CANTEEN
The canteen is continuing to run a milk promotion over the next few weeks. Any student that purchases related products will have their names put into the draw and students will have the opportunity to win either a football or netball.

Our canteen volunteers do a fantastic job of looking after all students. In 2014 we will be losing a number of our long time helpers as their children will move off into high school. Currently the canteen operates three days a week and provides an additional source of income for programs within the school. I would encourage any parents/carers who may have some time to assist in the canteen during this year and particularly next year to please contact the front office. If we are unable to secure a sufficient number of workers for 2014 before the end of this school year we have to reduce the number of days that the canteen is operational.

END OF YEAR EXCURSIONS
All students will have the opportunity to participate in an excursion before the end of the school year. All students, parents/carers are reminded that these excursions are considered as extra curricula activities and happen as a result of the good will of the staff involved, particularly those excursions that are run outside of school hours. All students must understand that there are expectations regarding behaviour and attendance and that if students are unwilling to meet these expectations then they are jeopardising their participation in the excursion. Staff would like as many students as possible to participate in the upcoming excursion so it is important that all students make positive behaviour choices and attend school on a regular basis.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
Our Kindergarten Orientation day is set down for Monday 11th November. The main aim of the morning is to provide all parents/carers of prospective 2014 Kindergarten students with information about the school while providing some advice on how to best help your child make the transition from pre-school to school. It is also an opportunity to meet other parents and ask questions of the staff.

CRANES WORKSHOP
Parents/Carers are reminded about the upcoming CRANES workshop that will be running in the school on the 28th October, 4th November, 11th November and 25th November. Although these workshops are being held at Gillwinga they are open to members of the public. If anyone is interested in attending they need to make a booking by contacting CRANES on 6642 7257.
INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Thank you to those parents/carers that have returned the Intensive Swimming note. All places have now been filled and we are unable to take anymore names. Those students who will be participating in the program will receive a final note closer to the actual start date.

JACARANDA

If parents/carers have not returned the Jacaranda note and they are intending to take their children to the festivities on Thursday 31st October could they please do so as soon as possible. As long as a note is provided with the reason for absence listed, as participating in the Jacaranda festivities, students will be marked as having an explained absence. If students are absent on Thursday 31st and explanation is not provided, as with any other absences it will be marked as unexplained.

NAPLAN

Last week, all year three and five students were provided with copies of their results from the 2013 NAPLAN tests. All parents/carers should have received these via their children. If anyone is unsure what the results indicate or are concerned about their child’s performance it is important that they make an appointment to discuss the matter with the teacher concerned.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It’s important to remember that we all have special talents and traits that are uniquely us. No people are exactly the same. Every one of us has something to offer. Rather than dwell on what you don’t have think about you do have and what you can do with it. “Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” Arthur Ashe

YEAR 6 FAREWELL AND 2015 SELECT HIGH SCHOOLS

The Year 6 Farewell dinner will be held on Wednesday 11th December. More information will be sent home shortly.

Selective High School Application forms for 2015 are now available at the front office.

SCHOOL BANKING

Keep saving to win more treasure in Term 4! All you need to do is make 2 more school banking deposits from 21st October to 30 November and you’ll automatically be in the draw to win some awesome prizes. For more information visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland
FRUIT & VEG WEEK WINNERS
This week’s winners are: 1st Malakai Fernando, 2nd Jessica Cooper, 3rd Maddison Joseph.

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

Bronze Award Winners: Angela Cooper, Mervyn Weatherall, Kyle Hinch, Boyd Adams Purssell, Breanna Hamilton, Justin Snow, Michael Woolley, Dylon Stewart, Bayden Fritz.

Silver Award Winners: Alyssa Chalker, Tarni Napier, Logan Lafferty, Candice Holloway.

Gold Award Winners: Mickayla Joseph, Anthony Napier, Zekob Simiana, Griffin Wheatley.

Writer of the Week: Anthony Napier. Times Tables: Lex Bagster

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY
An orientation program for all incoming Year 7 students and their parents/caregivers will be held at our school on Tuesday 19th November for Coutts Crossing, Gillwinga, Nana Glen, Grafton, Nymboida, Tucabia, Ulmarra and Primary. The day will commence at 9:00am in the Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend the morning session until 11:00am. Students will need to remain at school until 3:00pm where they will be supervised until collection or buses arrive. Students are requested to bring their own recess and lunch, and a pen and paper to write down important information given on the day. They are asked to wear their school sports uniform. A note with more information will be sent home this week to each Year 6 student.

GILLWINGA’S GOT TALENT
Nomination forms need to be returned by 1st November. Auditions begin Wednesday 6th November. You can sing, dance, act, tell jokes, do magic, gymnastics or anything else amazing. You can enter twice, once as a group and once as a solo. Grand final show Friday 29th November.