



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our 'Maroon for a Day' fundraiser was highly successful last week and \$101.00 was raised. Thanks are extended to the students and their families who showed their support for the students and staff of Queensland Public Schools who have been effected by the floods.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Included with the newsletter today is valuable information about our school in the form of an information booklet. An important section is on student welfare and provides an overview of our positive behaviour for learning program. There is also information about how home and school can support each other in rewarding positive behaviour.

Each family will receive a fridge magnet which displays our school motto and to provide communication between school and home there are examples of SREC home tokens that parents can use to reward their children for responsible, respectful and safe behaviour. On their return to school the tokens are included in your child's class tally towards the achievement of rewards.

The parent/teacher night was a great success last week. Parents had time to talk to their child's teacher about class programs, routines and structures. We thank our parents for supporting this important information evening.

At the recent regional Little Athletics carnival Erica and Megan Tillman qualified for the State titles. Erica came 1st in the high jump and 4th in long jump and Megan was placed 3rd in high jump. Congratulations girls!



A squad of students participated in the district swimming carnival last week. Congratulations are extended to Tegan Fallon who was successful in gaining selection in the district team to compete at the Mid North Coast swimming carnival this Friday, 26th February in Coffs Harbour. We wish Tegan the best of luck.



Kind Regards

Colette Abrahall

Congratulations to our recent AAA award winners –Adam Wright, Jennifer Williams, Kayla Kaptein, Julian Torrens, Ryan Fallon, Hanna Kaptein and Cassandra Ward. These children received their awards for consistent attendance, high achievement and excellent attitude.



Writer of the Week: Megan Tillman



Tables champion of the Week: Sar-j Skeen



Week 4 weekly award winners: Hollie Boyd-Skinner, Xander Fisher, Drew Cooper, Alyssa Chalker, Ally Grant, Ezekiel Cannon, Hayley Phillips, Jesse Ross, Rose Williams, Blake Cox, Charlie Ford, Josie Cross, Chloe Duroux, Sar-j Skeen, Hollie Montgomery and Samantha Allen.

P&C NEWS

The P&C has provided sunscreen at school for all children. Please remind your child to apply sunscreen before going down to the playground. Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you do not wish your child to apply sunscreen.

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget school banking is every Tuesday. If you have already collected 20 or more tokens (but not yet redeemed the backpack) continue to deposit and collect 30 tokens to redeem for the backpack (with all the 2010 reward items inside). This option will be available until the end of Term 2, 2011. Once you have redeemed for the backpack, you then start on the 2011 Rewards Program.

Dates to remember:

School Banking Day: Every Tuesday.

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

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 ROSTER

Wed 23rd Feb: Deneal Connolly

Thurs 24th Feb: Nolene Chevalley

Fri 25th Feb: Deneal Connolly
Louise Kratz
Cyndi Allen

Mon 28th Feb: Jo Bell
Tanarra Taylor

Tues 1st March: CLOSED



CANTEEN NEWS

If you know of anyone who can volunteer in our school canteen please let the staff in the front office know.

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 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 day Thursday 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.

Junior Hockey

Hockey sign on day 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. .

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