



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the last edition of our Newsletter for 2011.

2011 has been a busy time for everyone at Gillwinga and I would like to thank the community for their patience and support throughout the year. It has also been highly successful with both our students and staff receiving recognition from various groups within the community for their dedication and hard work.

Next year will be a year of change for us at Gillwinga as we will be moving from a P4 Primary school with a non-teaching Principal to a P5 Primary school with a teaching Principal. The staff will be working hard to help ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible. The education of the students at Gillwinga will still remain our number one priority and we will continue to deliver high quality educational programs for all our students.

2012 will see Gillwinga receive a substantial amount of additional funding through the National Partnership Program and we will begin implementing a number of major projects throughout next year aimed at improving the outcomes for all our students.

Our year six farewell was held last Thursday 8th December at the Golf Club. It was wonderful to see all the year five and six students dressed up, they all looked fantastic, congratulations to all the parents. A special thank you must also go to Mrs S Baker, Miss K Baker and Mrs Davis for putting the night together. One of the highlights of the evening

was the special certificates that both teachers presented to the students in their classes. These certificates are always presented in good fun and it was wonderful to see the enjoyment and good humour that everyone showed.

The Teachers Federation has called a two hour stop work meeting for Thursday 15th December. A note has gone home today detailing the plans in place for Thursday. Students who are eligible will still be able to participate in the planned movie treat and ten bowling activity. Notes have also gone home concerning each of these activities and are due back in on Wednesday 14th December.

Parents and students are reminded that regular police and security patrols of the school and the grounds will occur during the holiday break and it is advised that people refrain from entering onto the grounds.

I would like to wish all our community a merry, happy and safe holiday break.

Good luck to all the year six students who are heading off to high school, we wish you all the very best.

Finally here is a little piece of advice that we all might like to remember especially at Christmas.

"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give" - Winston Churchill

Mr Phil Cavanagh
Relieving Principal



YEAR 6 FAREWELL



CANTEEN

There is no canteen for the rest of this week. Canteen commences the second week back of school. **Next year it will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays only.**



Award Winners:

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Myamee Ferguson, Jason Wallace, Elisa Allen, Alyssa Chalker, Jax Graham, Ezekiel Cannon, Sharni Mauger, Jaime Lowe, Melanie Laurie, Yarnee Hodge, Jade Allen, Chloe Duroux.

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

School banking will resume next year on 7th February 2012. There will be new rewards next year.

Dates to remember:

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

Mon 30th Jan: School resumes for students.

Fri 3rd Feb 2012: School swimming carnival:

Thurs 9th Feb: small schools swimming carnival

Thurs 16th Feb: District swimming carnival

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm Thursday 12 January

Floral Journals with Jodi Masters

Create your own journal with printed & painted cover using elements found in the gallery garden. Inspired by the exhibition *Flora from the Collection*.

\$16.50 per participant

Includes all materials & morning or afternoon tea

Pre-paid bookings essential on 6642 3177

3pm-6pm Saturday 14 January

Giant Beach Mandala (at the beach)

with Rose Marin & Sharon Lehman NPWS Discovery Ranger

Help create a giant beach mandala using found objects.

East of Illaroo Campground, Yuraygir National Park near Mini Waters.

Bring a picnic.

Visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au to download a map.

FREE EVENT. No Booking required.

10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm Thursday 19 January

Beach Creatures with Sharon Lehman NPWS Discovery Ranger

Make models of animals found in the exhibition using a variety of media. \$16.50 per participant

Includes all materials & morning or afternoon tea

Pre-paid bookings essential on 6642 3177.

10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm Tuesday 24 January

Dream Car with Min Austin

Design your dream car inspired by the concept cars in Industrial Desire

\$16.50 per participant

Includes all materials & morning or afternoon tea

Pre-paid bookings essential on 6642 3177.