



Newsletter

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END OF YEAR EXCURSIONS

With the end of year fast approaching we have a number of things happening over the next few weeks. Students in years 4/5/6 will go on camp next week. Please ensure that all students have the required items, a packing list has been sent home and all students should be aware of what they are required to bring.

Just a reminder that overnight excursions only happen as a result of the willingness of those staff involved to give up time away from their families. It is important that parents/carers and community members understand that these extra curricula activities are not a mandatory part of the curriculum so it is important that students behave accordingly and follow all the directions of school staff and activities directors from the canoe centre.

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 4/5/6

Also on Friday a representative from the Aboriginal Medical Services will be coming to school to discuss Hygiene issues with all year 4/5/6 students. All parents and carers are invited to attend. The talk will take place in the hall after our regular Friday morning assembly.

LOVE YOUR SISTER FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to whole school community for their participation in the

“LOVE YOUR SISTER” national ride fundraiser held last week with Sam Johnson. Our crazy hair day raised just over \$300 for breast cancer research. This is a fantastic effort for a school of our size and comments were passed onto us from Sam’s management team in regards to the high level of participation of the whole school community and they were extremely grateful for our involvement.

TITANS VISIT

On Monday this week we were lucky enough to have a visit from members of the Gold Coast Titans National Rugby League team. The players were here to deliver two messages to students. The first was about the importance of maintaining a fit, healthy and active lifestyle – The message was “Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well”, some simple phrases but all too often we ignore them as a result of our everyday hectic lifestyle.

The second message was based around anti-bullying, there is “No Shame in saying No”. It is important that we all work together to stamp out bullying and support those students who may be victims of bullying by backing them up and giving the message that bullying is a “No-go”.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Invitations for the Year Six Farewell have gone out to all students. The Farewell will be held at the South Grafton Golf Club on the



11th December from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The RSVP for the farewell is the 4th December. Students, Parents/Carers need to be aware that to be eligible to attend student's need to ensure they meet the expectations in regards to behaviour and attendance.

LIFE EDUCATION

Life Education will be launching a new program for 2014 and the launch will be conducted here at Gillwinga. This is the second time that our school has been selected to hold a launch and it certainly is a great opportunity to gain some publicity for our school. The launch is set down for 12th December. More information will be forwarded once it comes to hand.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Those students who wish to nominate for a leadership position in 2014 are reminded that nominations are due to Mr. Simpson by Friday 29th November and that speeches need to be prepared and delivered on Friday 6th November.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I often tell students that one of the most things they will do is to choose who their friends are. We can never force people to be friends it has to be by choice. The other important thing is manners. A simple please and thank you and goes a long way. These two simple things are summed quite nicely in this quote from by Margaret Walker "Friends and Manners will carry you where money won't go".

CANTEEN

Milk winners are Kane Pacey and Elisa Allen. Thank you to all students for your participation.

The last day of canteen for the year will be Wednesday 4th December (next week). Some lunch order items may need to be swapped for something else if we are

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. Without your help we will be unable to offer this extra service to our students. The profits from the canteen return to the school P&C funds which contribute to additional resources for the children.





LIBRARY

The stocktake for the library will start next week. 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: Jimmy Kennedy, Trent Pearce, Chance Fuller, Angela Cooper, Adam Wright, Jordan Hartmann, Cate Duroux, Krystelle Lentfer, Madison Beilby, Nicola Woolley.

AAA Award Winners: Sidney Kelly, Logan Lafferty, Lachlan Hayward, Allierah Christian, Jasmine Wheatley.

Silver Award Winners: Bayden Fritz, Heavana Currie, Yarnee Hodge, Samantha Logan.

Gold Award Winners: Latoya Wallace, Ashley Bowling, Tylah Connor, Alyssa Chalker, Isaiah Thornton, Madison Beilby, Hugh Terry, Nicola Woolley.

Principal's Award: Anthony Napier, Griffin Wheatley, Rose Williams, Zekob Simiana, Jordan Hartmann, Elisa Allen.

Writer of the Week: Jaime Lowe. Times Tables Champion of the Week: Heavana Currie

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will finish for the year on Monday 2nd December. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmite 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.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY

Don't forget the year 6 fundraiser this Friday 29th November. This is an extravaganza that includes a mufti day, a sausage sizzle plus drink and a disco. Please get your money and notes back by tomorrow so the organisation can be completed and nobody misses out.

