absent from school on that day they are asked to please send it into school or alternatively contact the front office.

GONSKI FUNDING

You may have heard in the media some stories relating to Gonski funding for schools. Gillwinga has been fortunate to receive some of this funding and it has enabled us to run a number of additional programs including;

• Our Breakfast program
• Additional teacher’s Aides in classrooms
• Additional Literacy/ Numeracy Support
• Music Scholarships
• Band/Choir program
• Leadership Conference / Workshops
• Professional Learning for staff
• Purchase of new Technology

These programs and others have given our students additional opportunities and continue to help them achieve additional outcomes. The extra money provided to our school through the Gonski funding has been greatly appreciated and we are hopeful that this funding will continue as it is supporting students to learn and improve.

JACARANDA ACTIVITIES

Jacaranda activities commence this
week with the March of Youth on Saturday morning (31st October) at 10:00am from the river end of Prince Street adjacent to the Civic Centre. All students are invited to be participate in the March. It is an expectation that those students participating will wear their correct full school uniform (hat included). Students are asked to meet Miss Watters and Ms Cross outside the Civic Centre at 9:30am. Thank you to Mandy Lindley for putting together this year’s banner, “A Walk Down Prince Street”.

RUGBY LEAGUE PROGRAM

This week students will have the opportunity to participate in the Backyard Rugby League Program being run by regional development officers. Over the next three to four weeks all classes will be participating in the program which will run on a Friday. This program will be run free of charge for all students as we will be utilising the money we received from the Sporting Schools grant that also paid for the AFL program.

CHOIR AND BAND VISITS

Good luck to all those students who will be part of the Choir/Band visit to local nursing homes at the end of the week. This is another example of Gillwinga students putting something back into the local community. Thank you to Miss Watters and Ms Edwards from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium for their organisation and participation.

A number of our students will be part of the Grafton Community of Schools Choir that will be performing at various events over the Jacaranda festival. As this is a combined choir it is essential that the students have the opportunity to practice as a group. A note has gone home detailing the up-coming rehearsals and performance dates. If your child has been selected to be part of this choir please return the note to school as soon as possible.

NEW SIGNAGE

Recently we took delivery of our new signage that uses traditional Gumbaynggirr language. This week Mr Fahey has placed a number of the new signs around the school and we hope to be able to erect the sign over the front gate in the very near future. All the signage was approved by the Muurrbay Cultural Centre and I would like to thank Mr Simpson and those community members who made a positive contribution to this very worthwhile project.
YOU CAN DO IT

What People Who Are Resilient Look Like:

• They keep trying when things don’t go right.
• They don’t get too sad when they make mistakes.
• They control their anger when they think they are treated unfairly.
• They are able to say “NO” when people are pressuring them.
• They don’t get too frustrated when they have a lot to do.
• They manage their nerves when they have to perform in front of people.
• They calm down quickly after getting very upset.
• They can discuss how they are feeling.
• They don’t get frustrated if they don’t understand something straight away.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe – John Henry Newman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 2nd Nov: Wayne Burke;
Tuesday 3rd Nov: Aimie Curtis

The uniform and canteen price lists can now be found on our web page and facebook page. Don’t forget you can like us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/gillwinga