

Week 10 Term 4:

13 December 2016



Newsletter

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This will be the last newsletter for 2017. On behalf of the staff at Gillwinga I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. I would like to say thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to provide our students with numerous opportunities to be involved a wide range of activities that have contributed to their overall growth and development.

REPORTS

Semester two reports are now complete and teachers will begin to send home reports on Wednesday 14th December. Included in the report is a letter advising parents/carers of the class and teacher that their child will be having in 2017 along with a small list of items that each student should bring to school. Once again the school will be supplying any text books along with the student's tool kit consisting of;

- A small pencil case
- Lead Pencil
- Coloured Pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener

There will also be class supplies of rulers, scissors and glue sticks.

SCHOOL BREAK IN

Undoubtedly parents/carers are aware that we had a major break in over the weekend with a number of classrooms and some equipment being damaged and stolen. The Police are investigating the incident and we are hopeful that they will be able to apprehend those responsible. As a result, additional security patrols have been ordered by the Department of Education during the school holidays and it would be advisable that students refrain from entering the school grounds.

I would like to thank the students for their co-operation on Monday as a number of classes were forced to find alternative work spaces until their rooms were repaired and forensic evidence collected.

MOVING DAY

Thursday this week has been designated as a moving day as a number of teachers are changing classrooms for 2017. We have tried to leave this disruption as late as possible in the school year and whilst it may cause some disruption to classes, students will be supervised throughout the day.

SCHOOL DATES

The last day for the 2017 school year for students will be Friday 16th December. Year six students will be having a final treat at the Big Banana thanks to the fundraising efforts of Ms Cross and the year six students, the remainder of Ms



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Cross's year five students will be split into other classes on the final day.

A reminder about the start dates for 2017

- Staff commence work on Friday 27th January
- All students except Kindergarten commence on Monday 30th January
- Best start testing for 2017 Kindergarten students will be held on Monday/Tuesday 30th/31st January
- Kindergarten students officially start school on Wednesday 1st February

THANK YOU

Once again thank you to all the parents/carers and community members who have supported the school and the students throughout the year and I look forward to your continued support in 2017.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'The whole purpose of Education is to turn mirrors into windows of opportunity' - Sydney J. Harris

2016 AWARD WINNERS

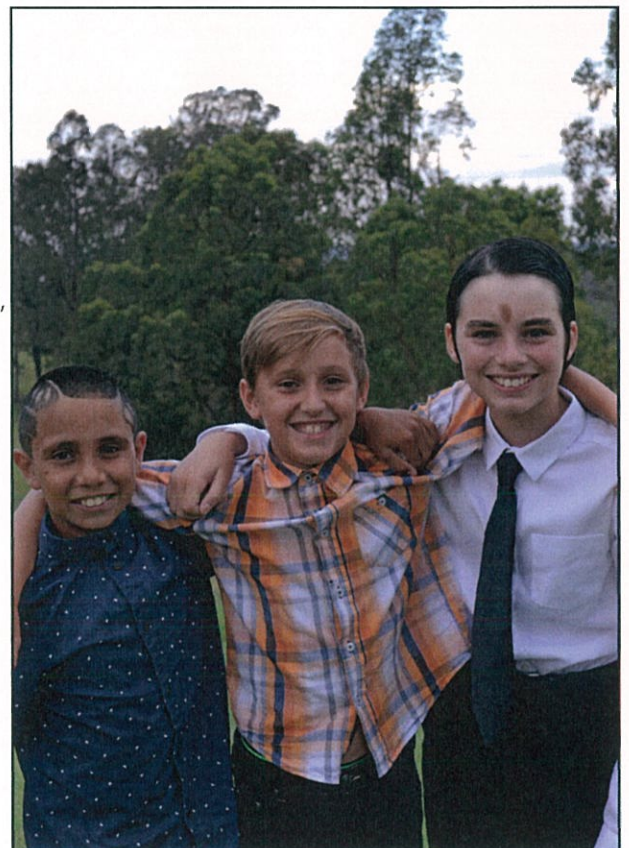
Congratulations to the following students who received awards at our 2016 presentation day assembly:

Excellence Awards:

Heri Brown, Kyeema Hamilton, Angel Robinson, Lucy Wales, Wyatt Jewell, Jaiden Davey, Chantelle Wallace, Aynslie Roberts, Kai Connor, Monica Waters, Carter Smith, Jessica Deleiu.

