an afternoon full of fun!

When: Saturday 3rd December

Where: The park behind the cottage

Time: 3pm

RSVP: Friday 2nd December Camellia Cottage, 3
Camellia Way, South Grafton Ph: 6643 1566

WEEK 7 QUIZ

Name:

Class:

Answer : _____

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