provided us with a more efficient way of tracking and recording student absences. Beginning on Friday 22nd May, notes will be sent home to all students who have recorded unexplained whole day absences for the week. The note will indicate the specific date or dates on which the absence occurred. Parents/carers are asked to please complete the bottom section of the note detailing the reason for the absence and return it to school so the role can be adjusted accordingly. Alternatively, parents/carers may wish to phone or email the school with an explanation for the absence. Parents/carers are reminded that after seven days an unexplained absence is automatically recorded as being unjustified.

ASSEMBLY
All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend our assembly set down for Friday 22nd May. This week students from 5/6C will be sharing some of the work they have been doing in class and the band and choir will be performing items for the upcoming eisteddfod.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
A reminder that the public speaking competition will be held on Thursday 21st May commencing at 9:30am in the hall. All parents/carers and community members are invited to attend.

DENTAL CLINIC
Parents/carers of Aboriginal students are reminded that the...
AMS will be conducting a dental clinic next week at the school on Friday 29th May.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION
Both Grafton High and South Grafton High school are currently finalising orientation arrangements for students going into year seven in 2016. As part of that process Mrs Chappell from South Grafton High School will be coming to Gillwinga on Thursday 28th May to talk to year six students about the planned transition process for this year. Once orientation dates have been confirmed parents/carers will be notified.

READY SET GO
This year’s Ready-Set-Go program for our Pre-Kinder enrolments is set to commence on Monday 25th June. There are still vacancies available. Information brochures and enrolment forms are available from the front office or the schools website www.gillwinga-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. If you know of any new families in the area with pre-school aged students please encourage them to contact the school for information concerning Ready- Set-Go.

SCHOOL ZONES
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of this year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times. Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plans to install signs outside Gillwinga Public School/St Joseph’s Primary School South Grafton on Bent Street in the week beginning Saturday 23 May outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting.

Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles will be put in place if needed.

Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

For more information about the flashing lights program please visit the Centre for Road Safety website at www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe (go to the schools section).

OTITIS MEDIA
Mrs Bev Walls the support teacher hearing will conducting Otitis Media lessons in all classes on Wednesday 27th May. Otitis Media is an infection of the middle ear drum and if untreated can lead to hearing complications. Mrs Walls will provide students with simple strategies that they can use to help reduce the risk
of infection.

KEN DONE ACTIVITY PHOTOS
Last week Mr Simpson added some interesting photos to our Facebook page concerning a Ken Done t-shirt activity that 4/5S completed. If you haven’t had the opportunity to have a look please feel free to do so and don’t forget to like us on our Facebook page so you can receive updates.

YOU CAN DO IT
This week we have begun focussing on the “Confidence” key to success. Students will be delivered 2-3 lessons per week on this topic. People who are Confident are not afraid of making mistakes and are willing to try something new. They believe they will be successful if they work hard. People who are confident are not afraid to meet new people and like making new friends. They speak in a clear voice and communicate openly with others.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“You can discover more about a person in an hours play than in a year of conversation” – Plato

COMMUNITY NEWS: Parenting Festival: See the Clarence Valley Council’s website for further information: