



Gillwinga Public School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Thursday 6th December is the last day for the "Crunch and Sip" program for 2012. On behalf of the students and staff I would like to thank Sharen Bagster, Sue Osborn and Michaela Kaptein for their efforts in supplying each class with a fruit and vegetable platter each Thursday. It has been interesting to notice the shift in eating habits of some of the students from being very fussy and picky eaters to becoming much more willing to try a greater variety of fruit and vegetables.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the canteen, school banking, book club, P&C and elsewhere at the school during the year. Without your valuable time we could not offer the students these extra opportunities.

On Wednesday 5th December all stage two and stage three teachers will be attending the last Focus On Reading day for 2012 which will be held at Nymboida Public School. This program has provided staff with an opportunity to discuss and review their teaching practises specifically in the area of comprehension and examine ways of applying the "Super Six Strategies", Making Connections, Predicting, Questioning, Monitoring, Visualising and Summarising in their classrooms and across all Key Learning Areas of the curriculum.

Just a final reminder that the canteen will cease operation for 2012 on Wednesday 5th December and the last day that staff will provide breakfast for students will be Thursday 6th December. Our presentation

morning will be held on Tuesday 11th December commencing at 9:30am with a morning tea to follow for parents and invited guests. Also on Tuesday 11th will be a treat day for all those students who have not been placed on Orange, Purple or Red levels throughout the year.

A new note regarding the stage two excursion was handed out last week. We have been able to reduce the cost to \$20 per student. This cost is based on thirty students participating in the excursion. The final day for numbers is Friday 14th December. If we have insufficient numbers the excursion will not be able to be run.

The year six farewell will be held on Thursday 13th December at the Golf Club commencing at 6:00pm. Students are asked to finalise their payment at the front office by Wednesday 5th December as we need to supply numbers to the club.

On Wednesday 12th December Auntie Irene Daley and a group of South Grafton High students will be presenting some original art work that they have created for Gillwinga. The short presentation will take place in the hall commencing at 9:30am, all parents and community members are invited to attend.

On the weekend one of the staff came across an interesting article in one of the supplements supplied with a weekend paper. The article made reference to a book of short essays published in 1988 by American writer Robert Fulghum. It was called "*All I Really Needed to Know I Learned In Kindergarten*" it included basic rules for a healthy, safe and

sane adult life all learned in kindy, including the following simple rules

- Share
- Play fair
- Don't hit other people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up your mess
- Say sorry when needed
- When you go out in the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together

These ideals are quite simple but yet if we adhered to them it would make everyone's life a little easier and hopefully a little less stressful.

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We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. **Mother Teresa**

Mr Phil Cavanagh
Principal

Book Pack Fees

Please pay any outstanding fees to the front office by the end of Term. These fees assist with the purchase of text books and other items given out in the classroom.

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 11th Dec: Presentation Day 9.30am

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Party

Who? Multicultural Community members

*When? Saturday 15th December 2012,
1100am- 2pm*

Where? Grafton Community Function Centre

Bring? A plate of your traditional Christmas cuisine to share with the group.

Camelia Cottage Christmas Party

Saturday 15th December at Bob Liddy Park, Rushforth Road, South Grafton (the park behind the cottage) at 4pm. Performances by Gillwinga school, ponyrides, games, jumping castle, traditional Aboriginal dance. Contact Amanda for further details ph 66431566.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Kai Connor, Chantel Fisher, Chance Fuller, Bree Duckworth, Shakira Morgan, Tarni Napier, Lindsay Hinch, Zeek Cannon, Jesse Ross, Chloe McCafferty, Kyarne O'Brien, Lily Tainsh, Griffin Wheatly.

Aussie of the Month: Congratulations to Samantha Lennard, Carter Smith, Nicholas Torrens, Ezekiel Cannon, Jaime Lowe, Jade Allen, Adam Ward, Kayla Kaptein, Lily Tainsh.



Bronze Award: Congratulations to Joseph Skinner, Callum Quinn.



Silver Award: Congratulations to Annabelle Morgan, Maggie Davis, Samantha Allen, John Connor.



Gold Award: Congratulations to Connor O'Brien, Noah Hayward.



Principal's Award: Congratulations to Hamilton Currie

Writer of the Week: Tylah Connor

Tables Champion: Elisa Allen

