**BOOKS IN HOMES**

This week we received some great news. The Newcastle Permanent Building Society Charitable Fund has combined with the Books in Home project to sponsors Gillwinga’s participation in the program from the commencement of term two this year. Newcastle Permanent Building Society has agreed to contribute 80% of the cost for 145 students; this will allow all those children who attend “Ready Set Go” this year to also be included in the program. For those families who have not been part of The Books in Homes Program previously students will receive nine books over a 12 month period free of charge. This is a great opportunity for families to start to create a home library and help develop children’s reading skills. Once we have all the details information will be forwarded to families.

**DISTRICT SOCCER**

Good luck to those students who are attending the District Soccer trials at the end of this week, Zac Pacey, Jaykila O’Driscoll and Cate Duroux.

**TRADITIONAL ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

On Friday Mr. Simpson had a very positive meeting with Mr Michael Jarrett to discuss the possibility of introducing the traditional Gumbaynggirr language to students at Gillwinga. The outcome from this meeting will see a qualified tutor working with Mr Simpson’s class to undertake some introductory lessons throughout the remainder of term 1 and into term 2 and then during terms 3 & 4 all classes will have the opportunity to be involved in the program. There is also a plan for the tutor to conduct lessons for the community using our community room. Mr Simpson will be asking for input from our school community later in this term so we are able to work together on this and other projects coming throughout the year.

**ROAD SAFETY**

It has been brought to our attention that some students are behaving a little carelessly when walking home. It is important that all children utilise the crossing at the top of Bent Street and once they have crossed the road they need to ensure they stay on the grassed verge and ensure that they don’t cross the road again unless it is absolutely necessary. There have also been concerns raised by members of the public about students riding scooters or skate boards to school in unsafe ways. It would be appreciated if all parents and carers could discuss this with their children.

**FRUIT SALAD DAY**

Thank you to our wonderful canteen and P&C committee for the great job they did this week with the fruit salad day. Thank you also to all those families who supported the day.
EASTER HAT PARADE

Parents/carers are asked to please mark Wednesday 1st April (no this isn't an April fools joke) for our annual Easter hat/mask parade. The day will begin at 12:45pm and all parents and community members are invited to come along and support the students. The canteen committee will also be holding an Easter Egg stall on the day. More details concerning both of these events will be sent home a little closer to the intended date.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our first disco for this year will be held on Wednesday 18th March. The evening will commence at 5:30 with a BBQ sausage sizzle. The sausage sizzle will be coordinated and run by Year 6 as their first fundraiser for the year. The canteen will be open on the night selling drinks, jelly and custard and red frogs. As this is an extra-curricula activity it will be an invitation event only. To be eligible to receive an invitation students must NOT be on a red or purple level. Invitations will be sent home on the night of the disco to allow all students every opportunity to be eligible to attend.

YOU CAN DO IT

What Is “Getting Along”

People who Get Along, work and play together thoughtfully and cooperatively. They are friendly, tell the truth and care about others. People who Get Along want to make their community clean and safe. They are able to fix problems without arguing and fighting.

What To Do To Help With Getting Along

BE TOLLERANT OF OTHERS – Encourage children to be accepting of people who are “different”. Everyone is different, that is what makes us all special.

THINK FIRST – Discuss with children the possible ways they can react to a situation that upsets them and the consequences of each action so in future they can act in a way that helps everyone.

PLAY BY THE RULES – Encourage the following of important community, school and home rules. They are there to keep everyone safe, healthy and happy.
SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

The canteen roster for next week:

Monday 9th March: Lee Hodge
Tuesday 10th March: Kylie Chalker

DAILY EXAMINER TOKENS

Gillwinga is collecting the tokens from the Daily Examiner for the classroom makeover. Please send in any tokens you may have for the chance for us to win!
COMMUNITY NEWS

We invite you to participate in the inaugural Concert for the Planet.

EARTH HOUR 28 March 2015
7pm-9.30pm Christ Church Cathedral

Global Orchestra Rehearsals: Monday 2, 9, 16, 23 March
6.00-7.00pm Clarence Valley Conservatorium

On the countdown to Earth Hour, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra will beam a live stream out from the Sydney Opera House to all forms of media, enabling community and school orchestras within Australia and overseas to synchronize as a global orchestra to perform Holst's "The Planets".

Conductor: Mitch McLennan
For more information contact Clarence Valley Conservatorium 6643 3555
www.glorchestra.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday 22 March 2015 at 2.00pm
Saraton Theatre, Grafton 6642 1633

TICKETS:
$30 Adults; $25 Concession;
$10 Students (U18)
Available from Saraton Theatre & www.saraton.com

Stopera goes to Broadway in this concert presented by Clarence Valley Conservatorium, of classic hits from famous musicals like Oklahoma, South Pacific, The King and I, Porgy and Bess and Guys and Dolls. Swoon to your favourite show tunes by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rodgers and Kurt Weill, performed by Rebecca Collins, Rachael Duncan, Rohan Thatcher and Vivienne Winther from ACT chamber opera company Stopera.

GRAFTON REDMEN RUGBY
PLAYERS 6 TO 12 years old for Friday Night Rugby And Under 13s, 14s and 15 for the Far North Coast Comp.

SIGN ON and REGO DAYS
FRIDAY 13TH March 4PM TO 7PM AT GRAFTON SHOPPINGWORLD
FRIDAY 20TH and 27TH March sign on + (Skills based training games)
5:30 pm to 6pm at Rugby Park Hay St South Grafton

Upcoming events: Secondary Schools 10s - 4th March
Primary Schools 7s - TBA

Further information: Jason Connors – 0419 636 788
Gervase Bertus – 0409 227 823
2 March 2015

COMMUNITY FORUM

South Grafton High School will be holding a community forum on Tuesday 10 March 2015 at the South Grafton Ex-Serviceman’s Club.

This is your opportunity to have a say about the future directions for South Grafton High School.

There will be three sessions held over one hour’s duration at 10.00 am, 4.00 pm and 7.00 pm. So whether you are an interested parent/carer, or an industry partner who works with our school, come along and have your ideas and opinions heard and help shape the future of South Grafton High School.

Yours sincerely

Megan Johnson
Principal