



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our student representative and environmental council (SREC) met for the first time last week under the guidance of Miss Watters. These children have a vital role in our school and along with the school captains and vice captains they determine fundraisers and ways to improve our school environment. Congratulations are extended to these representatives:

1W – Tarni Napier and Drew Cooper

2C – Hanna Kaptein and Zac Pacey

3C – Trey Isenhood and Jesse Ross

4W – Lex Bagster and Madison Beilby

5/6B – Charlie Ford and Brianna Catalano

5/6C – Damian Duroux and Tegan Fallon



Last week our school had the privilege of a visit from AFL Swans players. St Josephs Primary School children came across the road and both schools enjoyed a game of AFL with the assistance of the players. Thanks are extended to the players and management of AFL for providing this opportunity.



Matthew Vermeulen Smith practising his kick

Parent/Teacher night

The Parent/Teacher night for all classes will be held tonight, Tuesday, 15th February at 5:30pm in the school library. We encourage all parents to attend this evening as valuable

information will be given in regards to structures, routines and the programs your child will be involved in during the year. A supper will be held after if you wish to stay for a cuppa and chat.

Kind Regards

Colette Abrahall

SREC News

SREC is already hard at work and has organised their first fundraiser for 2011. This is a joint fund raising day with other NSW public schools to support flood affected Queensland public schools. Our efforts will also be part of a national fund raising activity being coordinated by SchoolAid on the same day.

To raise funds there will be a Mufti Day Thursday 17th February. For a gold coin donation students are invited to wear maroon coloured clothing on this day. Many school communities will be dealing with the physical and psychological aftermath of these disasters for a long time to come. Our contribution can help to rebuild schools and lift the spirits of the children and adults within them.

Lost Property

Already we have had a number of people reporting lost property. **Please label all items** including clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles, pencil cases, etc so if lost the item may be returned to your child.

Writer of the Week: Tegan Fallon



Tables champion of the Week: Shane Leach



Week 4 weekly award winners: Bree Duckworth, Zac Vancea, Jordan Hartmann, Elisa Allen, Krystelle Lentfer, Jax Graham, Joseph Skinner, Julian Torrens, Kayla Kaptein, Anthony Napier, Robert Gibson, Jennifer Williams, Lenice Duncan and Shane Leach.



SCHOOL BAND

Places are remaining in the school band except for trumpets. We need extra drummers, flute and clarinet players. Lots of instruments can still be hired. Let your teacher know if you would like to join the Band.

School Photos

Family photo envelopes are available for collection at the front office prior to photo day on Friday, 4th March.

Swimming champions and captains of the winning House were presented with their trophies at last week's assembly.



Aboriginal Scholarships

If you are a member of the local Aboriginal Land Council your child is eligible to apply for a scholarship from the NSW Aboriginal Land Council Education Endowment Fund. If you need further details please contact the school.

Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. **Reminder:** If your child has any allergy, medical condition or special needs, talk to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

If your child is absent from school

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

Dates to remember:

Clarence Science Initiative (CSI): Wed 16th, 23rd, (Feb); 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (Mar); 6th Apr

Parent/Teacher Night: Tues, 15th Feb at 5:30pm

Maroon Day – fundraiser for flood victims: Thur, 17th February

District Swimming Carnival: Thurs, 17th Feb

School Photo Day: Fri, 4th Mar

School's Clean up day: Fri, 4th Mar

P&C and Canteen meeting: Mon, 7th Mar at 2:30pm

Canteen Help Needed

Thank you to those new and old volunteers who will be working in our canteen. If we can get at least two more volunteers, our canteen will be able to open again each day.

If you know you or a Grandparent or friend will be available to work on the canteen roster during 2011 please complete the tear off slip below and return to school. Volunteering for just one day a month is all that is required. If we all give a little of our time it will certainly benefit the children as the canteen is the major fundraiser for our school.

