SHOWING CASING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Late last week we were notified that the Assistant Regional Director Mr Mark Youngblutt will be visiting Gillwinga on Friday 17th May to discuss the successes we’ve been experiencing with the Early Action for Success program under the Leadership of Miss Bryen. We look forward to the opportunity to have this discussion with a senior member of the Department of Education and Communities Regional Executive.

MOTHER’S DAY

Thank you to the volunteers who ran the Mother’s Day Stall last week, I trust that the mother’s enjoyed the gift’s they received and had a very enjoyable day last Sunday.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to the canteen volunteers who catered for the twenty staff who attended the Focus On Reading day last week. There were many positive comments from the visiting staff and I wish to convey our appreciation and thanks to those members of the canteen committee who helped make the day a great success.

ORAL HEALTH

This week the Dental Nurse visited to discuss healthy eating, brushing and oral hygiene habits with students from Kindergarten and Year 1/2.

GILLWINGA SCHOOL COMMUNITY VISION

We are currently examining our schools vision statement and trying to realign it with the current needs of the students, staff and community. We have recently completed a survey of staff to gain their thoughts and ideas. We have designed two simple surveys one for students which will be completed at school and a second one for parents that will be sent home shortly. Your assistance in completing the survey will greatly assist in helping develop a vision statement that will hopefully encompass the needs and values of all groups within the school community.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Zac Pacey, Jacob Cotton, Jesse Ross, Reese Russell and Lex Bagster who have all qualified to compete at the Mid North Coast Cross Country which will be held in Grafton on Friday 24th May at Westward Park. Good luck to all those students.
BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Commencing next week will be able to run our breakfast program every morning for all students. We are currently looking at expanding the program to be able to offer students a more substantial start to the day by including cereal, toast and milo.

AUSSIE BUSH CAMP EXCURSION

Parents and carers of year four, five and six students received information last term concerning the proposed excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp scheduled for later in the year. The cost of the camp was based on fifty students participating in the excursion. The cut-off date for the payment of the deposit has now passed. Currently we only have approximately thirty students who have paid the deposit and as a result we are currently considering cancelling the excursion. Mr Simpson will be sending out a reminder note this week concerning the excursion and if we fail to get sufficient interest and finalised deposits we will be unable to conduct the excursion.

GRAFTON SHOW ART WINNERS

Congratulations to those students who won 1st prize in their division at the Grafton Show: Janeva McCoombe (x 2), Jaxon O’Brien, Hanna Kaptein, Chloe McCafferty, Jesse Ross, Griffin Wheatley (x2), C-Jay Flentjar, Lindsey Hinch.


Highly Commended: Coby O’Driscoll, Trent Pearce, Hamilton Currie, Chantelle Wallace, Kolarah Newman.

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Jamie Pearce, Cooper Mellish, Mereki Bell, Annabelle Morgan, Zoe Quinn, Maddison Joseph, Hanna Kaptein, Galen Collins, Isaiah Thornton, Nicola Woolley.

Aussie of the Month: Jack Torrens, Kyle Hinch, Tylah Connor, Ashley Bowling, Zekob Simiana.

Writer of the Week: Chance Fuller

Tables of the Week: David Torrens
END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

We are currently reviewing our after school pick up procedures and it is important that Parents and Carers please contact the school if there are changes to afternoon arrangements. As part of our new procedures we have introduced bus roles. We understand that sometimes parents are unexpectedly able to pick up their children of an afternoon instead of catching the bus home. If this does happen it would be appreciated if you could inform one of the two teachers on duty so the student concerned can be marked off the bus role, so there is no confusion.

It is also important that the school is aware of any non-family members who are picking up students of an afternoon or if a student is to walk home with an older student.

Your assistance in helping us monitor this will help ensure the safety of the students involved.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

As part of our commitment as a Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration Team, Gillwinga will be holding a fund raising Jump Off on Thursday 23rd May. All students have received sponsorship forms and are encouraged to seek support from friends and family in the form of sponsors for the Jump Off. It is important that all students return their sponsorship forms by the due date even if no sponsors have been obtained as we need to be able to account for all sponsorship forms.

COMMUNITY ACCESS

All parents/carers are reminded that Miss Bryen will have our community room open each Wednesday commencing the 15th May from 2:40pm, if people would like to come in and have a cup of tea or coffee while they are waiting to pick up their children at the end of the day.

“Each of us is born with the gift of self-awareness. We can stand apart from our own beliefs, we can examine them and change them if necessary” – Stephen Covey