



# Newsletter

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## INDIGENOUS HIP HOP PROJECT

On Monday we had a visiting Hip Hop dance crew called the Solid Mob do a presentation for us and give some very important healthy lifestyle messages. The leader of the crew, Michael, explained that too many kids are smoking at a young age and all the poisons in cigarettes are killing our community. Through their dance routines they tried to develop student's confidence and the ability to say no if they are put under pressure to do things they know are wrong or unhealthy. Everyone enjoyed the show but it was the dance session after that had most people talking. The crew taught everyone a dance routine then challenged individuals to show their new found confidence by dancing as individuals or as a group in front of the whole school. It was great to see students show a growth in confidence. The Solid Mob dance crew and the Indigenous Health Unit will be running a community function on Friday afternoon where students are invited to join students from other schools who have learnt the same dance routine in a combined dance. There will also a free sausage sizzle for all members of the community that attend. It will be held at the Grafton Community centre in Duke Street.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

All members of the community are reminded to be careful about what they post on social media sites and their reference to individuals and institutions. If

you do not have tightly restricted access to your content it means that comments you make can be viewed by anybody, can be taken out of context or misinterpreted and cause unintended anguish to innocent or protected individuals or groups. A simple rule to follow is "If you would not stand up and say it to an audience of people you know, do not announce it to an audience of strangers".

## BUTTERFLY HOUSE EXCURSION

Last Thursday Kindergarten and stage one students attended the butterfly house near Coffs Harbour. Students learnt about the lifecycle of a butterfly and participated in lots of activities including making a lifecycle with pasta, planting a seed to eventually attract monarch butterflies, interact with butterflies in the enclosure and go in the maze. On the way they had a fun time at a park at Woolgoolga. Everyone had a great day. Thanks teachers for all your organisation.

## STAGE 2 EXCURSION

On Friday Year 3 students went to Yarrowarra and Arrawarra. They had an excellent cultural experience learning about bush tucker and survival skills. After their walk they went to the museum where they looked at artefacts and learnt more about the local area and it's indigenous culture. Next they went to the fish traps at Arrawarra Headland which are one of the only two still in existence in Australia.



Students were fascinated looking at what is called the sand bank dump which has been exposed through recent erosion and has revealed 100s of years of discarded objects buried in the sand. Students finished the day rock climbing and playing at the beach. They had beautiful weather and a great day. Thanks to the teachers for their organisation and support.

## STAGE 3 CAMP

Years 4/5/6 will go on camp from the 2nd to the 4th Dec to the Nymboida Canoe Centre. All payments for the camp need to be finalised by this Friday 22nd November. Based upon the number of final payments on Friday, food will then be ordered, final accommodation will be booked and organisation of groupings, bunk buddies and other safety and medical arrangements will be finalised.

## SCHOOL LEADERS 2014

Current Year 5 students are encouraged to nominate to be one of our school leaders for next year. They need to do the following things:

1. Inform Mr. Simpson by Friday 29th that you wish to nominate.
2. Prepare a speech outlining why you would be a great leader for our school. Your class teacher will be happy to help you with this.
3. Deliver the speech to the school. This will happen as part of the whole school assembly on Friday 6.12.13.

Our school leaders will be announced at the school presentation day on Tuesday 10.12.13.

## CANTEEN MILK PROMOTION

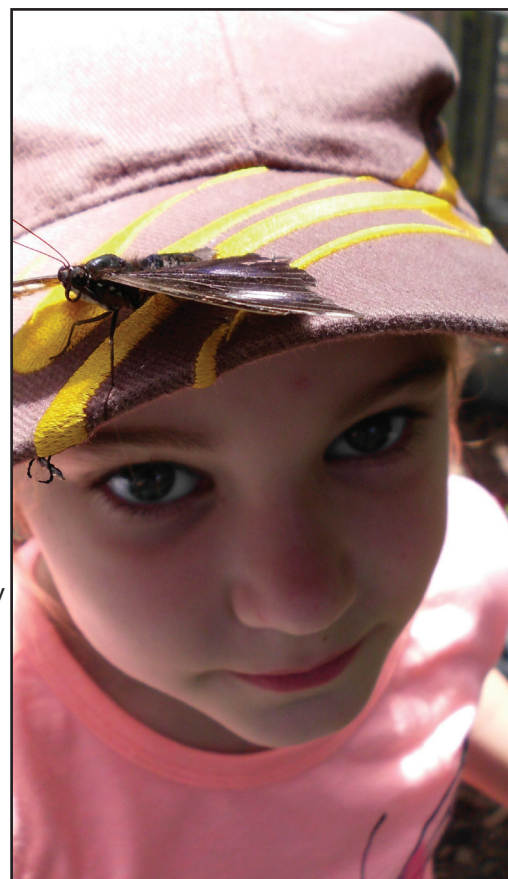
All students are reminded that this is the last week of the milk promotion. Any student who purchases a milk related product will go into the running for a football for the boys and or netball for the girls. The draw for these prizes will be made at the Friday assembly this week.

