



Newsletter

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READY SET GO

Monday was the last day for 'Ready Set Go' for 2017. Mrs Perl has been extremely pleased with the progress all the students have made, especially the social connections they have established with each other. Being socially ready for school is a big step and it is wonderful to see that our 'Ready Set Go' students have shown great progress in this area. Thank you to Mrs Perl, for all her work over the past 20 weeks of the program.

THANK YOU TO THE WRIGHT FAMILY AND TO THE P&C

Monday was another milestone day but for a different reason. After a 15 year association with Gillwinga Public School (longer if you count the years here as a student) Monday was Sharon Wright's last day at canteen and last P&C meeting. Sharon and her family have been wonderful supporters of the school and their involvement and support will be sorely missed. On behalf of the students, staff and community members I would like to thank the Wright family for their work over many years.

Thank you to the P&C for their donation of \$1000 that will go toward prizes at this year's presentation day and for their generous offer to purchase the cake for this year's Year Six farewell.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

Parents/carers are reminded that there are quite a few notes due in and it would be appreciated if these could be returned to school by the due dates.

- 5/6 Surf School – There will be another session next week. Students who haven't brought in their notes can do so this week to enable them to attend next week.
- 3/4 Excursion to Buccarumbi

- 3/4 Netball Gala Day – This Friday
- Band/Choir/Dance Jacaranda Tour – This Friday
- Swim School notes – Parents/carers are please asked to check the note and indicate if your child is allowed to utilise the water slide on the last day.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

There have been a few disturbing reports coming from different sources concerning the presence and actions of children in the school grounds after hours. We are aware that a number of these children are Gillwinga students and they having been involved in jumping off roofs and placing themselves in rather dangerous situations. Parents/carers are asked to please remind their children that entry onto school grounds is prohibited outside of school hours. If these actions continue it will be necessary to provide the names of the students concerned to the local Police and let them deal with the matter appropriately.

UNIVERSITY EXCURSION

On Friday Year Six students will be travelling to Coffs Harbour to visit the Southern Cross University Campus. This is a great opportunity for our students to witness firsthand what a University looks like and hopefully develop some aspirations for attending a University as the path to a successful and rewarding career. At last week's assembly I spoke about the importance of education and the opportunities it can lead too and attending a University is just one of them.



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

Parents/carers of students attending South Grafton High School in 2018 are reminded that an orientation day will be held on Tuesday 14th November. A note was sent home previously with all the necessary information. Students and carers are to arrive at South Grafton High School prior to 9am where the day will commence at 9am in the Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend the morning session until 11:00am. Students will need to remain at school until 1:30pm where they will be supervised until pickup. Students are requested to bring their own recess and a pen and paper to write down important information given on the day. A BBQ sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Students are requested to wear their school sports uniform.

The morning session will include an introduction of key staff and other essential information for students and parents for starting Year 7. Morning tea will be provided to the parents.

The school library will be selling:

- School polo shirts with SGHS emblem \$22
- Hoodies with emblem for \$30
- School bucket hat with emblem for \$10
- Sports shirts for \$39 and sports shorts for \$29
- Track suit pants \$35
- Boys grey shorts \$20

FORMER GILLWINGA STUDENTS AT SGHS

It is very pleasing to see that some of our former students continue to achieve outstanding results at South Grafton High School and make the most of the opportunities that are presented to them.

In the schools section of the woodworking competition, [Michael Wright](#) in Year 12 achieved a Highly Commended award for his recycled pallet table.

Aboriginal Dancers

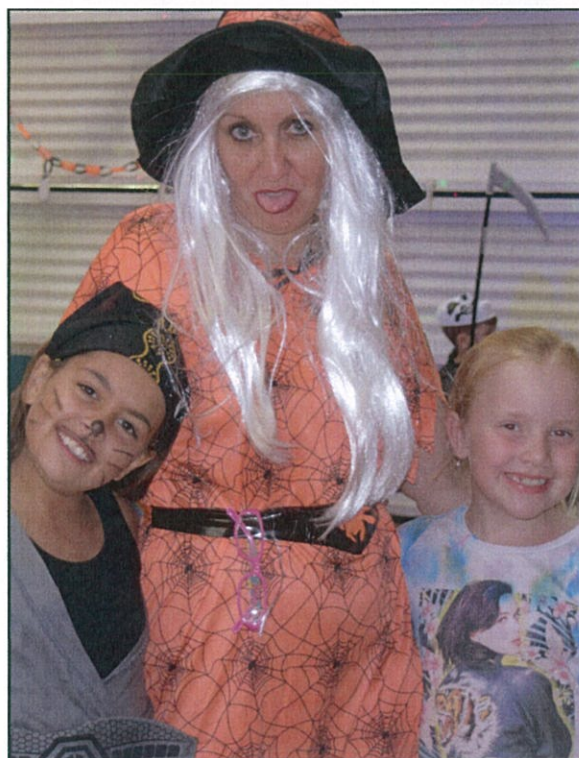
Some of our Aboriginal dancers performed at the Art Gallery exhibition opening on Jacaranda Thursday. Well done to Tanisha Martin, Ashleigh Tibbett, Jada Blackadder and [Cate Duroux](#).

Trout Hatchery Excursion

Last Thursday a group of Year 8 boys ([Brock Ferguson](#), Cody Staggard, Liam Godwin, Tristan Rose, Will McConnell, Oscar Knight and Lleyton Hayes) travelled to Dutton Trout Hatchery. [Hugh Terry](#) was a very helpful Year 10 mentor for the group. The group learnt about fishing sustainability and protecting our waterways.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

Monday 13th November: Laura Fernando



“Kindergarten Orientation”

What- *Gillwinga Public School Kindergarten Orientation*

When- *Monday 13th November, 2018*

Where- *Judy’s Pocket (Ready, Set, Go Room)*

Time- *9.00 am - 11.00 am*

You are to bring your children to the “Ready Set Go” Room where their name tags will be pinned on and then the children will be taken to the Kindergarten Classroom to complete some fun activities.

The parents *will remain in the “Ready Set Go” Room for the Kindergarten Orientation where Mr. Cavanagh, Mrs. Perl and four guest speakers will give a presentation.*

The presentation will conclude with a morning tea to share with your child.

It is very important to attend this session as it sets up your child and you for school next year, making the transition into “big “ school smooth.

Looking forward to seeing you next week.

Regards

Kim Perl

Kindergarten Orientation Organiser

GRAFTON MIDDAY ROTARY'S 2017

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

ALUMY CREEK RESERVE, LAWRENCE ROAD, ALUMY CREEK
GATES OPEN @ 5.30PM

FEATURING

- TV CELEBRITY VOCALIST MONICA TRAPAGA (FROM ABC'S PLAYSCHOOL)
- THE CLARENCE VALLEY ORCHESTRA & CHORUS
- CLARENCE RIVER DANCE ACADEMY
- SANTA CLAUS
- CHANNEL SEVEN'S PRIME POSSUM
- FOOD STALLS



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