Newsletter

Gillwinga Public School
A Leader in Excellence, Innovation + Opportunity

Week 8 Term 3:
2nd September 2015

HEAD LICE

We have a number of incidents of head lice in the past week. We ask that parents and carers do regular checks and not send students to school until they have been successfully treated as well as the eggs removed by combing out of the hair.

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

There are a number of sporting events happening over the next two weeks and it’s important that students are particularly mindful of their behaviour leading up to these events. The Westlawn Cup Rugby League Gala day will be held on Wednesday 9th September and on Friday 11th September is a Cricket Gala Day. Notes have gone out for the Rugby League Gala day and they should be returned to Mr Simpson as soon as possible. Notes will be going home shortly concerning the Cricket Gala Day.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROMOTION

The canteen is still running the fruit and vegetable promotion. This will continue through until the end of the term. Students are reminded that there are seven pencils to collect plus the opportunity to win a football or netball at the end of the promotion.

CHOIR AND BAND

Last week our band and choir performed as part of the Clarence Valley Community of Small Schools at the Small Schools Big Impact concert, held at the Saraton Theatre. Congratulations to all the students from Gillwinga and their families who were part of a wonderful night of entertainment. Congratulations to Miss Watters and Ms Edwards for all the hard work they put in preparing the students for the performance. Thank you to the Kaptein and Fallon families for assistance in transporting all the band equipment to and from the performance. This week the band and choir will perform at a variety night being held at South Grafton High School, once again all families and community members are invited to come along and support the students.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

On Thursday this week the P&C will be conducting a father’s day stall. Items will be available for purchase from $1 upwards. Student’s that have money on the day will have the opportunity to visit the stall and purchase something for dad or a special person in their lives.

AFL CLINIC

Parents/carers are reminded that our AFL clinic will continue again this week. Due to last week’s unforeseen cancellation the program will finish on Thursday of week 1 in term 4.
ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Next week is electrical safety week and students will be involved in activities and discussions in class about the importance of electricity as well as some of its dangers. This would be a great opportunity to have a discussion with your children at home about the importance of being safe around electrical appliances. Electricity is something we all have in our homes and it certainly makes life a lot easier and more comfortable but we need to remember that there are dangers associated with its use and we can make our children aware as well.

NATIONAL LEGACY WEEK

This week is national Legacy week and the school is selling badges for $2 and wrist bands for $3 at the front office. Legacy is a wonderful charity that supports the families of ex-service men and women. If students would like to purchase a badge or wrist band they are asked to please come and see one of the ladies in the front office.

READY SET GO PROGRAM

The last day for our Ready Set Go program for this term will be Monday 14th September and it will recommence on Monday 12th October in term 4. Thank you to those families who have supported this very important program so far this year. If any new families move into the area over the holidays with pre-school aged children please ask them to come and see the ladies in the office if they would like to attend Ready Set Go as it will run until the 9th November.

YOU CAN DO IT

What People Who Are Persistent Look Like:

- They continue trying even when things get difficult.
- They are not easily distracted by other people or things.
- They check to make sure activities are finished completely.
- They do what they say they will do.
- They complete tasks even if they think they are boring.
- They finish tasks before playing.
- They do not find excuses why tasks are not completed.
- They put things away and complete chores without being reminded.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“If you believe that you can achieve something you are already half way there”

Theodore Roosevelt
SCHOOL BACKPACKS

The office has a sample backpack for viewing. This backpack is designed to be long lasting to withstand the rigours of school life. The back and shoulder straps are well padded for extra comfort and the bag is endorsed by expert chiropractors. It has a lifetime warranty on zippers. If you would like to purchase one of these bags, please see the front office. Cost of the bags are $40 each.

SCHOOL SUNGLASSES

Gillwinga would like to follow recommendations set by health professionals across Australia on children wearing sunglasses at school during sport or school breaks. We would like to place an order for sunglasses but will need 21 prepaid orders from parents/carers before we are able to make this happen. Sample glasses are available to view at the front office. These glasses come in different sizes to cater for all students. They have a section to write the student's name on so any lost glasses can be returned. The cost of a pair of glasses will be $14.00. Please come into the front office to have a look at the samples and place your prepaid orders.

"To be successful, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy and fun."

Working Tough ... leads to persistence and effort
LITTLE ATHLETICS: Grafton Little Athletics Club will be holding two sign on/information opportunities for those wishing to join or re-enrol for the 2015/16 season. These will be held on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September 2015 at the Terry West Field, Pine Street, Junction Hill between 4.00pm and 5.30pm. Regular weekly competition will commence on Friday October 9th 2015.
HOW MUCH COULD YOU SAVE BY MAKING HEALTHY SWAPS?