will be held here at Gillwinga on Tuesday 6th August.

SKIPPING

On Thursday 1st August as part of Education week our Skipping Team will perform at Grafton Shopping World at 10:00am in front of Woolworths. All parents, friends and community members are invited to come along and support our students.

While people are at Shopping World please take the time to have a look at the Community of Schools display set up at the top of the travelators near the food court. The display contains a variety of photos, art works and other items from four Primary Schools and two High Schools that make the Community of Schools

EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY AND OPEN DAY

On Friday 2nd August, parents, friends and community members are invited to come along to our regular Friday assembly. Our Band and Choir will be performing some of their Eisteddfod items. Parents are reminded that we will be having open classrooms from 10:15am to 11:00am and everyone is invited to come in and share some time with their children.

EDUCATION WEEK AND EISTEDDFOD

This week (Monday 29th July –Friday 2nd August) is Education week and what a busy week it will be. On Monday both our band and choir performed at the local Eisteddfod and received highly commended awards from the judges. We owe a big vote of thanks to Ms Christina Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium for the time and effort that she has put into working with our students. Thanks must also go to Miss Watters and Mrs Sullivan for their help and assistance.

NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION

On page 19 of today’s Daily Examiner (Tuesday 30th July) are Gillwinga’s Newspapers In Education stories and pictures put together by our stage three students with the help of Mr Simpson, Mrs Cross, Mrs Magarry and Ms K Baker. Congratulations to all those students who submitted stories for Newspapers In Education, unfortunately there is only a limited amount of space and the paper is unable to publish all the stories.

DEBATING

On Wednesday 31st of July our two debating teams under the guidance of Mrs Magarry will be heading over to Grafton Public School to participate in the first round of this year’s debating competition. On Wednesday our teams will participate in debates against teams from Grafton Public. The second round
CANTEEN SPECIAL ORDER DAY

The canteen will be having a fingerbun day next Tuesday 6th August. Full bun is $1.50 or half bun is 80¢.

READINGS BY THE RIVER

Friday will also see the Community of Schools conducting Readings by the River outside No. 1 Duke Street from 11:30am. Schools will have a number of students and staff reading a variety of short stories and poems and everyone is more than welcome to attend and be part of the celebration. If the weather is wet on Friday the event won’t go ahead as we have no alternative venue.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Good luck to all those students competing at the District Athletics Carnival on Friday at Barnier Park, Junction Hill. Parents/carers are reminded to listen to the radio on Friday morning in the advent of wet weather.

UNIVERSITY STUDY

In a previous newsletter last term I indicated that students from Gillwinga would be participating in a longitudinal study being conducted by the University of Newcastle that aims to look at students future aspirations in regards to occupations. Parents of all year four and year six students will receive an envelope containing information regarding the study including a withdrawal form. Currently all students in year four and six will be participating in the study and all information will remain confidential. If parents wish to withdraw their child they need to complete the withdrawal form and return it to school by Monday 5th August so that information can be passed onto the university.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable Education Week and they have the opportunity to attend some or all of the events that are on throughout the week.

Finally:- Change is something that never happens easily and for many people it is a very stressful event. Change is not something that we need to be afraid of. We should see it as an opportunity to reflect on what we are doing and determine if there are better ways to achieve the outcomes that we want. The first thing we must all do is to take that initial first step and then keeping going no matter how many hills or potholes we have to go over or around until we achieve what we set to do.

“The journey of a thousand miles, starts with a single step” – anonymous
FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER

A special family photo fundraiser will be held on Sunday 11th August. A framed portrait will be available for $15.00. Book in the date! An information note has been sent home with your child last week. Please ring Sharon Wright on 0418 298 521 for further information. Slip with your name, time slot and payment should be returned to the front office as soon as possible.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our weekly award winners: Cooper Mellish, Jamie Pearce, Kyle Hinch, Breanna Hamilton, Kayne Pacey, Tylah Connor, Mandawuy Bell, Ashley Bowling, Johen Connor, Sam Logan.

Bronze Award Winners: Congratulations to Ashley Bowling, Samantha Eather, Mandawuy Bell.

Times Tables Champion: Hanna Kaptein, Writer of the Week: Bayden Fritz

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be holding a raffle to be drawn towards the end of Term 3. It would be appreciated if families could donate any non-perishable items for the raffle. Donations can be left at the front office. Prizes are as follows:

1st Food hamper; 2nd mini bake/grill Sunbeam, 3rd Skillet, 4th Queen size mink blanket, 5th Linen pack, 6th Milkshake maker pack, 7th mini hamper, 8th meat voucher. Tickets are $1 each.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crohn's & Colitis Disease Fundraiser will be held on Saturday 3rd August from 6.pm at Tucabia Hall. $10 adults, $5 children, under 5 years free. Hot Pot meal & supper supplied, BYO drinks. Entertainment. For bookings contact Fiona 0413200842, Deidree 0427998303, Narelle 0438533670, Sonia 0419601103.

Young Parents Group: Do you know some young Mums and Dads? (Under 23) We find they don’t always fit in our general parenting groups. Here’s a chance for them to get together with other young parents in a facilitated group. Thursdays 5th &12th September 10am-12.00 Pullen Centre 3-7 Prince St, Grafton. Free child care. Bookings essential. Phone Mary Cutts at CRANES, ph 66427257

WESTLAWN TIGERS SOCCER CLUB ANNUAL ‘JUNIOR FUNDRAISER’: A GIRLS only NIGHT-out...THEMED-fancy dress...’A PYJAMA PARTY’...so save the date...* WHEN - SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2013* WHERE - CROWN HOTEL GRAFTON (Club Sponsor)* TIME - 6.30PM START...12 MIDNIGHT FINISH* TICKETS - $20 inc nibbly’s, DJ, games and prizes, 1 free drink ticket...BUY THEM at club canteen, from team managers, at the door on the night or from the Fundraising committee-Kylee Baker...0417263874-Liz Weatherstone...0402381462