EDUCATION WEEK

This week is Education week and is a chance to celebrate the achievements of Public Education throughout New South Wales. The Grafton Community of Schools has set up a display in Shopping World near Woolworths and as a group have taken out an advertisement in the Clarence Review. If you are in shopping world please take the opportunity to have a look at the displays.

The Grafton Community of Schools of which Gillwinga is a part, provides opportunities for almost 4000 students K-12 in four Primary and two High schools in Grafton.

The Community of Schools (COS) provides Public Schools students with the following opportunities

- involvement in Career Link and Vocational Education and Training
- a district gifted and talented class (Opportunity Class) for Years 5 & 6
- after school academy – academic, sporting, environmental, library cafe
- structured photography and chess clubs during lunch times
- enrichment classes focussing on individuality and independent work habits
- membership of high performing student concert bands and choirs
- quality teaching and learning supporting the welfare and learning needs of students
- specialised preschool programs preparing children for their first year in school
- a competitive arena for students with the chance to excel in public speaking, debating, web design, student newspapers and environmental management
- the only self select classes on the North Coast for high school students
- support units K-12 for students with special learning requirements
- Multi Categorical Classes K-12 providing personalised learning programs
- a well resourced vocational education program Years 10 – 12
- High School Clarence Science Initiative (CSI) for Years 5 & 6 gifted and talented students
- (VET) Summer Schools for high schools students
- the only Selective High School in the Clarence /Coffs Harbour Region
- student representative leadership programs involving the SRC and SLIKK (Student Leadership is for Koori Kids)
- overseas cultural experiences and interschool visits
- comprehensive range of VET courses for Stages 5 & 6
- specilised literacy and numeracy programs – including MultiLit, Djehuti Smart & QuickSmart
- opportunities to represent at inter-school and state sporting competitions in a variety of sports
SPEECH THERAPY PRESENTATION

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Speech Therapy session on Monday with local Speech Pathologist, Tracey Ellaby. Tracey’s session was informative and provided lots of practical suggestions that parents could use with their children at home. We are considering holding another session later in the term so please keep an eye out in the newsletter for more information.

SPORTING EVENTS

Congratulations to the Girls and Boys Touch Football teams who travelled to Coffs Harbour last Friday to participate in a Gala Day. Both teams played extremely well and grew in confidence as they progressed. A special mention must go to the Girls team who reached the semi-finals but were beaten in extra time against Boambee Public School in what was a very close game.

This week we have students travelling to Casino on Wednesday to compete in the finals of the Netball Cup and there are number of students who have qualified for events at the District Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 1st August at Barnier Park. Parents and carers are reminded that it is important that students return the notes for those events as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Parents and carers are reminded about photo day on Tuesday 5th August (next week). All students have received photo forms and these should be returned on or before photo day with the money to the class teacher. Please return the envelopes even if you are not ordering photos. Please also note that the office will not have change for photos on Tuesday. I would ask that all students make a special effort to ensure they wear the correct uniform on the day to ensure that each class looks neat and tidy and all students take pride in their appearance and in their school.

SPECIAL SHOW AT GILLWINGA

On Wednesday 6th August the “Ned Show” will be coming to Gillwinga. This show is free of charge for all students and deals some of the key ideas that form part of our “You Can Do It” program. The “Ned Show” talks about the importance of Never Giving Up * Encouraging Others * Doing Your Best. One of the highlights of the show are a series of tricks that the presenters perform using Yo-Yo’s. The Captains and Prefects will be selling Yo-Yo’s at the conclusion of the performance. A price list for the Yo-Yo’s and associated products will be coming home shortly.

Please be aware that parents and carers are under no obligation to purchase any of the products.
YOU CAN DO IT

Within class students are working on goal setting as part of Organisation. Setting realistic goals is important and planning out how to achieve them is vital but one of the biggest blockers to people being unsuccessful in achieving their goals is when people give up when things get hard. One of the things successful people do is called “Working Tough”.

Students are currently looking at Organisation as one of the keys to them being successful. I thought the following quote was a nice way of reminding ourselves about not only the importance of being organised but also of having dreams that give us something to aim for. Quite simply “Organise your life around your dreams and watch them come true”.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

A reminder that the P&C will be running a Father’s Day stall this year. If you could provide any donations for the stall it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the front office.

LIVE LIFE WELL

Think about carrots for Crunch & Sip/ Fruit Break:

Carrots are

- rich in Vitamin A, potassium and fibre,
- they don’t bruise,
- kids love their crunchy texture and sweet flavour,
- something different!

Water

- About two thirds of our body is water
- It carries food around our body
- It carries away waste
- It keeps our temperature steady

Drink plenty of clean, plain water: it is THE thirst quencher!

YEAR 4, 5/6 CAMP

Camp has been confirmed and a reminder for parents to keep making regular payments. Further information will follow regarding activities, medical information and packing details.
YOU CAN DO IT

“This is boring”!

Not everything at school is going to be fun & exciting.

Working Tough