parents and community members are more than welcome to come along and support the students on the day. Students may wish to bring along a spare pair of shoes to change into if they get wet and a spare set of clothes to run in house colours.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

The next two weeks are quite busy. All students, parents and carers need to be aware of the events that are happening right up until the last day of school for this term which is Friday 11th April.

- Monday 31st March – 4/5S local excursion
- Tuesday 1st April – Rugby League Gala day year 3/4/5/6 (weather permitting)
- Wednesday 2nd April – Fresh Dental Talk K/1/2
- Thursday 3rd April – School X-Country (All students 8yrs and above)
- Friday 4th April – School based AFL training (selected students 4/5/6)
- Monday 7th April – Small Schools X-Country
- Tuesday 8th April – AFL Gala day and Bangarra Dance Workshop
- Wednesday 9th April
- Thursday 10th April – Aboriginal Tennis Day/Easter Hat Parade/Daytime Disco
- Friday 11th April – Traditional

GILLWINGA SKIPPING TEAM

On Monday morning of this week Mrs Carrigan received some very exciting news from the National Heart Foundation. Our skipping team has again been approved as a Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration Team. This is the thirteenth consecutive year that Gillwinga has received such recognition from the National Heart Foundation and testament to the hard work and dedication of Mrs Carrigan and our current group of skippers plus all the students who have been members of teams in previous years. Congratulations to all those students involved.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all those students who were selected to participate in our Public Speaking competition last Thursday. All those students who spoke showed great confidence and spoke on a range of very interesting and informative topics. Well done too, to all those students who presented speeches in their own classes as part of their Literacy lessons. Speaking in front of an audience is never an easy task so well done to every student who had the confidence to get up and have a go.

CROSS COUNTRY

Please don’t forget our school X-Country set down for Thursday 3rd April. All
Aboriginal Games Day and BBQ

As you can see our calendar is extremely full, as we try to provide as many opportunities as we can for our students. As many of these activities are extra-curricula, it is important that students who are participating meet all behaviour and attendance expectations to be eligible to be involved.

SCHOOL GARDENS

Last week Mr Fahey and myself met with the contractor who will complete the new front garden. Parents and carers may have noticed that we have removed additional trees in preparation for the work. The contractor is anticipating completing the work over the school holiday period, weather permitting.

EASTER HAT PARADE AND DISCO

As you will notice on our calendar we have an Easter Hat Parade and Disco on Thursday 10th April. The Easter hat parade will begin at 12 noon and will be followed by a disco in the hall. On Friday, Nick Duroux and a group of students form South Grafton High School will be running a Traditional Aboriginal games day for all Gillwinga students. Each class will participate in the activities and parents and carers are invited to come along and join in with the students in their classes. The proposed timetable is listed below. There will be a sausage sizzle for all students and any parents that are here at 1:30pm on the day.

- K/1/2 - 11:30 - 12:00
- 2/3 - 12:10 - 12:40
- 4/5 - 12:50 - 1:30
- 5/6 - 2:20 - 3:00

This term we have run our assemblies every second Friday and we anticipate continuing to do so for the remainder of the year. If any parents or carer’s have any feedback regarding this arrangement they are encouraged to please contact either the front office or the class teacher. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have come along to our assemblies and we look forward to seeing you again on the last Friday of this term 11th April for Kindergarten’s turn to run the assembly.

UNIFORM AND ATTENDANCE

Students are currently going through a craze of making wrist bands, necklaces and headbands out of small colourful rubber bands. Although they may look attractive they are not part of the school uniform and students are asked to please remove them before they come to school each day. Parents and carers are reminded that term two commences on Tuesday 29th April for all students. Staff recommence on Monday 28th April.
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We all have an imagination. Some spend a considerable time using it and being creative while others keep it for those special occasions and they surprise us with the things they can do. Our imagination is something we need to use and keep using. If nobody had an imagination all of the everyday things we take for granted would never have been invented. So find your imagination and use it to make your day or someone else’s just that little bit more interesting. Or as Dr. Suess says “Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try”!

SCHOOL P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Mother’s Day stall will be held shortly after the holidays. Donations of any items for the Mothers Day stall would be much appreciated. They can be left at the front office.

LEAVING SCHOOL FOR APPOINTMENTS

If you are collecting your child early from school for an appointment please allow an extra 5 minutes as the office now has a new computer system to sign out students and the system does take a little extra time. We thank you for your patience during this phasing in period.

SCHOOL BANKING

Only 2 weeks left to go for your chance to win $50 and for our school to win a Commbank Marquee. The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win the marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their school banking account.

$1 FOR DROUGHT

If you would like to donate just $1 this money will be sent off to the $1 for Drought fundraiser to help our farmers. Donations can be made to the front office.

IPAD TOKENS

Thank you to those families who have brought in the Ipad tokens from the Daily Examiner. Our school collected 1155 tokens which is a great effort for our small school.
HEADLICE

From time to time we have students that appear at school with headlice which is a common issue in all schools. Our policy is to advise the parents or carers of the problem and children should be kept home until the problem has been treated with a suitable product. The following information is provided from NSW Health and contains advice on how to treat headlice and suggestions as to how to limit the spread of the lice.

Treatment

Head lice are only found on the human head or hair. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. Treating anything other than the human head does not eradicate head lice.

Before you choose a treatment for head lice, consider the following:

• Make sure that the heads you treat are infested with head lice, otherwise do not treat them.
• Avoid treating babies for head lice or any scalp that is irritated or inflamed.
• Protect children’s eyes when treating with any product.
• There is no preventative treatment available for head lice. Treating the whole family as a precaution contributes to head lice becoming resistant to the products used.
• Read the product label before applying and use as directed.
• Avoid using natural products like tea tree oil as treatment for head lice.
• Apply product and leave it for 20 minutes. Comb out with a good quality lice comb.
• If dead lice are found, that means product has worked. Retreat in 7 days to kill the nymphs that emerged from unhatched eggs.
• If you find live lice, which means treatment hasn't worked. Use another product or try the comb and conditioner method.
• Reduce transmission of head lice by tying hair back or braiding and by checking your children's hair.
• Keeping a good quality head lice comb in the shower should help anyone taking a shower to use the comb.
• Do not use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child's head.