Term 1 Week 3:
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Newsletter
Gillwinga Public School
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CANTEEN

The school canteen commenced operation on Monday of this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Fallon and Mrs Kaptein for all the work they have done in setting up the canteen for this year. Thank you also to those parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen. Parents/carers are reminded that the canteen will only be operating fully on a Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday at recess only, Year 6 will be selling a limited number of items as a fundraiser for the end of year activities.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Parents/carers are advised that our first whole school assembly for this year will be held on Friday 19th February in the hall, commencing at approximately 9:00am. Students will receive their swimming ribbons and championship trophies at this assembly. As always, parents/carers and community members are more than welcome to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Congratulations to the students and families for the wonderful effort that everyone is making with uniforms at the moment. Whilst we understand that family circumstances sometimes stop students from wearing their uniform we encourage all students to make every effort to show pride in themselves and in the school by wearing their uniform every day.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the swimming carnival last Friday. It was wonderful to see the number of students enjoying themselves throughout the day. Special mention must go to our age champions; Rochelle O’Malley, Adam Wright, Jessica Deleiuen, Nathan Weatherall, Jaykila O’Driscoll and Ryan Fallon.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mr. Duroux, Miss Watters and to Mr Lee Hodge for the enormous amount of support that they provided to students throughout the day, both in and out of the water. Special mention must also go to Nathan Weatherall for the amount of assistance he provided to a number of younger students which ensured that they were able to successfully participate in events.

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Small School’s carnival will be held at the Grafton Olympic Pool on Friday 12th February. Those students that have qualified have received permission notes along with a list of events that they have been nominated for. Mr Simpson, Miss Watters and Mr Duroux will be attending the carnival on the day.
SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has commenced again this year. Students who are participating in the school banking program are asked to please bring their bank books in on a Monday and they will be returned Tuesday after the banking has been processed.

SCHOOL FEES

Parents/carers are reminded that school fees are now due. Notices will be sent out to all families shortly. Thank you very much to those families who have finalised their payments for 2016 or have made arrangements with the front office to pay the amount due in instalments. The fees for 2016 are the same as last year at $40 per student with a maximum of $120 per family. This money helps offset some of the cost involved in providing books and other materials for students throughout the year.

GILLWINGA ON FACEBOOK

For those parents and carers who are new to the school we have a Facebook page (Gillwinga Public School) which we try to update regularly with pictures and information about things that are happening around the school. The school newsletter can also be accessed from a link on the Facebook page. If you haven’t already done so please like us and follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with the events that happening around the school.

YOU CAN DO IT PROGRAM

When Does “You Can Do It” Happen?

Specific lessons happen in class twice a week targeting these skills in order. These skills will be reinforced formally on assemblies but most importantly they will be continually taught and reinforced throughout the day within the classroom and playground. Our school merit system reflects the Keys To Success and as students demonstrate these skills they will be formally recognised and rewarded for it.

How Can You Help With “You Can Do It”?

To maximise the success of any program like this a strong link between school and home is essential. If you can discuss with children the skills being taught, reinforce their importance and praise students for displaying the skills it will increase the success of the program and therefore your child.

Please look at the information about each of the keys to success, what they look like and how they can be used at home too.

If you have any questions or would like any support with any of the content or the program in general please feel free to contact us at any time.
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely" – Auguste Roden
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Merit Awards

You Can Do It

When you get a “You Can Do It” card give it to an adult who will mark it on the chart and return it to you.

You may choose to take it home or put it in the box in your room.

The awards in the box will be collected and placed into the daily draw. Each morning there will be a draw for a canteen voucher.

Award Chart

Collect 10 x Merit Awards (of the same colour) = Certificate of that colour (presented at assembly)
Collect ALL 6 Certificates (1 of each colour) = Bronze award (plus Keys To Success wrist band)
Collect next 6 Certificates = Silver Award (plus canteen voucher)
Collect next 6 Certificates = Gold Award (plus morning tea)
Collect Next 6 Certificates = Principals Award (must have the approval of the Principal)
Soccer Club 2016 Winter Season is upon us. Why play for "The Gunners"
- Cheapest fees in the Zone
- All grades accredited coaches
- Free development training with Brasilian pro Coach Renan Fenerich
- Partnership with the Brisbane Roar
- Financial support for Rep players
- Fun, Fitness, respect, all inclusive, development focused club business plan
- Free dress polo shirt
- Programs for 3-4yr olds
- many, many more

Key Dates
Thursday 11th and 18th free come and try sessions 4pm-5pm at Rushforth Park

Bunnings BBQ and sign-ons Sunday the 14th Feb. and 28th Feb

Fees for 2016 are:
2016 Registration Fees
U6 - U7 $70
U8 - U9 $95
U10 - U11 $110
U12 $130
U13 - U14 $145

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MAJOS FOOTBALL CLUB
INFORMATION / SIGN –ON DAYS FOR THE 2016 SEASON
WHEN: 6th February and 13th February 2016
WHERE: Grafton District Services Club.....Near the BBQ area.
TIME: 9:00AM – 12:00pm
Don’t forget it is on-line registration at: myfootballclub.com.au
President, Carmel Thompson ....0411 799 268
Registrars, Renee Zimmerman ....0416 154 244

- Please note that Shorts & Socks can be ordered on these days

Email: majosfc@gmail.com

Come and Try Hockey Day

Saturday 20th February 9:00am - 10:00am

Grafton Hockey Complex, Oliver Street, Grafton

All ages welcome, boys & girls, men & women, all abilities.

Wear a hat, sunscreen, joggers & shin pads if you have some. Sticks supplied.

For more information call Renee Nilson: 0400 095 816
Grafton City Soccer Club is holding our sign on days for 2016 season at the Grafton Shopping World and at our home ground Rushforth Park.

You can also register online. Go to the MyfootballClub website: www.myfootballclub.com.au

All boys and girls are welcome and we cater for kids that are 4 turning 5 to under 14’s.

Any players 15 and over now register with Grafton United FC.

Sign on days
- Grafton Shopping World
  - Saturday 6th February 10am—2pm
  - Saturday 13th February 10am—2pm
- Rushforth Park
  - Saturday 20th February 9am—11am

Mini Roos is small side sided soccer that is designed for kids of all abilities, aged 4 – 7 years.

It uses the nation-wide initiative short, game-based sessions to introduce the sport of football to newcomers in an inclusive way.

It focuses on learning new skills, being active, making life-long friends and, potentially, unearthing the next generation of Socceroos or Matildas.

We welcome returning players and new players to the sport.

Here at City, we focus on fun, respect and player development.

If you can’t make it to any of our sign on days and require more information,

Please contact Tabatha on 0438041990.

Livestock Sale

South Grafton has some lambs for sale. They range in age from 3 to 9 months and are Dorpa/Wiltshire crosses. (this means they will not require shearing). They are suitable for keeping the grass down (but in general do not do well on their own), for filling up that vacant freezer space or for breeding (ewes only).

We have 6 wethers for $100.00 each and 4 ewes for $120.00 each

We also have some 3 year old Isa-brown hens for sale at $5.00 each and one white point of lay hen for $15.00. If interested hurry because numbers are low.

Please contact the School on 66421466 and leave a message for Steve Wilson or Steph Lehman