RUGBY LEAGUE DAY

Congratulations to all those boys who took part in the Daily Examiner Rugby League Gala day held on Tuesday 13th August as part of the combined Small Schools team. Mr. Simpson and Mr Gallagher were very pleased with the attitude and sportsmanship displayed by the boys on the day and were particularly impressed by the fact that they never gave up throughout the entire day, no matter what the score was they kept trying to do their best.

CRICKET GALA DAY

Next week students from stage three and stage two will have the opportunity to participate in a cricket gala day being held at J.J Lawrence fields. Mrs Magarry has already sent out permission notes to all students concerned. We are limited to the number of students who we can send to the day as other schools are also participating so it is important that if students wish to be considered for participation in the gala day they need to return their signed permission notes as soon as possible. Students also need to be aware that as this is an extra curricula activity they need to meet behavioural and attendance expectations.

SCIENCE FAIR

On Tuesday 13th August 5/6C and 4/5S participated in the Science Fair at South Grafton High School. Every school had been asked to prepare their own bubble making kit beforehand. We were divided into groups and sent to different stations where we learned about five different Australian scientists. At the stations we did different activities such as learning about and touching the different parts of a cow’s eye, looking at bugs, learning how wheat grows and watching a chemical reaction on a cow’s liver. Some of the activities were disgusting but very interesting. Later on we went outside and watched each school demonstrate their bubble mixtures. Some schools made large bubbles and other schools made bubbles that lasted a long time. When we finished one of the high school teachers created a bubble using liquid nitrogen.

It was a blast: by Madison, Adam, Anthony, Rose and Trudy.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

There will be no assembly on Friday 16th August (this week) as a substantial number of staff will be involved in a Professional Learning course that is being run at Gillwinga. We apologise to those parents and community members that attend our regular Friday assemblies and we hope to see you again on Friday 23rd August.

FARWELL TO MS BRYEN

Congratulations to Ms Bryen who has been successful in gaining the
position as Principal at Coramba Public School. Ms Bryen will take up her new appointment as of Thursday 5th September. The staff and students would like to pass on our thanks and well wishes to her in her new position and thank her for all her efforts to support the students, staff and community during her time at Gillwinga. It is anticipated that a new Instructional Leader will be appointed to commence at the beginning of term four.

READY SET GO KINDY PROGRAM
A reminder to those parents and carers of 2014 kindergarten students that our Ready Set Go program is due to commence on Monday 19th August. There are still places available if people wish to enrol their child in this ten week program that will run for the last five weeks of term three and the first five weeks of term four. If people are interested please contact the front office for an enrolment application form.

SKIPPING TEAM
Thank you very much to our Skipping Team for their performance at the Community of Schools Dance night held last week. We have received many positive comments from the community concerning the performance and I would like to thank the parents and carers for their support in allowing the students to perform on the night.

JACARANDA HOLIDAY
Jacaranda is fast approaching and this year due to changes in State Government legislation Jacaranda Thursday will be classified as a local event day and as such is not a gazetted Public Holiday. This means that all public schools across the Clarence Valley will be open as usual for the day. We understand that families may wish to participate in the regular Jacaranda Thursday activities held in Prince Street and Market Square as is the normal custom and practice in Grafton at that time of the year and students will still have that opportunity. A more detailed note explaining the organisation and arrangements that are being made for students on Jacaranda Thursday will be coming home shortly.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Sometimes many of us suffer from tunnel vision and we get caught a rut and we keep doing the same things we always done and never deviate from what we know even though the results may not be really what we want to achieve. In most cases the reason is that we simply feel safe or comfortable doing we we've always done because we know what will happen. There will be no surprises. Tony Robbins summed it nicely when he said, “If you do what you've always done, you'll achieve what you've already got”. Sometimes we need to look at new ways of doing things and take a few calculated risks where the results may not be what we expect. Mark Twain said “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbour, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover”.

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SMART PHONE APP
Gillwinga is investigating buying a smart phone app to send messages out to parents regarding school information eg. bus times returning from an excursion, wet weather changes for sports days, etc. If you have a smart phone and would be interested in having this free app please send the slip at the end of the newsletter back to school to indicate your interest in receiving information updates.

AWARDS

Times Tables Champion: Cooper Mellish
Writer of the Week: Kolarah Newman


Silver Award Winners: Griffin Wheatley, Kayla Kaptein, Lex Bagster, Elisa Allen, Jordan Hartmann.

Aussie of the Month: Hayley Roberts, Annabelle Morgan, Carter Smith, Noah Hayward, Johen Connor.

P&C RAFFLE
Tickets have been sent home for the P&C Raffle. Please return tickets with money as soon as possible. Please also return any unsold raffle tickets to the front office. Donations for the hamper can still be dropped off at the office.

STAGE 3 HOLIDAYS
For those who have not already paid the $20 deposit for the stage 3 camp, please note it needs to be paid by 30th August.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Jacaranda Preschool Fundraising Trivia Night: Friday 30th August at 7pm at South Services Club. Tables of 8 are $80. Ph: 66424082 to book a table.

Grafton Futsal sign on days for junior and senior boys and girls on 11th and 18th September at Grafton Sports Centre.