LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

This week we welcome Miss Albert to Gillwinga for the next six weeks. Mrs Carrigan has taken some Long Service Leave and Miss Watters will be replacing Mrs Carrigan and Miss Albert will be filling in Miss Watters role.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program has taken on a new look for this term. Now that the warmer months have arrived we will be serving cereal instead of milo along with toast. Thank you to Mr Duroux, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Young for running the breakfast for all students.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As you are aware our Instructional Leader Ms Bryant has taken up a Principal position at Coramba Public School. We are currently running an Expression Of Interest process for suitably qualified teachers from across the state to fulfil the vacant position. It is hoped that the position will be filled in the next few weeks.

The Cranes Community group will be holding a number of courses at Gillwinga commencing on Monday 28th October. This week’s newsletter contains an information flyer about the up-coming courses. Although the courses are being held at Gillwinga they are open to all members of the public so if you are interested please contact the number on the flyer to make a

JACARANDA THURSDAY

Welcome back to term four. As always Term four is a very busy term with lots of things happening.

I’m sure everyone is aware of the new arrangements for Jacaranda Thursday this year with the Jacaranda Thursday being classed as a local event day rather than a gazetted Public Holiday. Two information notes have been sent out to all students (one just recently). If parents have any questions or concerns they can contact the front office. If your children will be attending the festivities on Jacaranda Thursday could you please complete the tear off slip on the bottom of the information note that was sent home and return it to school. This note will meet the requirements for a justified absence on Jacaranda Thursday.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Last week notes for Intensive Swimming were sent out to all students for year two to year six. Intensive Swimming is a ten day program aimed to develop water confidence and basic water safety and survival skills. There is limited space available and names need to be in by the end of this week, Friday 18th October.
booking. Please note that bookings are essential.

RINGWORM OUTBREAK

A number of students have presented with cases of suspected Ringworm. The following information is from the NSW Department of Health Website

Symptoms: Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.

Do I need to keep my child home? Yes, until the day after fungal treatment has begun.

How can I help prevent spread? Careful hand washing and cover infected area.

EXCURSIONS

We have a number of excursions planned for this term and it is important that parents/carer’s keep up to date with any payment plans that are in place. Kindergarten and Stage 1 (year 1/2) will be visiting the Butterfly House and hopefully doing some whale watching from Woolgoolga Headland on Thursday 14th November. We are currently organising a proposed excursion for year three students to Yarrawarra Cultural Centre and Arrawarra Headland on Friday 15th November. The stage three camp (year 4/5/6) to the Nymboida Canoe Centre is set for Monday 2nd December through until Wednesday 4th December.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Many of you will remember Michael Jordan as an extremely gifted athlete, a person that achieved enormous success. Having said that I think it’s important to know how he thinks he achieved that success. “I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed”. Having the resilience to keep going is what makes a person successful no matter what walk of life they are on.

SPECIAL CANTEEN DAY

Finger bun day will be next Tuesday 22nd October. Full bun is $1.50 and half bun is $0.80.

The canteen is running a milk promotion. For your chance to win a touch football or netball buy a milk at the canteen from 21st October until 20th November.
FRUIT & VEG WEEK WINNERS
This weeks winners are: 1st Adam Wright, 2nd Jaime Lowe, 3rd Heavana Currie.

UNIFORMS
Please note there is a price increase for school shirts due to an increase by the supplier. They are now $25.00 and are available from the front office.

AWARDS
Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Bradley Woolley, Cooper Mellish, Logan Lafferty, Jason Wallace, Page Pearce, Mervyn Weatherall, Zac Pacey, Jesse Ross, Isaiah Thornton, Nikita Hinch.

Aussie of the Month: Coby O’Driscoll, Holly Joseph, Alyssa Chalker, Krystelle Lentfer, Samantha Logan.

Bronze Award Winners: Zac Pacey, Bayden Fritz, Rhiannon Ballis, Tamara Lee, Nikita Hinch.

Silver Award Winners: Krystelle Lentfer, Latoya Wallace, Ashley Bowling, Adam Wright, Lachlan Hayward, Janeva McCoombe, Chloe McCafferty, Hayden Pacey, Isaiah Thornton, Jasmine Wheatley, Lex Bagster, Madison Beilby, Hugh Terry, Adam Ward.


COMMUNITY NEWS
Milo Cricket: Rushforth Park South Grafton. Starting Term 4 (week 2) Wednesday afternoons from 4pm or Saturday mornings from 9am. For boys and girls aged 4-8 years. Contact Brendan Palmer on 6642 8898 for more details.

With the cricket season starting this weekend, South Services Cricket Club is looking for players to fill their Under 10s and Under 12s teams. Games are played Saturday mornings. Anyone wishing to play please contact Karen Cleaver on 0417248134.