



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to a Rugby League Clinic scheduled for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of April for years 3-6, this week's whole school assembly will be held on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at the usual time in the kinder year one room.

Parents and Caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to attend Thursday's assembly. Year 6 students have been very busy learning to be responsible Peer Mediators for our school and will be receiving their badges and Certificates during our assembly. This will be a chance to support our Year 6 students and encourage their wonderful support in our school.

## **NEW CANTEEN**

After months of waiting our new canteen is due to be handed over tomorrow, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

We are not sure when the canteen will become fully operational but hopefully it will be very soon.

While on the subject of buildings, the Hall is progressing steadily. This week the scaffolding was removed from around the building which is an indication that most of the outside work has been completed. The timber for the floor has been delivered and we can see the size of the roller door which can be opened to allow us to extend out into the COLA should the need arise. It certainly is great to see that progress is being made and that are getting closer to finally having a fully functional hall again.



## **Government Funding Program**

Yesterday, Mr Cavanagh, Mrs Reedy and Ms Cross attended a meeting outlining a new Government funding program which will commence at Gillwinga in 2012. The program will provide an injection of funds to help the school run some very exciting programs for students in 2012. In preparation for this the school needs to collect a whole range of information from students, parents, staff and community members, which may mean a number of surveys will be sent home in the

not too distant future. Your cooperation in completing these surveys will be greatly appreciated and provide us with information that will help guide us in developing plans to improve learning opportunities for our students

Finally if you ever needed a good excuse not to do some exercise here is a good one from Buzz Aldrin (the second man on the moon)

***I believe that every human has a finite number of heart-beats. I don't intend to waste any of mine running around doing exercises.*** Buzz Aldrin

### **Harmony day**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Year 6 went to the Grafton Community Centre to celebrate Harmony Day.

We arrived at the Centre at about 10am and were welcomed by Mr Tim Shearman from The Clarence Valley Council and Mayor Richie Williamson. Emma Ocholla from Uganda was our MC for the day.

Yoga Laughing was our first activity and we did lots of different exercises involving laughing. Some people thought it was funny but some people thought it was scary. Next the South Grafton High Aboriginal Dance Group performed the Welcome Dance and another dance. They then picked some students to go on stage and dance. Sar-J, Willy, Scotti, Brianna, Cassie and Taybitha made great kangaroos, berry pickers and shadows.

After a Tai Chi demonstration Joseph, from Anglicare, made lots of friends by giving out Freddo Frogs. Belly dancing was up next and Willy was getting right into it and dancing in his chair. We then learnt a song in Spanish and watched St Marys perform an Indonesian candle dance.

For lunch the Grafton Women's Multicultural Group made us spring rolls, honey soy chicken wings, Filipino meat and noodles and sandwiches. It was delicious! During the lunch break we went to the police stall where they proved 'Cops are Tops' by giving us heaps of freebies like wristbands, tattoos, stickers and balloons.

After lunch they showed our Gillwinga presentation – Diversity Makes A Difference, and then listened to the Japanese story telling

of The White Crane. Then it was time to get back on the bus and head back to school. Everyone had a great time and got to experience different languages, food, dance and music from other cultures and we got to meet people from many different countries. The day was full of fun and laughter for everyone.

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### **SCHOOL FEES - \$50 Lowes vouchers**

If your child's 2011 school fees have been paid in full for the year by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April their name will go in the draw for a \$50 Lowes voucher.

### **SREC News:**

Easter Guessing Competition: The SREC will be holding an Easter guessing competition during recess and lunch. The cost will be 50¢ a guess. Proceeds will go towards the Christchurch and Japan Earthquake appeals. The closest guess wins and will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

Easter Hat Parade: On this day you are invited to wear mufti clothes for a gold coin donation to support the Red Cross.

### **Bronze Award Winners**

Lex Bagster, Kayla Kaptein, Anthony Napier, Rose Williams



**AAA Award Winners:**

K Zac Vancea  
 1W Jaykila O'Driscoll  
 2C Cate Duroux  
 3C Jesse Ross  
 4W Rose Williams  
 5/6C Shanea Young  
 5/6B Mitchell Lentfer

**Assembly Award Winners:**

K K-Shawn Duroux, Carter Smith  
 1W Ruby West, Tarni Napier  
 2C Mandawuy Bell, Joshua Wheeler  
 3C Ashley Bowling, Chloe McCafferty  
 4W Hugh Terry, Lily Tainsh  
 5/6C Ashton Brown, Shane Leach  
 5/6B Erica Tillman, Ebony Duckworth

**Writer of the Week:** Elisa Allen

**Tables champion of the Week:** Jordan Hartman



Year 3/4 students learning how to bowl at South Grafton bowling greens.

**P&C NEWS:** Brown school skorts are available at the front office for \$12. Three skorts are left with sizes being 2x size 6, 1x size 5.

A Mother's Day stall will be held in week 2 of Term 2. Donations for gifts for the Mother's Day stall can now be sent to the school. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

**Dates to remember:**

**School Banking:** Every Tuesday

**Clarence Science Initiative (CSI):** 30<sup>th</sup> (Mar); 6<sup>th</sup> Apr

**School nurse:** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Easter Hat Parade:** Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Apr

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Mar: Karen Arnett  
Tracey Heywood

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Mar: Julie McHugh

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Apr: Beth Herkess  
Sharen Bagster

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Apr: Beth Herkess  
Sharen Bagster

**Tues 5th April: CANTEEN CLOSED**



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.**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Holiday Fun at Grafton Regional Gallery**

#### **11am Saturday 9 & Wednesday 13 April Spooky Kids' Ghost Tours**

(6-10yrs) FREE - call to book as places are limited on 6642 3177  
each child receives a free ice cream voucher from I Scream

#### **Thursday 14 April**

##### **Postcards with Isabel Borrelli**

10am-12pm Art 4 Joeys (5-7yrs)  
& 1 pm-4 pm Art Adventurers (8-12yrs)  
\$15 per participant  
Selected work joins the Postcards exhibition  
Includes all materials & morning or afternoon tea.  
Pre-paid bookings essential on 6642 3177

#### **Friday 15 April**

##### **Hebel Block Carving with Andrew Shillam**

10am-3pm Art Adventurers (8-12yrs)  
\$25 per participant  
Includes all materials & afternoon tea.  
Pre-paid bookings essential on 6642 3177

## **@ Clarence Valley Libraries**

### **GRAFTON**

#### **Tuesday 12th April 10:30am to 12:00 Badge making**

(5 years + )

#### **Friday 15th April 10:30am to 12:00 Dungeons & Dragons**

(12 yrs + )

#### **Tuesday 19th April 10:00am to 12:00 Board Games**

Fun for the whole family.

### **YAMBA**

#### **Wednesday 13th April from 10:00am Sand Art**

(3-8 yrs)

#### **Wednesday 20th April from 10:00am Badge making**

(5 years + )

### **MACLEAN**

#### **Tuesday 12th April 3:00pm—4:00pm Kite making**

(7-12 yrs)