



# Newsletter

**Gillwinga**  
Public School

A Leader in Excellence, Innovation + Opportunity



Science & Technology: Lex Bagster  
Music: Kayla Kaptein  
Creative Arts: Griffin Wheatley  
Dux of School: Kyarne O'Brien  
School Citizenship: Lex Bagster  
Public Speaking: Griffin Wheatley  
English: Kyarne O'Brien  
HSIE: Anthony Napier  
PD/Health/PE: Samantha Logan  
Reach for the Stars: Justin Snow, Maddison Joseph, Ashley Bowling.  
Quicksmart: Mickayla Joseph, Melanie Laurie

School Medal: Lex Bagster, Kayla Kaptein, Mickayla Joseph, Anthony Napier, Zekob Simiana, Griffin Wheatley, Rose Williams, Hugh Terry, Madison Beilby.

## WHAT IS SUCCESS?

Yesterday we recognised the successes of our students, but how do you measure success? Success can be in many different forms. John Wooden an American Basketball player was quoted as saying that "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming".

Ayn Rand a novelist and playwright said "The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity". It is true that we may not have the outstanding academic results of some of the larger schools but are we still considered a success and the answer I believe is a very loud YES as we provide enormous opportunities for our students.

Gillwinga provides opportunities

## PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers and community members who were able to attend our presentation morning on Tuesday, your continued support is greatly appreciated by all the students and staff of Gillwinga. Congratulations to the following students on their awards received yesterday at our special awards ceremony:

Excellence and Encouragement Awards: Oscar Wales, Cooper Mellish, Kolarah Newman, Sidney Kelly, Kai Connor, Logan Lafferty, Marsel Leach, Holly Joseph, Elisa Allen, Jordan Hartmann, Lachlan Hayward, Carter Smith, Krystelle Lentfer, Heavana Currie, Zac Pacey, Jesse Ross, Mickayla Joseph, Kyarne O'Brien, Jasmine Wheatley, Hugh Terry.

Citizenship Award: Chantelle Wallace, Bradley Woolley, Justin Snow, Breanna Hamilton, Alyssa Chalker, Ryan Fallon, Jamie Lowe, Hanna Kaptein, Johen Connor, Zekob Simiana.

Cathy "Meara Award: Jaxon O'Brien

Ministers Fraternal Award: Heavana Currie

Karen Parker Memorial Award: Lex Bagster

Harmony Award: Rose Williams

Sportswoman: Jesse Ross

Sportsman: Lex Bagster

Mathematics: Kyarne O'Brien



for students in Public Speaking, Debating, Art Competitions and Exhibitions, Choir/Band, Skipping, Excursions, International competitions, Leadership and much more. These opportunities exist for our students but it is really up to them to take up the challenge and become involved and be the best that they can be.

It is important that as a school community we promote our success of providing opportunities for students and encourage children to be involved in all aspects of school life.

Success is not just being the best at something it is being the best that you can be.

## THANK YOU

I would also like to recognise again the many years of service that Sharen Bagster and Michelle Tanish have given to the students of Gillwinga through their tireless work in the canteen and the P&C. This year we also say goodbye to the following families (Beilby, Laurie, Logan, Simiana, Terry, Vinnall-Rainbow, Ward, Wheatley and Williams) I would like to wish them all well in the future as their children head to High School in 2014. To all those parents/carers whom we say goodbye to after a long association with over many years, thank you for your support and wish you and your children all the best for the future.

## STRANGER DANGER

I'm sure most parents/carers would have heard the disturbing news concerning a young child being approached by a stranger in a car in the local area. As the holidays draw nearer and new people move into the area it is always a good idea to reinforce the idea of stranger danger with your children. If parents/carers have any concerns their first port of call should always be the local police.

## TERM 1, 2014

Term One 2014 will commence for staff on Tuesday 28th January, students in year one to six on will start on Wednesday 29th January. Those students enrolling in Kindergarten in 2014 should have been their Best Start Assessment times, if you are unsure of this please contact Mrs Perl at the school to confirm your time. 2014 Kindergarten students will officially start school on Monday 3rd February.







## AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Kolarah Newman, Nyree Browning, Boyd Adams Pursell, Chance Fuller, Elisa Allen, Adam Wright, Carter Smith, Connor O'Brien, Codie Pearce, Jaime Lowe, Joe Bowling, Lily Tainsh

Silver Award Winners: Zac Pacey, Bayden Fritz, Trey Isenhood

Gold Award Winners: Candice Holloway, Jessica Cooper, Jaime Lowe.

Principals Award: Hanna Kaptein, Krystelle Lentfer, Jesse Ross, Cooper Mellish, Bradley Woolley, Jaxon O'Brien, Sidney Kelly, Hugh Terry, Madison Beilby.

Aussie of the Month: Malakai Fernando, Justin Snow, Shayla Holloway, Reese Russell, Hugh Terry, Madison Beilby.

Writer and Maths Champion: Chance Fuller and Holly Joseph

## LOST KEYS

Two keys were found in the playground last week. If they belong to you please contact the front office.

## MILO CRICKET IN THE HOLIDAYS

Girls and boys aged 8-12 years can join in with Milo Cricket played at Ellem Oval, Oliver Street, Grafton, on Thursday 16th & Friday 17th January 2014 from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Bring sports clothes and shoes, hat, sunscreen & water bottle. Cost is \$99 which includes t-shirt, hat & other giveaways. To secure your place register before 1st January 2014 at [www.t20blast.com.au](http://www.t20blast.com.au)

