



# Newsletter

**Gillwinga**  
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## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT GILLWINGA

As the year quickly draws to a close there are still lots of things happening over the next few weeks.

### This week

- Tuesday we had the South's Oral Care program which was a great advertisement for our school.
- Thursday will be the third and final day of our high school transition program with Katie Pitsis. We will also have a number of South Grafton High students attending on the day.
- Friday this week is the second last assembly for the year, 4/5s will be running this week's assembly
- Friday playgroup will continue

### Next week

- Tuesday is Presentation day assembly – Start time is 9.30am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.
- Wednesday is the year six farewell with a 6:00pm for 6:30 start at the Golf

### Club

- Thursday 4/5/6 students will have the opportunity to visit "The Cricket World Cup Travelling Roadshow" – more information will be coming home shortly
- Friday will be class parties. Teachers will send information relevant to their particular class
- Friday reports are scheduled to be sent home
- Friday playgroup will continue
- Friday year 3 excursion to Yarrowarra
- Friday Year 6 final assembly

The last day for students for 2014 is Wednesday 17th of December. The school will remain open until Friday 19th of December.

## ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Brian Nipps from 5/6C who has won this weeks "Art for My Room" competition. You can view Brian's award winning piece of art on the "Art for My Room" website <http://www.art4myroom.com.au/art-of-the-week/>. Brian's green sea turtle will remain on the site until Wednesday 10th December. Thank you to Mrs Magarry for entering Brian in this competition.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM 2015

Parents and carers are again reminded that at the beginning of



the 2015 school year all students should be wearing the new brown and yellow shirt. These are available from the front office. There are a small number in the clothing pool if anyone is interested in purchasing these at a reduced price.

## HOCKEY SKILLS

Over the last two weeks our K/1/2 students have had the opportunity to participate in a hockey skills program run by the Grafton Hockey Association. Mrs Baker has reported that the students have had an excellent time learning the skills of the game with Joel from the Hockey Association. The K/1/2 students and staff would like to thank the Grafton Hockey Association and Joel for giving them the opportunity to participate in the program.

## YEARS 4/5/6 CAMP

Thank you to all those students who attended the year 4/5/6 camp at Yarrowarra last week. From all reports most people seem to have a good time and were able to enjoy themselves despite some miserable weather. I dropped in to camp on both nights and was extremely impressed to see that people were working well together in their designated group to help prepare, serve and clean up after the evening meal. I also heard reports of some very tired and aching bodies after the canoe trip and bush walk but was lucky enough to see some happy smiling faces and lots of laughter during the surfing lessons. Photos from the camp have been added to the school website.

Thank you to all the staff that participated in the camp without them our students wouldn't have these sort of opportunities presented to them.

## ASSEMBLY AND BAND

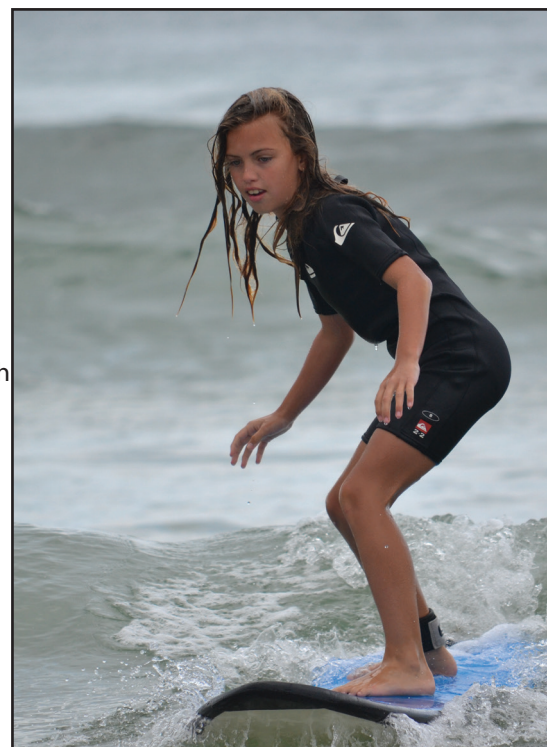
The band will be performing at assembly on Friday so please come along and encourage the students. We have been extremely lucky to have the support of the Clarence Valley Conservatorium and Ms Chris Edwards who have been vital in keeping both the band and choir programs running in our school. Gillwinga is currently the only small school to have both a band and a choir program, both of which provide excellent opportunities for our students to develop their skills in the Performing Arts and participate in the many community activities that provide recognition for both the school and the students.

## PRESENTATION DAY

This year we have been extremely lucky to receive a number of donations from various families and we are very appreciative of this generosity. This week I would like to recognise the Watters family (Miss Watters) for their donation towards prizes for our up-coming presentation day.

## CSI INFORMATION EVENING

Fingers crossed that the weather will be good for the year three excursion planned for this Friday to Yarrowarra and Arrawarra Headland.







## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"I wanted freedom, open air and adventure and I found it on the sea" – Alain Gerbault

## LIBRARY

Please return all library books this week to the front office or if they are lost or damaged please pay this amount to the front office.

## CANTEEN

The school canteen has now closed for the remainder of the year. If you can assist next year please contact the front office. This is usually only 1 day per month.

