



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The year is certainly coming to an abrupt end, we have less than a month to Christmas. Students will finish school this year on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

In last week's newsletter it was mentioned that there would be a band concert on in the hall tomorrow morning, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately that concert has been cancelled as the participants are unable to attend.

Please don't forget our drumming group will be putting on a performance at this week's Friday assembly.

Swim School continues this week and will conclude on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Students will receive their certificates prior to the end of the year.

Last week's fete was a great success and we succeeded in raising approximately \$1500 for our school. Thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks also to everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets. Winners of the raffle were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Hampers won by Jai Sorensen;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Steam mop & school bag won by Gloria Lesley;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: small hamper & meat voucher won by Wes Fernando;
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize: Mink blanket won by Mary Legg;
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize: Apple slinky & library bag won by Dale Duroux;
- 6<sup>th</sup> prize: Gift basket of towels won by Betty at Meals on Wheels.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: Gift won by Dennis Clancy.

Please don't forget our annual presentation day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 9:30am. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend and help celebrate the student's academic, sporting and cultural achievements for the year. A morning tea will be provided.

The last gold morning tea for this year will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Susan Pratley an Australian Netballer will be visiting the school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November as an ambassador for the Premier's Sporting Challenge and will be holding a short coaching session and talking to all the students and presenting a number of encouragement certificates.

Our week 9 assembly will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December as a number of our senior students will be involved in the final day of their language course on Friday at South Grafton High School.

We have had a number of incidents of late concerning afternoon buses and students being picked up at the end of the day. School concludes at 3:00pm each day and it would be appreciated if those parents who are picking up their children after school could arrive not too long after the last bell at 3:00pm. We understand that people sometimes get caught up in traffic or experience other delays. If you are going to be late it would be helpful if you could contact the office so we can let your child know what is happening and to reassure them that they will be picked up. If for any reason bus arrangements are different to normal it would be appreciated if parents could either contact the front office or send in a note so that the

teacher on duty can be informed. The standard procedure is that if the school has not been contacted concerning a change in bus arrangements the student will be put on their normal bus.

This term Mrs Moran has been running and a self nominated enrichment group where all primary students were given the opportunity to apply. Those students selected have almost completed their nominated projects and will be presenting their work to parents and other students on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am in the hall. Invitations to parents have been already been sent home. If for some reason you think you have missed out please contact the front office.

Finally here is a little piece of information for those people that believe the internet has all the answers: *"If you trust Google more than your doctor then maybe it's time to switch doctors"*. Jadelr and Cristina Cordova

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**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.

### **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.

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** We are currently 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 by the end of this week.

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

The last day to redeem tokens for school banking is 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December. School banking will resume next year on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012. There will be new rewards next year.

### **Award Winners:**

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: K-Shawn Duroux, Holly Joseph, Maddison Joseph, Ruby West, Mandawuy Bell, Hampton Currie, Makayla Philp, Mickayla Joseph, Kayla Kaptein, Michael Wright, Caitlyn Corbett, Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner, Kylie Pearce.

**Aussie of the Month:** Shayla Holloway, Jessica Cooper, Melanie Laurie, Blake Mellish.



**Bronze Award Winners:** Congratulations to Ashley Bowling, Kylie Pearce.





Silver Award Winners: Laura Pratt, Wesley Fernando.



Gold Award Winners: Congratulations to Nicholas Torrens, Bailey Chalker, Joshua Mellish, Travis O'Connor, Isaiah Thornton, Blake Mellish.



Tables Champion: Congratulations to Cassandra Ward.

Writer of the Week: Congratulations to Catherine Ferguson-Gardiner.

Principal's Award: Congratulations to Alyssa Chalker, Cassandra Ward, Ebony Duckworth, Charlie Ford, Michael Wright, William West, Jennifer Williams, Tylah Connor.

### **Big River Public Schools Film Festival**

Last Wednesday our school Captains attended the Big River Public Schools Film Festival to attend an evening of spectacular films produced by primary school children from Public Schools in the Clarence Valley door. The evening featured short films made by local students.



### **CANTEEN**

The last day for the school canteen this year will be Friday next week, 9<sup>th</sup> December. As its nearing the end of the year, some stock may not be available. Your child may be asked to order an alternative item if the one they have ordered is not available.

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:**

**6<sup>th</sup> December:** Last Tuesday for school banking.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last day of canteen for the year

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Last day of school for Term 4

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012:** First day of school for students (except Kindergarten)

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Natalie Bullock

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Louise Kratz  
Natalie Bullock

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Kylie Chalker  
Terri Duroux

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec : **CANTEEN CLOSED**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS****JACARANDA PRESCHOOL LADIES  
MARKET NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

6.30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at "Bean on the Green" Grafton Golf Club. Tickets \$20 (includes nibbles and a glass of champagne or juice)

Please join us for a fun night just for the ladies! There will be plenty of prizes, pampering, and plenty of shopping! We will have stalls with candles, jewellery, vintage clothing, cosmetics, Body Shop, lingerie, hair products, handbags, Avon, books, and scrapbooking, gifts etc.

Ask friends, family, workmates to come along and support our fundraiser. Tickets are available at Preschool **NOW!**

For more details Phone 6642 4082

**Parent Information Line: Email**

[info@parentline.org.au](mailto:info@parentline.org.au) 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Camellia 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 8 QUIZ**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

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