



# Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday a small section of the choir performed at the Grafton Regional Gallery for a group of invited senior citizens. The feedback we received was extremely positive. This is a great form of promotion for our students and our school.

Invitations will be coming home shortly to all year five and year six students for this year's, year six farewell. The farewell will be held at the Golf Club on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm to 9pm. The cost this year will be \$30. The money for this event will need to be paid in full to the front office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Parents and carers are reminded that the date for our 2012 presentation morning will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. All parents, carers, grandparents and community members are invited to come along and recognise the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of our students throughout this year. There is also an opportunity for families, individuals or businesses to sponsor an award on presentation day. If anyone is interested in a sponsorship package (\$20) please contact the front office for more details.

As you are aware the Intensive Swimming program has now commenced and will run until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. The school will be paying for the bus each day but students are reminded that they will need to bring their money for entry into the pool (\$2.60). Please ensure your child has the correct money as the school does not keep change. Swimming school will run each day

unless there is severe weather such as a thunderstorm. For students to get the most out of the program it is important that they try to attend every session over the ten day period.

Last term I mentioned that Gillwinga was working with the Department of Education's promotions officer to update the look of our newsletter and other associated stationery. The design stage of this process is almost complete and we hope to have the draft of two possible designs available for people to have a look at very soon. In anticipation of the draft designs being complete very soon we've also been working with a professional photographer to update a bank of promotional photos.

Those people who regularly read the Daily Examiner would be familiar with the school news section in each Tuesday's edition of the paper. Within the schools section, schools have the opportunity to create their own version of a newspaper. Last year two of our students Charlie Ford and Jaiden Berry received recognition for a story they submitted. This year Gillwinga's Newspaper In Education pages will appear on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Magarry and a group of student's have been interviewing people and drafting their stories ready for publication. This is great opportunity for those students involved to develop their writing and interviewing skills and at the same time gain a little more insight into the work that goes into putting a newspaper together.

Please don't forget the Big River Film Festival at South Grafton High School tonight

commencing at 6:30pm. Entry is via a gold coin donation.

Parents are advised that the canteen will close on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and the last day for Breakfast will be Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” – Dr. Suess

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**AWARDS**

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Angela Cooper, Kiana Cannon, Rahni Holten, Myamee Ferguson, Ryan Fallon, Laura Pratt, Cody Pearce, Cate Duroux, Heavana Currie, Jasmine Wheatley, Jania Ross, Daniel Pratt, Megan Tillman.

**AAA Awards:**

Mereki Bell, Rhani Holten, Ruby West, Jessica Cooper, Mitchell Lentfer.



**Bronze Award:** Congratulations to Catherine Ferguson-Gardner



**Silver Award:**  
Jasmine Wheatley



**Principal's Award:**

Jaime Lowe, Jessica Cooper, Tegan Fallon, Boyd Adams Pursell, Samantha Lennard.



**Tables Champion:** Julian Torrens





**Writer of the Week:** Joseph Skinner



### Stage 1 Excursion

Students from KW, 1C and 2C went to Dolphin Marine Magic (formally known as the Pet Porpoise Pool) in Coffs Harbour. When we got there we were greeted by Amy (Education Officer) and taken to our reserved seating area to watch the Dolphin/Seal Show. They performed lots of tricks and we learnt about how they survive in the wild. After morning tea, we went to have our first lesson covering the life cycles of animals found at the Park. Next, we broke up into groups and toured the park with Amy and Scott. They took us to see the penguins (where we got to hold penguin eggs), the turtles (where we got to touch the turtle's flippers and shell) and also the Solitary Reefs Exhibit where we got to look at many different kinds of marine animals and touch a shark egg. It also had an underwater viewing area where we could observe them interacting in their natural environment.

Receiving a kiss from a seal was a big highlight of the day - we even got a photo to take home!

Our last activity was a lesson on Conservation. We discussed ways in which man can help ensure that these beautiful creatures can survive in our modern world. Thank you to Amy and Scott for providing us with a fun-filled education experience.



Bucky showing us his skills!



Jordan getting a tickly kiss



Jaykila participating in the life cycle lesson



Shayla and Jaykila holding the penguin egg

### Remembrance Day



Charlie and Tegan representing Gillwonga School on Remembrance Day



### 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 before the end of Term. These fees enable us to provide work books and other supplies to our students.

### Dates to Remember:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Presentation Day

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 6 farewell

### Canteen News

The last day of canteen for the year will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Some items may not be available from the canteen as we run the stock out to order fresh stock for next year. There are no pizzas available until next year.

Finger buns will be available again from the canteen on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jaca@cranes.org.au) for more information. Purchase of tickets before the night would be appreciated for catering purposes.