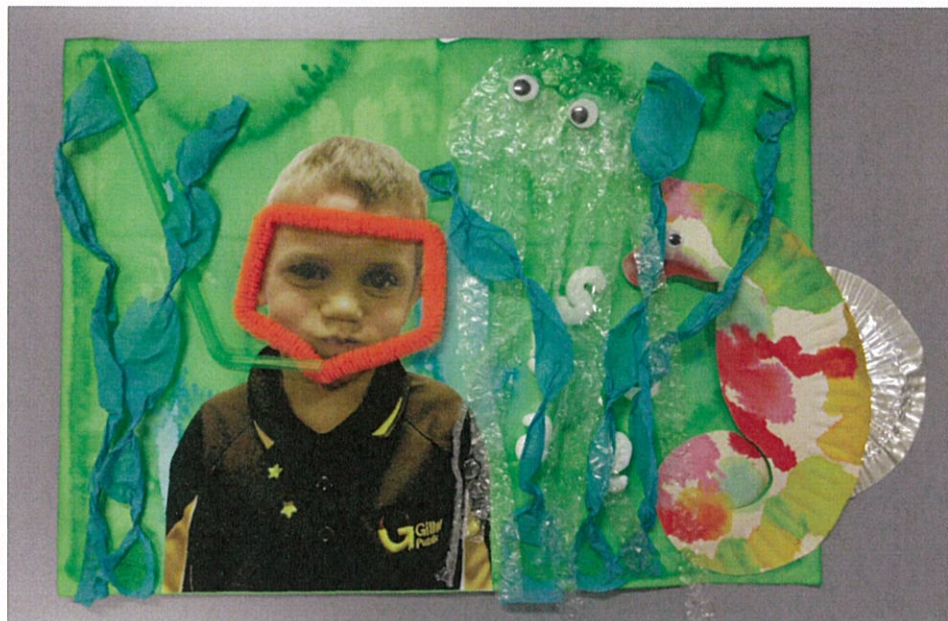




Newsletter

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Carter Smith who recently received a music scholarship from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium. This is the second year in a row that Carter has received such an award and recognises the hard work and dedication that he has put into his music.

CSI PROGRAM

Congratulations to four of our students who have been selected as part of the CSI program for 2016. CSI is a science extension program run at South Grafton High School for year 5 and 6 students. In 2016 Gillwinga will have four students in the program; Carter Smith, Jaykila O'Driscoll, Nathan Weatherall and Elisa Allen. Not only is this a great opportunity for these students but it also recognises the work of our teachers at Gillwinga in providing students with the skills needed to be part of this program.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

As part of our Wellbeing program we will be starting our Gold Morning Tea's this week to recognise the achievements of the students. As there are quite a few students who have achieved gold level this year we will hold a number of morning teas over the coming weeks and eligible students will receive their invitation in due course. Thank you again to those students and their families for

their continued support.

WATER SAFETY

As summer is with us, beach and water safety is becoming increasingly more important. This week students from K-3 plus those students not attending the Cascade excursion will be involved in the "Beach to the Bush" program. Beach to the Bush is run by Surf Life Saving NSW and aims to teach students the importance of beach and water safety. On Thursday morning two Woolgoolga Surf Life Saving Club members will be visiting the school to talk to students about how they can help themselves and their families stay safe while enjoying themselves at the beach. Any family or community members who would like to come and listen are more than welcome to attend. The talk is due to start at 9:10am in the hall.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Whilst on the subject of water safety we have a number of students participating in this year's Intensive Swimming program at the Grafton Pool. Living in the Clarence Valley we are blessed with a number of spectacular beaches and great river systems. The Intensive Swimming program aims to improve students swimming skills and teach them basic water safety.

Thank you to the majority of students who have been part of this important program for the



excellent behaviour they have demonstrated at the pool and on the bus during the first week of the program. It is always great to receive good news about our students from sources outside of the school. Well done to those students involved and keep up the good work.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder to parents/carers that even though we are drawing closer to the end of the year there is still an expectation that all students will continue to wear their school uniform. If any families are having difficulty obtaining uniforms please contact the front office.

ASSEMBLY

This week 2/30°C will be sharing some of the work they have been doing in class as part our assembly on Friday 27th November. Parents/carers and community members are invited to attend the assembly which will begin at 9:10am in the hall.

