Week 9 Term 2:  
16th June 2015

**Newsletter**

**Gillwinga Public School**  
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**DIARY DATES**

There are quite a few events on during the last two weeks of term that parents/carers need to be aware of;

**Wednesday 17th June**

- District Public Speaking at Westlawn Public School

**Thursday 18th June**

- Books in Homes presentation assembly – 9:30am in the Hall
- Jump Off commences at 10:30am

**Friday 19th June**

- 2/30°C assembly
- Last day for Cinderella notes

**Tuesday 23rd June**

- Yr 5 NAIDOC sports day at Alumy Creek
- NAIDOC week disco – 4:30pm BBQ, disco from 5pm in the hall

**Wednesday 24th June**

- NAIDOC Public Speaking Competition

**Thursday 25th June**

- Yr 6 attend the NAIDOC week assembly at South Grafton High School
- Reports go home
- Friday 26th Last day of term

**JUMP OFF DAY**

Jump Off will be held on Thursday this week. Thank you to all those students who have been hard at work getting sponsorship for this event. Everyone is reminded that all sponsorship forms must be returned to school regardless of the number of sponsors achieved and that all money must be given to class teachers on or before the due date.

**CINDERELLA PERFORMANCE**

There are still a number of tickets available for Cinderella. To secure a seat students need to ensure they return their note by Friday 19th of June. After that date all unsold tickets will be reallocated to the other local Public Schools.

**SCHOOL REPORTS**

Parents/carers are reminded that reports will be sent home towards the end of the last week of school. Any students who are absent will
have their reports posted to the current contact address that has been supplied to the school. If any parents/carers have recently changed their contact details could they please advise the office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I’d like to congratulate the students and parents/carers for the big improvements that have been made with uniforms over the last week – Thank you very much. Just a reminder that it is important that students have their names clearly marked on jumpers and hats in case they go missing in the playground. Last week a number of jumpers and jackets were handed into the office with no visible form of identification, these items are now in the lost property box.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week will be celebrated during the last week of school and as people can see from the calendar there are quite a few events planned for that week, one of which is a school disco on Tuesday afternoon. As the disco is an extracurricular activity it will be invitation only. More information regarding the details of the disco will be sent home shortly.

BOOKS IN HOMES AND ASSEMBLY

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation, students will receive their first round of books from the Books in Homes program on Thursday 18th June. A special presentation assembly will be held at 9:30am in the hall, all parents/carers and community members are invited to attend.

Our next assembly will be held on Friday 19th of June. Mrs O’Connell’s class will be sharing some of the interesting things that they have been doing in class.

Benefits of the YCDI Positive Parents Program

1. Parent calmness and feeling in control in stressful situations
2. Ways for parents to connect, communicate, motivate and manage
3. Raising children with positive attitudes and high levels of resilience, confidence, persistence, organisation and ability to get along
4. Top achieving children with highest levels of well-being
YOU CAN DO IT

The school has recently purchased a number of online subscriptions for families to access the "You Can Do It" parent website. The website offers a number of online modules that deals with similar concepts and ideas that students are taught during lessons in class. Any parents/carers that are interested in accessing the website are invited to attend an information session on Tuesday afternoon (during the disco) at 5:15pm in the school's technology room. Staff will be on hand to provide support and parents/carers will be able to create their own user name and password that will allow them to access the website from home. For those parents/carers that are unable to attend the information session but are interested in accessing the website are asked to please complete the attached form and return it school.

WHAT TO DO TO HELP WITH CONFIDENCE

ACCEPTING YOURSELF – Encourage children to be accepting of themselves. Everyone is special. Everyone is likeable and good at doing many things and is capable of getting better at things they work on.

TAKING RISKS – Making mistakes is a natural part of the learning process. It is okay to make mistakes and is actually a great teaching tool when learning new things.

BE INDEPENDENT – Encourage children to attempt things by themselves. It is also important to be supportive of children doing things that are different to other children if they want.

YOU CAN DO IT – Talk about how through careful planning and hard work even the hardest things are possible.
"YOU CAN DO IT" ACCESS TO THE INTERNET EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please indicate below if you are interested in accessing the "You Can Do It" parent website. The website offers a number of online modules that deals with similar concepts and ideas that students are taught during lessons in class.

☐ Yes, I would like to access the website

☐ No, thank you I would not access the website

Name of Student: ............................................................................................................. Class:................

Parent/Carer Name: ........................................................................................................

Parent/Carer Signature: ..................................................................................................