choir, readings by the river and NAIDOC cultural activities. As well as these activities, staff have already, or are in the process of organising excursions and camps that will cater for all students throughout the entire school. I would like to thank all staff at Gillwinga for their effort and support to help run and organise these and many more activities for students at our school.

MUFTI DAY & DISCO
Two more important dates to add to your calendar are a mufti day on Thursday 29th August and a school disco on Tuesday 27th September. Notes giving more details will be sent home a little closer to actual dates.

VIETNAM VETERANS MARCH
Thank you very much to Mr Simpson and our school leaders Lex Bagster, Melanie Laurie and Griffin Wheatley who gave up some of their own time on the weekend to represent Gillwinga at the Vietnam Veterans march on Sunday 18th August. It is important that our school community is represented at these important events and is seen by the community as a school that contributes positively towards community events and functions.

JACARANDA THURSDAY
Last week a note was sent home outlining the school organisation for Jacaranda Thursday (31st Oct). On the bottom of the note was a tear off slip and it would be appreciated if parents and carers
could give some indication as to what they anticipate their children will be doing on Jacaranda Thursday. Schools will be open on the day in question but as the note indicated if parents and carers wish to attend the festivities planned for the Thursday with their children they need to provide the school with an explanation and the tear off slip on the note will suffice as an adequate explanation.

MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONICS
All students, parents and carers are reminded that if students bring mobile phones or other electronic devices to school these need to be handed into the office when they arrive at school and collected again at the end of the day.

ASPIRATIONS SURVEY
Thank you to those families of students in years four and six who have completed the aspirations study survey questionnaire from the University of Newcastle and returned them to school. On Wednesday 14th August the University supplied us with an online link that parents of students in years four and six who have yet to complete the survey may like to use. The survey can be found at http://goo.gl/ie8Mi.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
I found the following quote that I thought summed up what many us experience when we set out to achieve a goal that we’ve set ourselves. We all know that even with the best of intentions or plans not everything will ever go smoothly and when hiccups occur we need to have the resilience and perseverance to deal with the obstacle and find a way around, over or under so that we can keep moving forward. Put simply “I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.” - Jimmy Dean

CLARENCE SCIENCE INITIATIVE (CSI CLASS)
Forms will be sent home for those students who have been selected to apply for the CSI class for 2014. Important dates to remember are:
- 2/9/2013 Information evening held at SGHS Library from 5.30-6.30pm
- 6/9/2013 Applications for CSI 2014 close at 3.00pm
- 18/9/2013 Entry testing day SGHS Hall 9.30am-12.30pm
- 20/9/2013 Teacher nomination forms required back at SGHS
- 11/11/2013 Students advised this week of outcome of application.

FATHERS DAY STALL
The Father’s Day stall will be held Friday next week, 30th August after the Friday morning assembly. This will be the only opportunity to purchase from the stall. Gifts are from $1.50 upwards.

FRUIT & VEG MONTH WINNERS
Week 2 winners are 1st Taj Isenhood, 2nd Arie Hodge, 3rd Johen Connor.
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.

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. There will be 11 prizes on offer, including the food hamper so don’t forget your tickets to be in the draw to win some great prizes.

STAGE 3 CAMP
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.

HOT SHOTS SKIPPING TEAM
The Hot Shots at Karangi.

SMART PHONE APP
Yes, I am interested in receiving important updated information via the free App on my smart phone.

Name..............................................................................
RUGBY LEAGUE
GALA DAY

READY SET GO
NATIONAL TREE DAY

[Images of students planting trees and engaging in outdoor activities]

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