

2021  
Term 4, Week 9

# GILLWINGA GAZETTE

BE RESPECTFUL, MAKE IT SAFE, TAKE RESPONSIBILITY







# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Week 10

Tuesday 7th Dec - Minimal Supervision

Wednesday 8th - Jump Rope for Heart Mufti Day

Thursday 9th - Jacaranda 1/2 Day (School closes @1pm)

Friday 10th - Year 6 Farewell

## Week 11

Monday 13th - Year 6 Excursion

Thursday 16th - Presentation Day + Last day of term

## Term 1 2022

Friday 28th + Monday 31st January 2022 - Staff Development Days

Tuesday 1st February 2022 - Students Return to school

## Upcoming dates : Week 10 2021

Tuesday 7th December teachers will be striking as members of the NSW Teachers Federation. This means there will be minimal supervision at school with normal school routines being impacted .

Jacaranda Thursday - Thursday 9th December has been allocated as a half day public Holiday by Grafton City Council. This means School will be open until 1:00pm. Please note busses will not run at 1:00pm to bring your children home. You must collect by 1:00pm if they are at school.

# PRINCIPALS ADDRESS

by Carly Woods

## Online bullying and misuse of social media

Dear families, over recent weeks there has been many notifications and incidents where students have been involved in online gaming and bullying. This is a serious concern in our community and is negatively impacting our students wellbeing at school.

**The school is:** providing specific lessons on cyber safety and correct use of technology through specialised ICT Lessons and general in class lessons. These lessons are in line with the e-safety commission.

### What you can do:

Monitor their use and accounts (parent locks are available).

### Ask questions

Asking questions about how they feel and what they know helps you to gauge your child's level of knowledge and keeps you from lecturing.

For example, you could ask:

- 'Have you seen anyone being bullied online? How did you think that made them feel? How did you feel? Has anything like this ever happened to you?'
- 'Is cyberbullying a problem at your school?'

### Get help if you need it:

- Ask your child's teacher for advice
- Follow online advice using online counsellors at Parent line

On **Wednesday 8th December** students are invited to wear **red clothes to support Jump Rope for Heart and the Heart Foundation.**

It is asked that students bring a gold coin donation.

Students will be participating in skipping activities with their classes on the day so they must wear covered in shoes.

