



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here at Gillwinga the children receive the opportunity to enjoy and participate in a host of extracurricular activities. Mrs Carrigan has already held auditions for the Hotshots skipping team. This team performs for visiting groups throughout the year but significantly it raises funds for heart, stroke and blood vessel disease research and health promotion. It is also a fun program which develops healthy lifestyle behaviours. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected as new members of the team: Hayley Phillips, Krystelle Lentfer and Travis O'Connor. These children along with the following children make up the Gillwinga Hot Shot team: Josie Cross, Erica Tillman, Cassandra Ward, Megan Tillman, Cate Duroux, Chellsee Holloway and Jesse and Janai Ross.



Recently Gillwinga Gold played their first game of hockey in the Daily Examiner Primary Schools competition. The team is a combination of the junior and senior teams from last year and has been training with Mrs Bagster. The competition runs from the 17th February till the 10th March. Gillwinga Gold

would like to thank Mrs Bagster for training them and all of the parents who have come along and watched the games so far and they look forward to the continued support. The players enjoyed the first game and are looking forward to an exciting time in the competition.



The *Holiday Reading is Rad* has proven to be a highly successful strategy for maintaining students' reading skills over the long holiday break. A number of students who participated in the program during the Christmas holidays

recently received a certificate at assembly. Congratulations to our holiday readers: Charlie Ford, Megan and Erica Tillman, Lex Bagster and Kayla and Hanna Kaptein.



Thanks are extended to the Commonwealth bank for their donation of \$300 to kick start our fundraising. This is in celebration of 80 years of school banking.

The Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, Hon Peter Garrett AM, MP, today announced that *My School* version 2 will be ready to be released from 4 March 2011. The expanded and updated version of the site will provide parents and the community with information about NAPLAN performance as well as information about school finances and school communities. Visit myschool.edu.au for more information. An information brochure is attached to the Newsletter.

Kind Regards
Colette Abrahall

Clean up day

The staff and students will participate in the Clean up Schools day this Friday, 4th March. Each class will be designated an area within the school and the children will be provided with rubber gloves to assist with the clean up. However, it would be most helpful if students could bring along their own gloves. Please also remember your hats.

Writer of the Week: Kayla Kaptein



Tables champion of the Week: Rose Williams



Week 5 weekly award winners:

KPW – Arie Hodge, James Holder

1W - Shayla Holloway, Tylah Connor

2C – Reese Russell, Latoya Wallace

3C – Makayla Philp, Ambar Daley

4W – Zekob Simiana, Lex Bagster

5/6B – Michael Wright, Jade Allen

5/6C – Edan Stewart, Lenice Duncan

More Band Members Needed!!

If you are wondering if there are any spaces left in the band...Yes!! Students please come and get a form from Mrs Wyborn or have a chat with her about which instruments would be suitable. Band payments can be made in instalments across the first three terms in any way that suits families or can be paid all at once. It costs \$50 to hire an instrument for the year and \$40 to cover the cost of our band leader for the year. Tutoring by the Conservatorium costs about \$11.50 per week.

Our acoustic guitar lessons will start toward the end of term 1 as our fabulous new tutor will be touring parts of Canada and the US playing guitar!

Dates to remember:

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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

LOST PROPERTY

We have two Nintendo DS games in lost property following class electronics day at the end of last year. If you can identify which games they are they will be returned to you. Please contact the office.

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. Keep your tokens to redeem 2011 rewards.

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 2nd Mar: Karen Arnett
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 3rd Mar: Julie McHugh

Fri 4th Mar: Beth Herkess
Sharen Bagster

Mon 7th Mar: Sharon Wright

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

BMX – Clarence Valley BMX Club will be holding a free come & try day on Saturday 26th March 2011 from 10am at the track on the corner of Abbott & Vere Street, South Grafton (behind the Royal Hotel in Ryan Street, South Grafton). Kids (from 4 years) and parents can join in for free and learn the basics of BMX racing. Bring a bike, helmet and long clothes and covered shoes. Each participant will receive a show bag and a free BBQ to follow. For more information contact President Susan Polsen 66434431.

Tennis Open Day: Grafton District Tennis Association are inviting all those interested to a fun-filled Open Day this Saturday 5th March to be held at Grafton City Tennis Courts. Time: 4.00pm. There will be free give-aways, a BBQ and a social hit. Come and meet fellow tennis enthusiasts.

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

Children's Dentist: Suzie Jonklaas has been providing dental treatment for children for almost 30 years. Appointments are available for children at Fitzroy Dental Clinic, 155 Fitzroy Street, Grafton. Phone: 6642 5211 for an appointment and information regarding the cost of treatment.