



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parents and carers are reminded that Friday 30th November is the last day of the Intensive Swimming program for 2013. From all reports students have been learning and developing a range of swimming and water safety skills that will help to keep them safe provided they have adult supervision in and around the water.

The end of the year is approaching very fast and we have a number of important events coming up on the calendar that people need to be aware of. The canteen will cease operation on Wednesday 5th December, the last breakfast session will Thursday 6th December and the final gold morning tea is set down for Friday 7th December. Invitations will be sent out soon to those students who are eligible to attend the Gold morning tea.

Our presentation morning is scheduled for Tuesday 11th December commencing at 9:30am followed by a morning tea. This is a great opportunity for the whole school community to come along and recognise the achievements of our students this year.

On Tuesday 11th December we have also scheduled a reward day for all those students who have not been on any level throughout the year. These students will have the opportunity to go bowling. As a thank you, the school will be paying for the cost of the buses and for the bowling. An information and permission note will be sent home this week.

Teachers are currently preparing the end of year reports and these are scheduled to go

out on Friday 14th December. Any student who is absent will have their report posted out to them.

The last day of the 2012 school year for students will be Wednesday 19th December. Teachers will have Thursday 20th and Friday 21st as staff development days and we will be examining the new National Curriculum which will begin in 2014.

Mrs Magarry and a group of students are currently working hard preparing the pages for Gillwinga's Newspapers in Education supplement which will appear in the Daily Examiner on Tuesday 4th December. There are quite a range of interesting stories being prepared and I look forward to seeing and reading the finished product.

Last week I mentioned that the draft versions of the new promotional material would be arriving soon. I have attached a sample of both designs for people to view. If you have any feedback concerning the designs please let us know.

At this point in time the stage two excursion planned for Friday 14th December to Yarrowarra, Woolgoolga and Arrawarra is in doubt as we have very few students who have indicated that they will be attending. Monday 3rd December is the cut off date so we can make a final decision as to whether the excursion will go ahead. If you are intending for your child to participate in the excursion please return the permission note by the end of this week.

“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.” — [Albert Einstein](#)

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Year One Art

Year One have been making gorgeous Rangoni designs. These are a Hindu traditional floor decoration. We used ground rice coloured with food colouring to make some pictures, then used tessellating blocks to create floor designs.



AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Angela Cooper, Kyle Hinch, Jason Wallace, Logan Lafferty, Nicholas Torrens, Maddison Joseph, Johnny Vargas, Koorine Cutmore-Thomas, Nikita Hinch, Dylon Stewart, Samantha Allen, Joshua Hinch, Andrew Torrens, Erica Tillman, Michael Wright.

Bronze Award: Congratulations to Zac Pacey, Cody Pearce, Taneisha Wilson, Joseph Skinner, Shane Leech, Chloe Ferguson-Gardiner.



Silver Award: Congratulations to Xander Fisher, Taj Isenhood, Maddison Joseph, Tarni Napier, Laura Pratt, Ruby West, Shakira Morgan.



Gold Award: Marsel Leach

Principal's Award: Mandawuy Bell, Mereki Bell, Jesse Ross, Chloe McCafferty, Alyssa Chalker, Shayla Holloway, Jaykila O'Driscoll, Jaiden Berry.



Tables Champion: Zac Pacey
Writer of the Week: Latoya Wallace



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 11th Dec: Presentation Day

Thursday 13th Dec: Year 6 farewell
(payment \$30 to front office by 5th December)

Canteen News

The last day of canteen for the year will be Wednesday 5th December and the last day for Breakfast will be Thursday 6th 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 or sausage rolls available until next year.

School Banking

The last day for school banking for the year will be Monday 10th December.

You could go into the draw to win an ipad mini by making a deposit into your school banking account on or before 10th December.

ATTENTION YEAR 7 2013

South Grafton High School's shop, Stacks of Stuff are extending their hours of business. On the 17/12, 18/12 and 19/12 the shop will be open from 1:30pm to 3pm.

Year 7 book packs will be available at the shop until 19/12 at the reduced price of \$50, which includes a school calculator. The shop also sells sports uniforms, a range of stationary and USB's.