MID NORTH COAST FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Zac, Cate and Jaykila who have all been selected in the Clarence District Football team to participate in the Mid North Coast Trials to be held in Coffs Harbour on Tuesday 17th March. Good luck to all three students.

COMMUNITY HEALTH VISIT NEXT WEEK

Nurses from Community Health will be conducting their annual Health Screening for all Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two students on Tuesday 17th March. Thank you to those parents/carers who have returned the note. If parents/carers have outstanding notes or require a new one could they please return them as soon as possible or contact the office staff for a replacement.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This week we have received notification from the school photographers that school photos will be taken on Thursday 23rd April. It would be appreciated if parents/carers could please mark this date on their calendar. Information packs will be sent home to all families as soon as they become available.

ASSEMBLY

On Friday 13th March we will be holding an assembly. This week Mrs O’Connell’s class will be presenting some of the work they have been doing.

BREAKFAST DONATION

Last week we were very grateful to receive some donations for our breakfast program from Miss Grewal’s family business, “Planet Fruit and Vegetables”, in Woolgoolga. If any of our families are ever in Woolgoolga and wish to return the favour by supporting the store it can be found at the top of the hill in Beach Street, opposite the Sea View Tavern.

BUS ZONES AND PARKING

We have had a request from the local bus companies asking that parents/carers please refrain from parking in the bus zone of an afternoon and morning as it makes it difficult for buses to get into the pick-up areas and then merge back out into the traffic. There is a designated fifteen minute drop off and pick-up zone at the front of the school, it would be appreciated if parents/carers could make use of this area and refrain from parking in the bus zones.

ROAD SAFETY

We have had a number of students riding scooters to school of late and a number of phone calls from concerned community members in regards to way students are riding their scooters. Parents/carers are asked to please read the attached brochure from the NSW Centre from Road Safety concerning the rules and regulations in regards to children using bikes and scooters.
doing in class. All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend the assembly which will be held in the hall and commence at approximately 9:00am.

HANDBALL COMPETITION

Congratulations to our house captains, Zac, Alex, Mervyn and Jax who did a fantastic job last week organising and running the handball competition for years two, three and four.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Our school leaders (Captain, Vice-Captain and two prefects) will attend the Halogen, Young Leaders Conference to be held in Brisbane on Friday 20th March. Our leaders will join school leaders and classes from the Clarence Valley Small Schools, along with other students from throughout New South Wales and Queensland who will be attending the day long conference. Some of the guest speakers include Bindi Irwin, Juliette Wright co-founder and CEO of GIVIT and Coen Ashton, ambassador for organ donation and the recipient of a double lung transplant. This should be a great opportunity for our leaders and we hope they will grow and learn from the experience.

EASTER EGG FUNDRAISER

The P&C are holding an Easter egg stall Wednesday of Week 10 (1st April). Easter eggs will be available from 20 cents up to $2. Money raised will go back to the P&C to fund school resources to benefit our students.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Learn what is true in order to do what is right” – Thomas Huxley

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 16th March: Kylie Kelly
Tuesday 17th March: Mandy Lindley

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
To celebrate Harmony Day we are having a disco. Big Al will be playing a selection of music during the disco. Students who are on green or above will receive an invite to the disco.

We will have lucky door prizes and all funds raised will go towards the school. Mrs Cross and Year 6 are having a BBQ from 5.30pm so come along and enjoy a sausage sandwich for dinner.

**When:** 18\(^{th}\) March 2015

**Time:** 6.00 – 7.30pm. Students need to be picked up promptly at 7.30pm.

**Where:** Gillwinga Public School Hall

**Cost:** $3 per person. If you are a family of 3 or more it will be a maximum of $6.

**Theme:** Harmony Day – Please wear orange clothes.

**Please note:** Students are not allowed to leave the disco unless their parent/ caregiver are there to collect them. No student is to walk home alone.

**This disco is for Gillwinga Students only.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Watters.
Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels

The law and safety advice for bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades
## What the law says

### Bicycles

**Helmets**
All riders and passengers on bicycles must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZ2063) approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head.

**Riding on the footpath**
Children under 12 years and older riders who are accompanying and supervising them may ride bikes on the footpath unless there are signs that specifically prohibit cycling. Riders must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.

**Riding on the road**
Cyclists 12 years and over must not ride on the footpath unless it is signposted as a shared footpath. When riding on the road they should keep to the left, as traffic does, and they should use a marked bicycle lane wherever possible.

Bicycles must be fitted with a working brake and a bell, and if used at night the bike must have a front white light, a rear red light and a rear red reflector.

Bicycles can be fitted with power assistance up to 200W. A vehicle with more power than that has to comply with appropriate registration requirements. Cyclists, just as other road users, must comply with all road rules.

### Foot Scooters, Skateboards and Rollerblades

Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades may be ridden on footpaths unless there are signs that specifically prohibit them. However, riders must keep to the left and give way to other pedestrians.

Powered foot scooters cannot be registered and therefore can only be used on private land.

On separated bicycle and pedestrian paths, foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders must use the section designated for bicycles, but must keep out of the path of any bicycle.

Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades can be used on the road only during daylight hours. They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip, or a speed limit greater than 50km an hour, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane.

*Move Ahead with Street Sense* is a road safety education program developed and produced by the NSW Centre for Road Safety, RTA, and is available in all NSW primary schools.
## Safety advice

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<th>Make sure the helmet fits correctly and check it regularly for damage. Replace the helmet if it has been dropped on a hard surface or involved in a crash, if the foam is cracked or if the straps look frayed or worn.</th>
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<td>Cyclists must make sure they are not a hazard to pedestrians. They have to take extra care so that their cycling isn’t dangerous, especially to young children, older people or animals on shared paths. Parents and carers may need to actively guide and supervise children up to ten years old.</td>
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<td>Until they are at least ten years, children should cycle in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. Children aged between 10 and 12 years old should avoid cycling on busy roads. Cyclists should wear a bright helmet and bright clothing and have extra equipment such as a flag and reflectors to make themselves more visible.</td>
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<td>On the footpath, riders of foot scooters, skateboards or rollerblades should ensure their riding does not threaten pedestrians, especially the elderly. They may need to slow down or dismount in busy areas. In the interests of safety and enjoyment, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use. Foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders should wear a helmet and protective gear such as knee pads and elbow pads. The use of foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades on the road is not recommended for school-aged children or younger.</td>
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Disclaimer: No part of this brochure can be regarded as legal advice.
Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate

Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?

Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?

Do the straps join in a ‘V’ just below your ears?

Has an adult checked your helmet?

For further enquiries
www.rta.nsw.gov.au | 13 22 13

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