



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of students and staff I'd like to extend a big thank you to all those parents, grandparents and community members who attended our presentation morning, this morning. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our major prize winners for 2012

- Dux – Megan & Erica Tillman
- School Citizenship – Charlie Ford
- Harmony Award – Ebony Duckworth
- School Medal recipients – Charlie Ford, Megan Tillman, Erica Tillman, Damian Duroux, Tegan Fallon, Ebony Duckworth & Jaiden Berry
- Sportsman – Damian Duroux
- Sportswoman - Melanie Laurie
- Cathy O'Meara – Angela Cooper
- Minister Fraternal – Anthony Naiper
- Karen Parker Memorial – Michael Wright
- Senior Public Speaking – Erica Tillman
- Junior Public Speaking – Krystelle Lentfer
- Mathematics – Erica Tillman
- Science & Technology – Mitchell Lentfer
- Music – Charlie Ford
- Creative Arts – Jade Allen
- English – Megan Tillman
- HSIE – Jaiden Berry
- PD/H/PE – Tegan Fallon
- Reach for the Stars – Zekob Simiana
- Quicksmart – Chloe Ferguson-Gardiner

On Wednesday 12th December Aunty Irene Daley and a group of students from South Grafton High School presented some original art work to the students of Gillwinga.

A special reminder to all students and especially year six students, could you please return all your Library books by the end of this week as Mrs Davis is currently completing the annual stocktake.

Monday 17th December will be a mufti day for all students as they will be involved in class parties and Santa will be coming along to visit the infants classes.

Tuesday 18th December will be the Principal's Award treat day. All those students who achieved Principal's award level will be going to Minnie Water for the day. Ms Cross, Miss Watters and Mr Gallagher will be accompanying the students for the day. All those students who are attending are asked to please return their permission notes by the end of this week.

The final day for students will be Wednesday 19th December. Staff will be involved in two days of Professional Learning on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December. Staff will be completing an online course "The Learning and the New Curriculum" which ties in with the implementation of the new National Curriculum planned for 2014. They will also be involved in Anaphylaxis training as the Department of Education and Communities have issued new guidelines for 2013.

Staff will return to school on Tuesday 29th January 2013. All students except for

Kindergarten will commence on Wednesday 30th January. 2013 Kindergarten students will be involved with Best Start Testing on Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February with their first official full day being Monday 4th February.

As this is our last Newsletter for the year I would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

"When it hurts to look back, and you're afraid to look ahead, you can look beside you and your best friend will be there."

Mr Phil Cavanagh
Principal

Presentation Day





Principal's Award: Congratulations to Melanie Laurie, Damian Duroux



Writer of the Week: Rahni Holten



AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Boveon Arnett, Maggie Davis, James Holder-Hemsley, Lachlan Hayward, Tylah Connor, Ruby West, Candice Holloway, Zac Pacey, Jaime Lowe, Miah Bell, Caitlyn Corbett, Yarnee Hodge, Skye-Anne Young, Shane Leach, Anthony Napier.

Silver Award: Congratulations to Damian Duroux

Gold Award: Congratulations to Adam Ward

Tables Champion: James Holder-Hemsley



Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge. What a great achievement!



Year 6 Gift

Thank you to Year 6 who have given the school this garden seat for students to enjoy.



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 19th Dec: Last day of school

Wednesday 30th January: First day of school for 2013 (except Kindergarten).

Aunty Irene and South Grafton High School Artists



Canteen News

The canteen is now closed until school resumes next year.

School Banking

School banking is now finished until school resumes next year.

Lost and Found

A pair of reading glasses were found at school during our presentation morning on Tuesday. Please contact the front office if they belong to you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Grafton Art Gallery – Archibald Prize 2012 now at the Gallery. Visit the website www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au for Kids Holiday Workshops.