Week 4 Term 1:  
16 February 2016

Newsletter
Gillwinga Public School  
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SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to those students who competed at last week’s Small Schools swimming carnival. Special mention must go to Nathan Weatherall, Allkzander Watters, Ryan Fallon and Damon Davey who all qualified to compete at the Clarence District carnival to held on Thursday 25th February. Nathan Weatherall was also named the 11yr old boy champion for 2016.

ASSEMBLY

Our first whole school assembly will be held this Friday 26th February in the hall. As always parents/carers and community members are most welcome to attend. The assembly will begin at approximately 9:10am. Ms Cross’s class 5/6C will be sharing some of the work they have been completing in class and students will be receiving their ribbons and trophies from our recent swimming carnival.

SURF SCHOOL

Last week students in 4/5S and 5/6C received information and permission notes concerning participation in Surf School. The school received a grant through Sporting Schools to allow students to participate in this activity. Parents/carers need to complete the registration form and permission slip and return it by Monday 22nd February to the class teacher. If parents/carers have any questions or concerns about their child participating please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Simpson who is co-ordinating the program.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

As parent/carers are aware our canteen is only operating on a Monday at this stage. If any new volunteers would like to assist we may be able to open another day. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

As part of our leadership program and as a fundraiser for 2016, year six students with the support of Mrs Young, are selling poppers, chips and jelly/custard at recess on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for this term. If this proves to be popular the selection of items may be expanded later in the year.

BOOKS IN HOMES

Last year our students participated in the Books in Homes program thanks to the generous sponsorship from the Newcastle Permanent Building Society. This program will again run in Term 1 of this year and all students K-6 have recently submitted their book selections which have been forwarded on to the co-ordinators of the program. A Books in Homes presentation assembly will be held on Friday 1st April. At this stage this will be the final presentation of books for our students as the funding for the program will cease at the end of Term 1. We are hopeful that Gillwinga may be selected again to be part of the program at a later date and we are indeed extremely grateful to the Newcastle Permanent Building Society.
Permanent Building Society for their very generous support of the Books in Homes program and for providing Gillwinga students with a wonderful array of books that they can share with their families.

SPECIAL VISITOR TO GILLWINGA

Last week 4/5S were lucky enough to have a visit from Uncle Roger Duroux, who brought along some traditional artefacts to show the students. He also spoke about the traditional tribes that lived in and around the Clarence Valley and about different the languages they spoke. Thank you very much to Uncle Roger for taking the time to come and share his extensive knowledge with our students.

ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE

Next week, Mr David Prosser and Mr Michael Jarrett, both of whom are traditional language tutors will be in the school on Monday to give a demonstration lesson in 4/5S, to Aboriginal school staff who are interested in becoming qualified traditional language tutors. This is a great opportunity for staff from not only Gillwinga but also from South Grafton Public and South Grafton High School with the long term aim of having a traditional language taught as part of the regular curriculum.
YOU CAN DO IT

This week students will be refreshing what they know about the 5 keys to success. To help at home here is a quick summary.

Confidence means trying something new and not being afraid of making a mistake.

Examples: trying a new sport, meeting someone new, giving a speech in front of the whole class.

Persistence means sticking to work that seems very hard or impossible to do and not giving up.

Examples include: working on maths, writing sentences, reading to yourself, and running hard during physical education.

Organisation means having all your school supplies with you at school and home, placing your past work into folders with divided sections, having the goal to be successful and do your personal best, and planning your time so that you do not rush your work.

Examples include: bringing a sharpened pencil and paper to class, having a neat desk, writing down when any homework is due, deciding to do your very best in a subject that is hard.

Getting Along means helping others with their schoolwork, working nicely in small groups, and managing your temper when someone is mean to you or doesn’t do what you want.

Examples include: listening when someone is talking in class, not punching someone who pushes you, and following the teacher’s directions when working together with other classmates in a group.

Resilience means when you are good at staying calm (you don’t get too nervous, down or angry), calming down when you do get upset and bouncing back to do your work and play with others.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

‘In order to carry out a positive action we must first have a positive vision’ - Dalai Lama

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 22nd Feb: Lee Hodge;
On Saturday 20th February the Coutts Crossing Cougars will be holding a sign on morning between the hours of 9am and 12pm at the Coutts Crossing Store. Coutts Crossing Cougars are a great club full of fun and enthusiastic players with numbers growing every year. If you are interested in playing with the Cougars, please come along on Saturday to meet our wonderful hard working team who will be there to sign you up and answer any questions you may have.

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NetSetGo
NetSetGo is Australia's junior entry netball program. The program is for children 5-11yrs of age incorporating skill activities, mini games and modified competition. Time and day to be confirmed ASAP. Registrations as above.

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CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

Clarence Valley Conservatorium supported by
Department of Education & Musica Viva presents
The String Contingent

Saturday, 6 March 7pm
Clarence Valley Conservatorium
8 Villiers Street, Grafton
Adults $25, Student $5 (U18)
Enquiries: Ph. 02 6643 3555 or www.cvcon.com.au

Renowned acoustic chamber-folk trio, The String Contingent, tour to Orange, Grafton and Goulburn in early March
Trying to Limit Screen time to Two hours?

Help is at Hand! eSafety for parents - Too much time online

Trying to drag your children away from online games, apps, YouTube videos or social networking? Want to know what is normal and when they are spending too much time online?

Child development experts, including psychologist Dr Helen Street, answer questions about how much time children should spend online.

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