## GILLWINGA'S GOT TALLENT

The auditions will be finalised this week and the finalists will be notified on Monday. The finalists will have dress rehearsals on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th of November. The Grand Final will be held on Thursday 28th at 12:30 pm. Members of the community are invited to attend this event.

## CANTEEN

We are seeking volunteers for the canteen for next year. At present we only have enough volunteers to have the canteen open 1 day per week. If you can assist, please leave your name and contact number at the front office as soon as







possible, otherwise we will not be able to offer this service to our children. The money raised from the canteen goes directly back into the P&C funds which supply extra resources for the benefit of all students.

## LIBRARY

The stocktake for the library will start shortly. Could all library books be returned by Friday of this week. Could parents please assist in searching for any overdue books as there are a number of students who have overdue library books and these need to be accounted for in our stocktake. Thank you for your help in maintaining our library resources. Invoices to pay for the replacement cost of outstanding books will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

## AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Cooper Mellish, Nathan Hamilton, Breanna Hamilton, Marsel Leach, Hayley Woolley, James Holder-Hemsley, Zac Pacey, Reese Russell, Kyarne O'Brien, Adam Ward.

Bronze Award Winners: Hayley Cavanaugh-Roberts

Gold Award Winners: Jimmy Kennedy, Adam Ward, Lachlan Hayward, John Connor.

Writer of the Week: Tables Champion of the Week:

Principal's Award: Chantelle Wallace, Carter Smith, Lex Bagster, Kayla Kaptein.

## SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will finish for the year on Monday 2nd December. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you must redeem them before this date as they cannot be carried over to next year due to a system change. Select the reward item you want on the coupon (see Mrs Kaptein if you don't have one) and include your 10 tokens with your next school banking deposit.

New reward items will be available next year and two new reward items will be available each term. Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. The rule of one money box per year has been removed so they can be ordered until the end of this year with your 10 tokens.

## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 Farewell dinner will be on Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm at the Grafton Golf Club (Bent Street, South Grafton) for students in Years 5 and 6. Cost is \$25 per student. Invitations will be sent home soon. Payment will need to be made to the front office in early December. Dress code: Neat and tidy, collared shirt and long shorts or long trousers for boys and a dress or skirt/top for girls.





## LOVE YOUR SISTER FUNDRAISER

This Friday 22.11.13 Samuel Johnson will ride unicycle into Gillwinga PS as part of LOVEYOURSISTER national ride. On Friday we will be having a "CRAZY HAIR DAY" as a fund raiser to support Sam and his charity. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation. Even if student do not wish to participate in the crazy hair they are encourage to support this worthwhile event. Those students attending swim school are reminded that hair spray is not permitted in the pool so do not wear it this time.

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Every year our year 6 students conduct fundraising to develop leadership skills and leave a legacy to the school. This year they are planning an extravaganza that includes a mufti day, a sausage sizzle plus drink and a disco. The year 6 students will be busy organising all of these activities in one day and incredible value. Only \$5 for everything.....get dressed up....dinner....and a show for only 5 bucks....bargain. Please get your money and notes back ASAP so the organisation can be completed and nobody misses out.



## TITANS AGAINST BULLYING

Members from the Gold Coast Titans playing group and rugby league development officers will be at our school on Monday 25th November to help deliver anti-bullying messages and engage with the students at our school.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The healthy lifestyle messages and having the strength to make smart choices while under pressure reminded me of something written by perhaps the most read author in recent times. I wonder who can name the author? The message is very relevant though. We have all heard and told far too many stories that began "He/She had so much potential but....."

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities"

## CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

Celebration concerts are being held at the Conservatorium at 8 Villiers Street, Grafton on Friday 22nd November at 7pm, Saturday 23rd November at 3pm and 7pm and Sunday 24th November at 3pm. Tickets available at the door. Phone 6643 3555 for more information.

