



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us today for a very enjoyable school presentation morning. Congratulations to all those students who were awarded prizes, they thoroughly deserved the recognition for their dedication and hard work.

The major prize winners were: Dux – Josie Cross; School Citizenship award – Josie Cross; School Medals – Josie Cross, William West, Cassandra Ward and Edan Stewart; Reach for the Stars – Ebony Duckworth; Sportswoman of the Year – Erica Tillman and Sportsman of the year – Damian Duroux.

The prefects elect for 2012 are Ebony Duckworth, Tegan Fallon, Erica Tillman, Megan Tillman, Charlie Ford, Michael Wright, Damien Duroux and Jaiden Berry.

Congratulations to those students who presented their self nominated projects on Monday morning as part of the enrichment group for this term. Mrs Moran was extremely pleased with the overall presentation standard of the participants. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend.

Just a reminder that our weekly assembly will be held on Thursday this week due to the number of senior students that will be attending the last day of the language program at South Grafton High School.

Class Teachers have completed all the end of year reports and they are due to be sent home on Friday 9th December. Those students who are absent that day will have their reports mailed home.

Class parties will be held on Tuesday 13th December.

Those students who have received Principal's awards this year will be going bowling on Thursday 15th December. There will be no cost involved as the school will cover the cost of the bus and the bowling. If students wish to purchase any food or drinks they will need to bring their own spending money.

Our year six farewell will be held on Thursday 8th December at the Golf Club with a 6:00pm for 6:30pm start. Information notes have been sent home. Students are asked not to arrive before 6:00pm.

As a final treat for this year we will be rewarding all those students who have displayed exemplary behaviour throughout 2011. Those students who have not been on orange, purple or red level this year will be going to the Saraton Theatre on Thursday 15th December. There will be no cost involved as the school will cover the cost of the bus and the movie "Puss in Boots". Invitations will be sent home shortly to all those students who are eligible. Those students who are ineligible to attend the movie session, supervision will be provided for them at school.

Even though we are approaching the end of the year parents are asked to remind students that they are still expected to make positive behaviour choices and act appropriately while they are at school and follow the normal school rules. If everyone can achieve this we can have a happy, safe and enjoyable end to the school year.

We always encourage our children and students to have confidence in their own abilities so here is a little something to think about. "Self confidence is more than just having a smile on your face. It's knowing that you are the best that you can possibly be".

Mr Phil Cavanagh
Relieving Principal

PRESENTATION DAY



P&C NEWS

Thank you to all those parents and friends who have helped at the school over the year, it is much appreciated. Without the contribution that you make many of the things we do at the school would not be available to our students. Have an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

UNCLE ROGER'S VISIT

The school was lucky to have Uncle Roger Duroux visit to talk to the students about local Aboriginal heritage.



Award Winners:

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: James Holder-Hemsley, Logan Lafferty, Tarni Napier, Laura Pratt, Krystelle Lentfer, Jordan Stirling, Chloe McCafferty, Miah Bell, Letisha Stirling, Angelina Quinlan, Chellsee Holloway,

Blake Mellish, Matthew Vermeulen-Smith, Taybitha Wilson.

Silver Award Winners: Congratulations to Latoya Wallace, Ruby West, Dylon Stewart.



Gold Award Winners: Congratulations to Drew Cooper, Julian Torrens, Cate Duroux, Ezekiel Cannon, Krystelle Lentfer.



Tables Champion: Congratulations to David Torrens.

Writer of the Week: Congratulations to Xander Fisher.



Principal's Award: Congratulations to Jaykila O'Driscoll, Jade Allen, Caitlyn Corbett, Chellsee Holloway, Mitchell Lentfer, Jordan Hartmann, Zekob Simiana.



NETBALL VISIT



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



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, Tuesday and Wednesdays only.**

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.

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 has now finished for the year. This year's rewards can still be ordered first term next year. School banking will resume next year on 7th February 2012. There will be new rewards next year.

Dates to remember:

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

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 7th Dec: Karen Arnett
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 8th Dec: Julie McHugh

Fri 9th Dec: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

NEXT WEEK: CANTEEN CLOSED



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.

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.