might like to take the opportunity to discuss with their children their thoughts on the book.

BOOK FAIR

This week our Book Fair arrived and has been set up in the Library. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair to see what books are available and make a wish list. Purchases can be made next Monday 27th May and Tuesday 28th May. The time for purchasing will end at 2.00pm on Tuesday. Any parents who come to have a look at the selection of books are more than welcome to do so and if you would like to take your child or children with you please see the appropriate class teacher.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our annual “Jump Off” will be held on Thursday 23rd May. If the weather is unfavourable on the day the “Jump Off” will still go ahead as we can utilise the space in the hall as well as the COLA. It is important that all sponsorship forms are returned even if no sponsors have been obtained as we need to mark each of the sponsorship forms. All money that is collected after the “Jump Off” needs to be handed to each class teacher as they can mark it off in their money folder and account for each sponsorship form. The office will receipt all money and a copy of the receipts will be issued to each child.

READING AND LITERACY

On Wednesday 22nd May Gillwinga participated in the National Simultaneous Reading Activity. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

The aims of Simultaneous Reading are to:

• promote the value of reading and literacy;
• promote the value and fun of books;
• promote an Australian writer and publisher;
• promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
• provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

STAFFING
This week Mrs Fahey and Mrs Perl will be taking some well earned Long Service Leave. Mrs Cahill and Mrs Schroder will be working in the front office during Mrs Fahey’s leave and Mrs Wyborn will be coming back to help us while Mrs Perl is away.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 26th June at Barnier Park (Junction Hill). All students from Kindergarten to Year Six will participate in events on the day. The school will organises buses to transport the students to and from the venue. At this stage we will be unable to run a canteen at the grounds. Over the next few weeks leading up to the carnival students from Year Two through to Year Six will be participate in training and elimination trials for the field events that will be conducted at the carnival.

PSSA SPORT
Our Boys and Girls soccer teams will participate in a gala day on Tuesday 4th June as part of this year’s NSW PSSA Knockout. Mr Simpson, Mr Duroux and Mrs Magarry have been involved with both teams during lunch time practises. Mrs Magarry has also been working with the Netball team for their proposed game against Westlawn on the 28th May. The date for the Netball has yet to be confirmed. A note will be sent home once the details have been finalised.

SKIPING
Unfortunately the proposed skipping tour that was scheduled to take place on the 29th May has had to be postponed due to a change in the Field Officer for the Heart Foundation visiting the school. The new Field Officer will be visiting the school on the 29th May to meet with the Skipping Team and Mrs Carrigan. It is anticipated that a new tour date will be finalised very soon.

CROSS COUNTRY
Good luck to those students who will be competing in the Mid North Coast Cross-Country Trials on Friday 24th at Westward Park. Parents are advised to check the note that was sent home with those students in regards to wet weather details.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
This week Ms K. Baker handed out a note to all students concerning the purchasing of items for this year’s NAIDOC week celebrations. If students are considering purchasing any of these items it is important that the note and money is returned to the front office by Thursday 30th May as we are unable to order additional items after the cut off date.
LEARNING FOR LIFE

We often talk about the need to be Life Long Learners and the importance of helping our children and students develop this ideal. Here is a piece advice from Anthony J. D’Angelo which gives us all reason to try and develop this for ourselves and to help our children do the same.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow”.

P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting will be held at school on Monday 27th May at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

PHOTOS

Photo orders can now be made for House Captains, etc. These orders need to be in at school with payment of $10 each by Friday 31st May. Special order envelopes are available at the front office.

SPECIAL CANTEEN ORDERS

Special canteen orders with payment need to be returned to school by Friday 7th June. No late orders can be accepted.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Nathan Hamilton, Janeva McCoombe, Kiana Cannon, Conor Collins, Tarni Napier, Hayley Woolley, Trey Isenhood, Candice Holloway, Joe Bowling, Griffin Wheatley.

Writer of the Week: Cooper Mellish

Mathematics Champion of the Week: Monique Fisher