



Newsletter

Gillwinga
Public School

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student's self-confidence and instil in them the importance of working together as a team to solve problems as well as developing the individual skills of perseverance and resilience.

CANTEEN ART WORK

A big thank you to Sandra Sullivan one of our SLSO's. Sandra has been working hard to improve the appearance of our canteen with some of her creative art work. The front doors of the canteen look much brighter and much more attractive thanks to her efforts.

PRESENTATION DAY

All parents/carers and community members are reminded that our presentation day will be held on Tuesday 8th December commencing at 9:30am in the hall. It would be wonderful to see as many people as possible attend this special day to recognise and acknowledge the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students. I would like to thank Ms Cross for all her work in organising this event and I look forward to sharing the success of our students with the community.

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

For those parents/carers who were lucky enough to hear the year five leadership speeches for 2016, I'm sure you will agree that the students did an excellent job in both the preparation and delivery of their speeches. One couldn't help but be impressed by both their organisation and degree of confidence. Congratulations to all those students involved.

BAND TOUR

Congratulations also to all those students who were part of the band tour on Monday. Our students visited both Lawrence and Cowper Public Schools. These small tours are a great opportunity for our students to show-case their talents in the wider community and help develop music appreciation in the schools they visit. Thank you also to Ms Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium for tutoring and conducting the band on this tour and throughout the year. Thanks must also go to Mrs Kaptein and Mrs Fallon for all their enthusiasm and help in transporting the students on this tour and the previous one, plus their involvement in all the other band activities held throughout the year.

LEADERSHIP DAY

This week year five students participated in a leadership day at the Nymboida Canoe Centre in preparation for 2016. The aim of the day was to develop



YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Thank you to all those students and community members who returned their RSVP's for the year six farewell which will be held at the Golf Club on Thursday 10th December. Once again Ms Cross has done an excellent job in getting this organised. Whilst the night is a formal occasion as we say goodbye to the current year six students, it also has a less formal side with the presentation of some special certificates. Those parents who are unable to join us for the meal are invited to come along and be part of the formal side of the evening with the presentation of the year six certificates and enjoy the less formal side when students receive their special certificates.

BOOKS IN HOMES

On Friday this week, students will receive their final "Books in Homes" package for this year. Mrs Linda Mulder a former Grafton Public School teacher and long supporter of children's literacy will be the special presenter at the assembly. On behalf of all the students, parents/carers and staff at Gillwinga I would like to thank the Greater Newcastle Building Society for their sponsorship of the "Books In Homes" program and their helping to instil in all our students a love of reading and a love of books.

REPORTS

Parents/carers are reminded that reports are scheduled to go out on Friday 11th December. Any student who is not at school on that day or any subsequent days in the following week will have their report mailed to the current contact address that we have on file.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION

On Friday this week year 3 students will be visiting the Yarrawarra Cultural Centre at Corindi. The students will be participating in a bush tucker/medicine walk, visiting the ochre rocks at Red Rock and be involved in a rock platform/fish trap tour at Arrawarra headland which also has special significance to indigenous people. Those year 3 students who are involved in the excursion will receive their "Books in Homes" packs at a later date.

YEAR 4/5/6 EXCURSION

From all reports Years 4-5-6 students had a great time at camp. Students did a lot of environmental science activities as well as problem solving, history and physical tasks. Mr Simpson was pleased with everyone's participation and most students were very positive in their comments about their time at Cascade. Special thanks must go to the staff who gave up time with their own families and friends so our students could have





this great opportunity.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Just a reminder that the canteen is now closed for the year.

YOU CAN DO IT

What To Do At Home To Help With Resilience

THINK POSITIVE – Talk about how negative things do and will happen. They happen to everyone. It is how we deal with these situations that shape us and our ability to be successful.

FEELINGS – Encourage discussions about how you and your children feel. It is difficult to manage your emotions if you are not sure of what they are and how they affect you. Positive feelings are just as important to discuss as they are the goals we are chasing in life.

WORKING TOUGH – Discuss that it may be easier to have physical, verbal, emotional outbursts but very little positive comes from them. It is much more difficult to have a thoughtful response to a difficult situation but there are far more long term successes as a result.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Life is not a problem to be solved but a reality to experience' – Soren Kierkegaard



Emotional Resilience





TITANS 4 TOMORROW &
SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY TOUCH
FOOTY CARNIVAL



Come
meet
Presto and
the rest of
T4T!



Southern Cross
University

Chess Employment

Head Space

Cancer Council

AMS

Bring
money for
food and
activities!

When: Friday 4th December

Time: 11:30am - 3:00pm

Where: Rushford Park South Grafton

*Proudly organised by SLIKK and the
Year 11 Business Studies Class.*

Join Titans 4 Tomorrow and South
Grafton High School along with local
agencies and organisations for a day of:

Touch Footy Traditional Games

Dance Workshop Sausage Sizzle Photo Booth

Juke Box Manicure Icy Poles & more

WE PAY RESPECT TO THE PEOPLE OF BUNDJALUNG,
GUMBAYNGIRR AND YAEGL NATIONS AND TO THE ELDERS
PAST AND PRESENT



Minnie Water Holiday Learn To Surf Lessons

- Daily from 27th Dec to 30th Dec 1.30pm-3.30pm for all ages and ability
- Cost: \$40 per lesson *multiple Lessons and Group Discounts
- Includes Board, Wetsuit and Sunscreen
- Our popular Weet-Bix SurfGroms Program is also available for kids 5 to 12yrs where they will be able to do 4 x 2hr lessons for \$150 and receive a great participation pack valued at over \$150
(Please note there is an additional \$25 SurfGroms membership fee for the participation pack)
- Bookings Essential!!
- Lessons also run every day during holidays 9am-10.30am at Woolgoolga Beach

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