



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful night the students and staff put on last Wednesday. Thank you to all those parents/carers, grandparents, friends and community members that came along to enjoy the performances. A lot of behind the scenes work goes in to putting together the various items and a special thank you must go out to all the staff involved in helping the students' prepare. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the evening.

The Community of Schools art exhibition will be officially opened on Thursday afternoon. The exhibition will run from the 6th November to the 2nd December. If you are in Grafton and have some time to spare please take the opportunity to visit the Gallery and see the works on display from six schools in the Grafton area.

Thank you to all those parents/carers that have returned their intensive swimming notes. We have exceeded our allocation of spaces and some students may be unable to attend. Swimming school is essentially for those students who are unable to confidently swim 25m. Notes will be sent home early next week to inform parents/carers who will be attending.

The Kindergarten/Stage 1 excursion to the Coffs Harbour Pet Porpoise Pool is set down for Friday 9th November. We are currently organising the Stage 2 excursion. At this stage we are looking at taking students to Woolgoolga and Arrawarra Headland, some of the activities may include a surf lesson and tour of the Arrawarra Headland rock platform and Aboriginal fish traps. Once we have

finalised the details a note will be sent home. It is anticipated that the excursion will take place in the second last week of this term.

Our 2013 Kindergarten orientation will take place on Monday 12th November commencing at 9:30am. All parents/carers of 2013 kinder students are invited to attend the orientation morning which will conclude with a morning tea. If you know of any new families that have moved into the area recently and have kindergarten aged students please encourage them to contact the front office for an information package.

Yesterday all Stage 2/3 teachers were involved in a Focus on Reading training. There will be one more day planned for this year on December 5th and this program of professional development will continue into 2013.

Teachers will shortly begin preparing end of year reports. A number of classes will be completing assessment tasks in the coming weeks. Reports are scheduled to go home on the last Friday of term, 14th December. If any students are absent on this date reports will be mailed home.

"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."
— [Albert Einstein](#)

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AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Catie Holloway, Boweon Arnett, Carter Smith, David Torrens, Shayla Holloway, Taneisha Wilson, Reese Russell, Noah Hayward, Jesse Ross, Callum Quinn, Zekob Simiana, Jade Allen, Janai Ross, Bailey Chalker, Samantha Allen.

Aussie of the Month Award:

Congratulations to Maggie Davis, James Holder-Hemsley, Tarni Napier, Samantha Eather, Miah Bell, Erica Tillman, Bailey Chalker.



Bronze Award: Congratulations to John Connor, Jasmine Wheatley, Julian Torrens, Ambar Daley, Robert Gibson, Andrew Torrens, Alikzander Watters.

Silver Award: Congratulations to Adam Ward, Skye-Anne Young.



Gold Award: Congratulations to Melanie Laurie, Zekob Simiana, Jade Allen, Chellsee Holloway, Mitchell Lentfer, Daniel Pratt, Michael Wright.



Principal's Award: Congratulations to Miah Bell, Adam Wright, Lex Bagster, Kayla Kaptein, Griffin Wheatley, Ebony Duckworth, Charlie Ford, Janai Ross, Erica Tillman, Megan Tillman, Caitlyn Corbett.



Tables Champion: Daniel Pratt**Writer of the Week: Charlie Ford****Book Pack Fees**

Term 4 book pack fees are now due. You can pay \$12.50 by the Term or \$50 for the year. Kindergarten fees are \$10 per term or \$40 for the year. Please pay your fees to the front office as soon as possible. These fees

enable us to provide work books and other supplies to our students.

Art

A number of students from Gillwinga have entered the RSL ANZAC Art Competition. If you would like to view the children's entries visit www.rslanzacartawards.com

Canteen Roster

Mon 12th Nov: Lee Hodge

Tues 13th Nov: Cathy Stahlut, Sharen Bagster

Wed 14th Nov: Tracey Heywood, Ron Holloway

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 11th Dec: Presentation Day

Thursday 13th Dec: Year 6 farewell

Year 6 Farewell

Venue: Grafton Golf Club

Date: Thursday 13th December

Cost: \$30.00 to \$35.00 to be paid prior to 6th December. Time: 6pm-9pm; Dress: Smart casual – Boys: collared shirt, long pants or good shorts; Girls: pretty dress

Parents: drop off and take photos 6-6.30pm. Return at 7.30pm to see children receive graduation certificates and special certificates then dancing.

Canteen News

The last day of canteen for the year will be Wednesday 5th December.

Finger buns will be available again from the canteen on Tuesday 27th November. The cost of a whole bun is \$1.50 and a half bun is \$0.80.

COMMUNITY NEWS**Jacaranda Preschool Ladies Night**

Fundraiser: On 6.30pm, 29th November 2012 at the Grafton Golf Club. Tickets are \$20 and include nibbles and a glass of champagne. This is a great night just for the ladies. There will be plenty of prizes, pampering, and plenty of shopping! Stalls will include homewares, gifts, jewellery, clothing, cosmetics, hair products, handbags, etc. Tickets are available from the Preschool. Phone 66424082 or email jaca@cranes.org.au for more information. Purchase of tickets before the night would be appreciated for catering purposes.