YEAR 4/5/6 CAMP

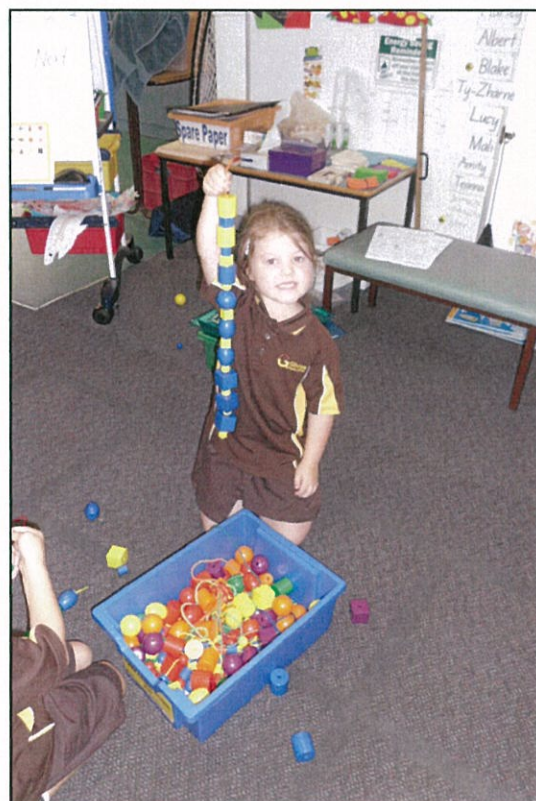
On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week years 4/5/6 will be on camp at the Cascade Environmental Centre. I'm sure they will have a great time. Thank you to Mr. Simpson, Miss K. Baker and Mr Duroux for giving up time away from their families to provide the opportunity for our students to participate in the camp.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION

Parents/carers of year 3 students are reminded that money and permission notes are due by Friday 27th for the up-coming excursion to Yarrowarra Cultural centre at Corindi. The school is paying for the cost of all transport and parents/carers are asked to pay for the cost of the activities. In previous years this excursion has proven to be very popular with the students, so it is important that notes and money are returned by the due date.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Parents/carers of year 5 and year 6 students are reminded that the RSVP and payment for the year 6 farewell is due to Ms Cross by Friday 27th November. It is important that all students, and particularly for those who will be on camp for the remainder of the week, to return their RSVP and money by Friday so as to not miss out on this important end of year function.





BOOKS IN HOMES

On Friday 4th of December students will receive their final pack of books for this year as part of "The Books In Homes" program. Mrs Linda Mulder a retired teacher and long-time supporter of children's literacy programs will be the special presenter at the assembly.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The last day for the school canteen this year will be next Tuesday, 1st December.

SCHOOL BANKING

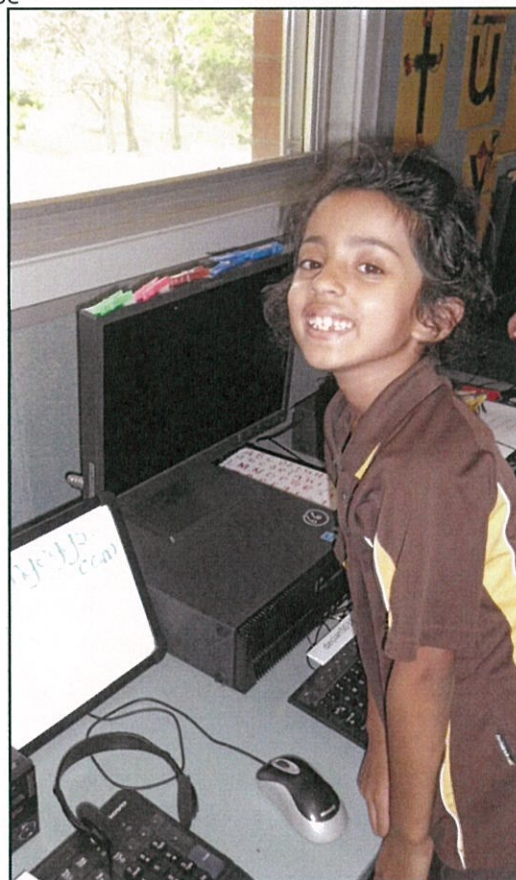
The last day for school banking this year is next Monday 30th November.

LIBRARY STOCKTAKE

Please assist your child in looking for any outstanding library books and return them to the front office this week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible and suddenly you'll be doing the impossible' – Francis of Assisi





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Breast Cancer Survivor