



Newsletter

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CANTEEN

The canteen will run the full menu next Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday 2nd December (week 9) will be the last day of canteen for the year. There will be no canteen in weeks 10 and 11. If you are able to help at the canteen (usually 1 day per month) please let the front office know.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The last 2014 school day for students will be Wednesday 17th December.

Just another reminder about up-coming dates:

- Tuesday 9th Dec Presentation Day
- Wednesday 10th Dec Yr 6 Farewell – RSVP and money paid by Monday 1st Dec
- Friday 12th Dec Reports Home
- Class Xmas parties Friday 12th – Wk 10
- Monday 15th Dec Principals Reward Day

ORAL CARE DAY

Hopefully every family received a note about the South's Oral Care day set down for Tuesday 2nd December. This is indeed a great opportunity for Gillwinga to host the program. It is vitally important that all permission notes are returned before Tuesday 2nd December.

PLAYGROUP

It was great to see that some of our "Ready Set Go" students and families took the opportunity to attend the playgroup session last Friday. With only four playgroup sessions left this year it is important that families make full use of this wonderful resource.

4/5/6 CAMP

This week 4/5/6 will head off to camp at Yarrowarra. Mr Simpson, Ms Cross, Mr Duroux and Miss K. Baker have a full itinerary planned for the students and hopefully the weather gods will co-operate. It is important that all students, parents and carers understand the enormous amount of work that has gone into the planning and organisation of this excursion. As a result students must understand and accept the responsibility for their behaviour and attitude toward all Gillwinga staff, Yarrowarra staff and any other staff from outside agencies that are helping out with activities over the three day period. Those students who are attending the camp are representatives of the



school and as such we have a high expectation in regards to their behaviour.

PEER SUPPORT & LEADERSHIP

On Thursday 4th December, senior students will have their final day with Miss Katie Pitsis. We have also organised for some of the peer support leaders from South Grafton High School for 2015 to also attend the day. This will provide a great opportunity for our students to interact and get to know some of the student leadership group at the high school for 2015.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

2014 was the final year for the transition phase of the school uniform. As of 2015 the official school uniform shirt will be brown and yellow. These shirts are available from the front office. Although students finish school on Wednesday 17th December, the office will remain open on Thursday and Friday of that week if parents or carers wish to purchase any uniform items.

SWIM SCHOOL

Thank you to all those students who are currently participating in Swim School. Reports from the pool have been very pleasing regarding student's attitude and behaviour. It is always great to hear positive comments about our students.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Last week Mr Simpson was involved in a Facebook course and we are very close to going live with a Gillwinga Facebook page. The impetus for this page came about from the information we received from our recently conducted phone survey. The aim of the page is to provide another source of information about the exciting things that are happening at Gillwinga. Information will be sent out to all families when the page is up and running along with the rules regarding posting comments.

CSI INFORMATION EVENING

Those parents and carers who have students attending CSI in 2015 are reminded that an information evening will be held this Wednesday 26th December, starting at 5.30pm in the SGHS Library.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Watching children grow up, you learn a lot about life and about being a better person - you learn a lot about what's really important in the world and what isn't." – Sharon Stone





LIBRARY

We are currently doing library stocktake and have a number of books still out on loan. Please return these books this week to the front office or if they are lost or damaged please pay the replacement cost to the front office. If you are unsure of the cost of replacement please contact us.

SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school banking will be Monday 1st December. This day will be the last order for reward items.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Little Smarties Christmas Party Wednesday 3rd December 10.30-12.00 at Grafton Regional Gallery for Pre-school aged children.

Grafton City Tennis Club Open Day, Saturday 29th November between 9.30 and 1.30pm. For more info visit www.tennis.com.au/grafon or phone Phil on 0422586089.

