Mr Fahey a lot of the under growth has been removed from the front garden. We are currently looking at updating the main entrance area to the school with a new main gate and improving the entrance into the main foyer. All of these activities are just some of the ways we are trying to improve the image of our school but the best way we can do that is to ensure that we are all working together to provide the best opportunities we can for all our students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a number of important cultural activities that students have the opportunity to be involved in coming up very shortly. The Grafton Community of Schools is putting together a combined choir to perform at designated community events. A number of our senior students have the opportunity to participate in the choir and Miss Watters has already provided information notes and dates for rehearsals and performances for those students concerned. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in performances combining the three Primary and two High Schools in the Grafton area.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Commencing next week a small number of Gillwinga students will have the opportunity to work with Deborah Cheetham and the Short...
Black Opera Company. The Opera Company will be conducting a week long school residency program from Monday 2 till Friday 6 September. They will be working with local Aboriginal children from several primary schools exploring rhythm, movement, singing techniques and the world of opera through pieces from Australia's first indigenous opera, Pecan Summer, written by Deborah Cheetham. The workshops will conclude with a free Community Performance for family, friends and other school students at 12 noon on the last day. The project is fully supported by Clarence Valley Conservatorium, Musica Viva Australia and Arts NSW.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Parents and carers are reminded that the cut-off date for deposits for the year four, five and six proposed camp to the Nymboida Canoeing centre is fast approaching (Friday 30th Aug). It is important that the $20 deposit is paid in full and on time. Bookings will be made based on the number of paid deposits received by Friday 30th August. If you would like your child to participate in this excursion please ensure that the front office has received a deposit by the due date.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Not many of us have had to overcome as many obstacles as Jessie Owens did on his way to winning four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. I found this quote that I thought summed what winning is all about “In the end, it’s extra effort that separates a winner from second place. But winning takes a lot more than that, too. It starts with complete command of the fundamentals. Then it takes desire, determination, discipline, and self-sacrifice. And finally, it takes a great deal of love, fairness and respect for your fellow man. Put all these together, and even if you don’t win, how can you lose?” Jim Courier also said “Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can’t tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way.” If we can all follow these examples we will be winners in life.

FRUIT & VEG MONTH

Week 3 winners for fruit & veg month are 1st Trey Isenhood, 2nd Taj Isenhood, 3rd Zoe Quinn.

UNIFORM

As Spring is approaching it is a timely reminder about children coming to school in their school hat and correct uniform. Please note that shoes should be predominately white joggers or black school shoes, white socks and girls hair ties and clips should be brown or gold.
AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Ashley Dawson, Trent Pearce, Boyd Adams Purssell, Marsel Leach, Carter Smith, Zoe Quinn, Ashley Bowling, Jaime Lowe, Griffin Wheatley, Kayla Kaptein.

Bronze Award Winners: Congratulations to Zoe Quinn, Tarni Napier, Hayley Woolley, Kyarne O’Brien, Angelina Quinlan, Alyssa Chalker.

Silver Award Winners: Congratulations to Nicola Woolley, Anthony Napier.

Times Tables Champion: Melanie Laurie

Writer of the Week: Johen Connor

P&C NEWS

Don’t forget to return sold or unsold raffle tickets and money to school. There are some really great prizes on offer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tucabia Copmanhurst Cricket Club Junior and Senior Cricket Sign On 2013-14 Season JJ Lawrence Nets South Grafton: Thursday 5th & 12th September from 4 PM Or Phone Andrew Buchanan on 0413306183 Rhonda Adamson on 66423296 Or Email rhondaadamson@dodo.com.au Registration forms can be found on the clubs new web site www.tuc-cop.com.

FEES: Junior fees $60 no weekly charge – includes shirt new players
* Girls can play down in age groups by 2 years.* Registrations required ASAP so teams can be finalised.* New players need to supply proof of age* Coaches-Managers needed for teams in ages 10-12-14-16’s. Senior fees $50 registration and $10 a day’s play.