Canteen Helpers for 2011

I will be available to work on the canteen during 2011

No of times per month: _____

Preferred days: _____

Name: _____

Contact no: _____

Please return this note to the front office



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 16th Feb: Karen Arnett
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 17th Feb: Julie McHugh

Fri 18th Feb: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

Mon 21st Feb: Lee Hodge

Tues 22nd Feb: CLOSED

BOOK CLUB

Please support the Book Club. There are a number of fantastic books available at really reasonable prices. For every dollar that parents spend on Book Club, our school library benefits by receiving free books, depending on the amount spent.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note the canteen will be closed on Tuesdays in 2011 due to lack of volunteers.
No items are available from the canteen on Tuesdays.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bush Poets Night: and Entertainment
 Saturday 16th April "Squatters Rest" 7pm \$10 ticket. Book now 0428 543 055.

South Grafton Junior Rugby League Sign On days: Saturday 19th Feb & 26th Feb from 10am-2pm at Jabour Park South Grafton. Anyone interested in signing up are encouraged to call in with your Medicare number, copy of your birth certificate & parental consent. Old & new players are welcome. Any queries phone President Ray Taunton 0400933922 or Registrar Karen Taunton 0409924366.

Tucabia Bears Soccer Club: Sign on days Thursday 17/2/11 from 4.00pm-6pm at Woolli Sports grounds and 24/2/11 at 4-6pm at Ulmarra. Training starts 10/2/11. Enquiries phone Fiona Pacey 6644 5423 or mobile 0414 281 138. Email tucabiafc@gmail.com or phone 0409285986.

South Services Soccer Club: South Services Gunner Soccer Club will be hosting sign on days at Rushforth park on 19th of February 2011 from 9am - 1pm. Fees are payable on these days. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 02 66049207 or via email service@kencasson.com.au

Junior Hockey

Hockey sign on day Saturday 19th February (Shopping World)
 and Saturday 26th February (Hockey Centre) 12-00 to 2-00 p.m.
 Boys Games played in U/7, U/9, U/11, U/13 and Under 16's divisions.
 Girls play in grades based on ability levels. .
 Two international water-base fields in 2011

Coutts Crossing Cougars Football Club will have their Registration sign on days 19th February 2011 at Coutts General Store between 9am and 12 noon. Phone Judy 6642 2799 (w)

South Junior Girls Hockey

Sign on day is Saturday 26th February at the Hockey Centre from 12.00-2.00pm. Contact Kerry Barton at South Grafton High School on 6642 1466 or email

kerry.barton@det.nsw.edu.au

Clarence Valley Conservatorium

Have 4 new teachers to the Conservatorium: Ryan Enns (guitar), Darrell Hodges (brass), Miriam Polley (piano) and Faron Young (drums). There are lessons available on these instruments as well as strings, woodwind and drama. Single lessons and ensembles have started, so enquire now if you would like to be involved. Phone 66433555 or email cvcon@cvcon.com.au

20 February Ryan Enns: Classical Guitar Recital. 3.00pm at the Conservatorium, 8 Villiers Street. Tickets \$15/\$10/\$5(students)
 Performing Arts Night: Thursday 17 March Theme: Irish (St Patrick's Day) or Green , Monday 4 April theme: vocal, Wednesday 6 April theme: instrumental. Time: 7.30-8.30pm. Location: the Conservatorium, 8 Villiers Street. Cost: by donation.
 David Scheel: Maestro, a celebration of Musical Eccentrics. Sunday 3 April at 2.00pm. Location: Grafton Community Centre, Duke Street, Grafton. Tickets: \$35/\$30/\$10(children).

Grafton Netball Association will be holding its registration days as follows: Sunday, 20th February, 2011 between 10.00 am and 12 noon at the netball courts in Bacon Street, Grafton. All clubs will be available. Enrol as a team or individual. All ages catered for. This year there will be a new program for the 5 to 7 year olds which will include skills, information and game play. Included in the cost of \$45.00 each child will receive a back pack, ball and various other goodies. For further information please phone Cathy Walls on 6642 7518 or Sandra Hastings on 6649 3376.