ANZAC

Thank you to all those families who supported the ANZAC Day march on Saturday and our assembly on Monday. I’d like to thank Mr Fred Norris from the South Grafton RSL Sub Branch for attending and speaking at our Assembly. Thank you to Miss Watters and her family for all their work in the preparation of the class wreaths and to Kris Edwards for her assistance in preparing the choir.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events happening over the next few weeks that people need to be aware of;

- **Wednesday 29th April** – MNC Netball trials. Good luck to Ally & Reese.
- **Wednesday 6th May** – Girls NSW Netball Cup. Mrs Magarry will be co-ordinating this.
- **Thursday 7th May** – GRIP Leadership conference. Mr Simpson will be taking our school leaders to Coffs Harbour attend this conference.
- **Thursday 7th May** – Mother’s Day Stall – The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall. We acknowledge that there are a number of single parent families and students who are in other care, those students may like to purchase a gift for a particular special person. Thank you to Michelle Tainsh, Cindy Grant and Sharon Bagster for their donations towards the Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to Sharyn Fallon and Michaela Kaptein for their work in organising the stall.
- **Thursday 7th May** – Kinder, Year One and Year Two will be participating in the Responsible Pet Program.
- **Friday 8th May** – District X-Country Westward Park – all students should have returned their notes and money to either Mr Simpson or Mrs Magarry.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

I’d like to thank the school community for their support of our Staff Development day held on Friday 24th April. This proved to be a very beneficial day and allowed staff the opportunity to undertake training in our new administrative system that will help streamline some of our duties and allow more time to focus on helping students to achieve positive outcomes.

AMS DENTAL VISIT

Parents/carers of Aboriginal students should have received a note concerning an upcoming visit from the AMS dental nurse on Friday 29th May. It would be appreciated if these notes could be returned to school by Friday 8th May.
NAPLAN

Parents/carers of students in year three and year five need to be aware that students in those years will be involved in NAPLAN testing in week four, 11th May – 14th May. A letter providing more detailed information to parents/carers will be sent home shortly. If any parents/carers have any concerns or questions regarding the test could they please make an appointment to discuss these with the class teacher concerned.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

The Gillwinga Aboriginal Education Committee are coordinating a commemoration and celebration during Reconciliation Week. This will take place on Friday 29th May. After an assembly, the committee is organising an art activity which will involve all students participating in a creative, community based activity. There will also be an opportunity to yarn and build relationships with others. The committee would like to invite parents, carers and family members to be a part of this very important day, so sit with a couple of students, chat with them and help them with their art work. If you are available for a few hours on this day please let the school know through a note, a call or a visit to the school office.

YOU CAN DO IT

We are still focusing on Getting Along in our classrooms. It has been great to see students focusing on these skills by talking positively to each other and making positive relationship and friendship choices.

What To Do To Help With Getting Along at Home

BE TOLERANT 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.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Don’t forget our Mothers Day stall will be on next week, Thursday 7th May. See the upcoming events section on page 1.
CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 4th May: Lee Hodge;
Tuesday 5th May: Kylie Chalker

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder what makes the universe exist. Be curious”. Stephen Hawking

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Being Tolerant of Others ...
leads to getting along with people
Parents and carers of the Clarence Valley...

You are invited to attend Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation hosted by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA)

The presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- The ways young people use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- Tips to help young people stay safe online

**Date:** Tuesday 5 May  
**Time:** 5:30—6:30pm  
**Venue:** South Grafton High School Hall

To register your attendance please contact the school on 6642 1466 as soon as possible or email stthgrafton-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
Enrolments will also be accepted on day

About the trainer: Lesley Harrison has over 30 years experience in all levels of education and extensive experience in cyber issues and mental health. Lesley is passionate about improving the wellbeing of young people.
School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their Youthsaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items
To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martian Pen  Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California’s Disneyland
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Date: 27th May 2015
Time: 10:00am
Location: 3 Camellia Way South Grafton

There will be:
Tea and Coffee
Cake stall
Sausage sizzle
Games e.g. 3 legged race apple bobbing
Face painting
And more

Everyone is welcome to come along bring the family and friends