Encouragement Awards:

Jacquelyn Kelly, Maleek Lee, Riley Jewell, Kaneisha Thornton, Amelia-Rose Connolly-Cardno, Amy Mobbs, Boyd Adams Pursell, Nyree Browning, Riley Wilson, Logan Lafferty, James Holder-Hemsley, Brae Wilson.





Citizenship Awards:

Jacquelyn Kelly, Toby Snow, Izaac Murray-Stiff, Amity Flentjar, Tamara Lee, Reagan Duroux, Reena Belmonte, Sidney Kelly, Jai-Leigh Ferguson, Diane Suey, Adam Wright, Patrick Phillips.

Kevin Hogan Award: Jessica Deleiuen

Rotary Club Literacy & Numeracy: Carter Smith

Cathy O'Meara Award: Amity Flentjar

Ministers Fraternal: Breanna Hamilton

Karen Parker Memorial: Rhys Mobbs

Harmony: Alyssa Chalker

Sportswoman: Jaykila O'Driscoll

Sportsman: Peter Shipley

Mathematics: Jessica Deleiuen

Science & Technology: Elisa Allen

Music: Patrick Phillips

Creative Arts: Brae Wilson

Dux of School: Jessica Deleiuen

School Citizenship: Ryan Fallon

Public Speaking - Junior: Marsel Leach

Public Speaking - Senior: Jordan Hartmann

English: Jessica Deleiuen

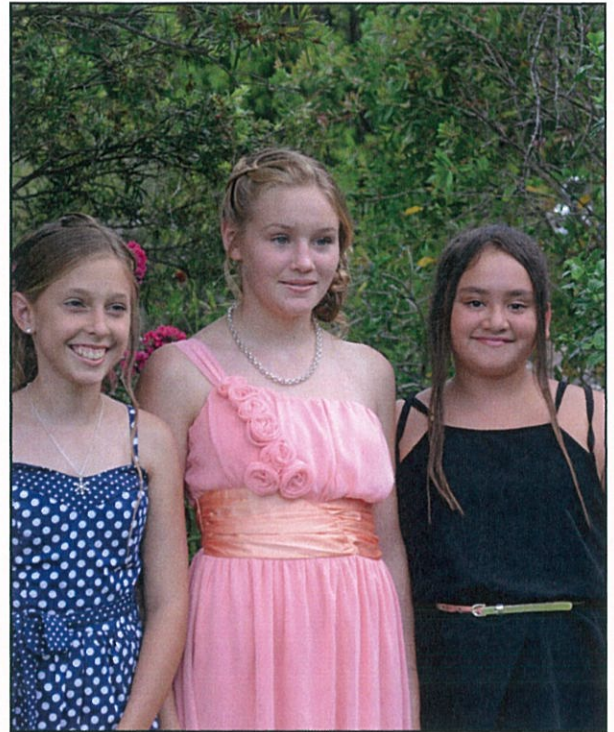
HSIE: Jordan Hartmann

PD/Health/PE: Jaykila O'Driscoll

Reach for the Stars: Stage 1: Jacquelyn Kelly; Stage 2: Lockey Wyatt;
Stage 3: Jai-Leigh Ferguson

Racing Ahead with Reading: Stage 1: Jaiden Davey; Stage 2: Coby O'Driscoll; Stage 3: Chance Fuller

School Medal: Elisa Allen, Alyssa Chalker, Jordan Hartmann, Ryan Fallon, Jessica Deleiuen, Brae Wilson.



SUMMER READING CLUB



December

1st Thu

START of Summer Reading Club!

Collect your pack and start reading... Theme: *Heroes & Villains*

January

5th Thu 10:30-11:30am

Storytime – Superheroes

7th Sat 1:00-6:00pm

Dungeons & Dragons: fantasy heroes & villains – age 12+

11th Wed 10:00 – 4:00pm

Lego Marvel Super Heroes: Xbox One & PS4

12th Thu 10:30-11:30am

Storytime – Heroes

12th Thu 2:15pm-3:15pm

Ghost Jam: family comedy of music & spooky storytelling – age 5+, book!

12th Thu 3:30pm-4:15pm

Storytelling Workshop: create your own ghost story – age 5-12, book!

18th Wed 10:30-12:00pm

Natures Heroes & Villains: animal iPad adventures – age 6+, book!

19th Thu 10:30-11:30am

Storytime – Local Heroes: Fire fighters - dress up, special guest appearance

25th Wed 10:30-12:00pm

Super Dudes R Us: collage – age 5+, please book!

