STUDENT ATTENDANCE

This week we had a surprise treat for all those students who have maintained a better than 90% attendance level throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following students:

Joseph Mansfield, Thomas Watters, Shyleekqua Lee, Reagan Duroux, Briony Kelly, Serina O’Keefe, Joshua Wallace, Cooper Joseph, Gemma Quinn

Sidney Kelly, Ava McLachlan, Tamara Lee, Chantelle Wallace, Malakai Fernando, Oscar Wales, Nathan Hamilton, Jaxon O’Brien, Jimmy Kennedy, Nyree Browning, CJ Flentjar, Marsel Leach, Kyle Jessup, Peter Shipley, Justin Snow

Grace Schulz, Kobi Thompson, Breanna Hamilton, Boyd Adams-Purcell, Allikzander Watters, Adam Wright, Kayne Pacey, Carter Smith, Holly Joseph, Logan Lafferty, James Holder-Hemsley, Jason Wallace, Arie Hodge, Cameron Ellis, Nathan Weatherall

Edward Schulz, Caleb Thompson, Jessica Deleiuen, Jordan Hartmann, Maddison Joseph, Mervyn Weatherall, Jaykila O’Driscoll, Ryan Fallon, Elisa Allen, Alyssa Chalker, Taj Isenhood, Drew Cooper, Reese Russell, Cate Duroux, John Vargas, Zac Pacey, Mandawuy Bell, Ally Grant, Latoya Wallace, Allierah Christian, Koorine Cutmore-Thomas, Rhion Lindley,

Alex Schulz, John McLachlan, Krystelle Lentfer, Candice Holloway, Hanna

Kaptein, Erica Jerrard, Bayden Fritz, Jasmine Wheatley, Hayden Pacey, Marshall Lockyer, Miah Bell, Edyn Nipps, Isaiah Thornton, Trey Isenhood, Chloe Mc Cafferty, Ashley Bowling, Jamie Lowe, Jesse Ross, Callum Quinn

In addition all students who have not been on detention this term, which equated to over 84% of all students, also received a treat.

OPERATION ART

Last week we received notification that Jesse Ross in 5/6C has had her art work selected to be part of Operation Art for 2015. Jesse’s work will hang in the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from September 6th through to the 26th. Over the last few years, Gillwinga, has had a number of students selected to be part of this exhibition. Congratulations to Jesse and to Mrs Magarry for their efforts in creating the work.

SPECIAL VISIT

On Monday our senior students had their second day with Katie Pitsis and from the sounds I could hear from my office it sounded like a very high energy day that included a lot of group work and co-operation. From the comments I have received from students, staff and parents this has been a worthwhile activity. Katie will be back later in term four for the third and final day.
SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all those families who have finalised their voluntary school contributions for the year and thank you also to those families who have organised a payment plan. The cost for the year is $40 per student with a maximum of $120 for any family. These funds are used to help cover the expenses involved in providing students with a whole range of experiences and equipment for all children. If you have not finalised your payments or haven’t organised a payment plan with the office could you please do so. “What cost do we put on providing experiences for our children”.

FOOTY COLOURS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to our school leaders who did a great job helping to organise and run the footy colours day last Friday. This was a great way to kick start the fundraising activities for the year six farewell and other associated activities towards the end of the year.

RETURN OF PERMISSION NOTES

As always there are a lot of events happening throughout the school that require permission notes to be brought in. Currently we have the COS choir, Touch Football and Skipping notes. It is important that these and any other notes are returned by the due date so we know what students are participating. It also saves staff, both teachers and office workers having to make unnecessary phone calls which cost money and tie up people’s time. It would be greatly appreciated if families and carers could make every effort to return notes by the due date. If a note has been lost please contact the office to arrange for another one to be sent home.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next school assembly will be held this Friday 22nd of August and will feature work from 4/5S. All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend the assembly which is held in the hall and commences at around 9:00am.

YOU CAN DO IT

Teachers are currently finalising the Organisation element of the You Can Do It program. Week seven will see students starting units on Persistence. As with the other keys to success, families will receive a laminated sheet that provides details about keywords and phrases that you might like to use when discussing what persistence means and ways to identify when your child is being persistent. Families are encouraged to keep these sheets for future reference when units are covered again.
DAILY EXAMINER SHIELD FINAL

Daily Examiner Shield Final. The arrangements have been made for the final. It is on Wednesday 27th August. Below is the draw. We wish all our players the best of luck. It would be great to see as many people as possible get along and support the students. The Daily Examiner Shield 2014

Finals 27th August

McKittrick Park South Grafton

3:30pm South Grafton High Girls v Grafton High Girls (Opens) 15min each way
4:10pm Grafton High v McAuley College (14's) 20min each way
4:50pm Grafton High v McAuley College (open's) 25min each way
5:40pm South Grafton Primary v Small Schools 20 min each way
6:40pm South Grafton High v Maclean High (14's) 25min each way
7:30pm South Grafton High v Maclean High (open's) 30 min each way

GILLWINGA SCHOOL WEBSITE

It has been very pleasing to note the number of hits we have been receiving on the school website. We do our best to keep the information on the website up to date and wherever possible update the gallery with current photos of activities that students have been involved in. The latest photos to be uploaded are from the footy colours day held last week. If you haven't visited the website please do so, while you are there don't forget to have a look at the school blog. A link to the blog is located on the home page.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Due to the lack of donations for the Fathers Day Stall, students will be initially limited to 1 item each. If there are any left over items students may be able to return to the stall to purchase more items.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Don’t aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally”. David Frost