Week 5 Term 1:
23 February 2016

Newsletter
Gillwinga Public School
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SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thank you to those parents/carers and community members who were able to attend our first whole school assembly last Friday, your support is greatly appreciated by the staff and the students. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 4th March.

SURF SCHOOL

This week our 4/5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in the first day of a two day Surf School program run by Solitary Islands Surf School as part of the Sporting Schools initiative. Students will be travelling to Woolgoolga and will receive professional coaching from qualified surf coaches. This is a great opportunity for our students to have a go at surfing and learn some important points about beach and surf safety. This program is being run free of charge. The second day of the program will be held on Tuesday 22nd of March also at Woolgoolga main beach.

SWIMMING

Congratulations to Nathan Weatherall, Damon Davey, Alikzander Watters and Ryan Fallon for their persistence at the Clarence District swimming carnival last week. The boys were up against some very strong competition from across the district and they tried their best in all the events in which they were entered. Special mention must go to Nathan Weatherall who has qualified to compete in the 50m butterfly at the MNC carnival which will be held in Coffs Harbour on Thursday 25th February.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

This week year six students will be selling handballs as part of their fundraising activities for 2016. The handballs will be on sale from Tuesday at recess at a cost of $3 each.

NETBALL

Last week Mrs Magarry sent a note home about an up-coming Netball gala day. This is a great opportunity for the younger girls to learn some of the skills involved in the game before the season starts and meet some new friends. Notes and money are due back to Mrs Magarry as soon as possible.

STAFF TRAINING

Recently all staff completed the mandatory Child Protection Training as part of the Department of Education and Communities requirements. The focus of this year’s up-date was on childhood obesity and the effect it can have on students and their learning. As part of the school’s Physical Education/Health/Personal Development program we encourage all students along with their parents and carers to try and ensure they are maintaining a
healthy diet which includes fruit, vegetables, whole grains and cereals and to avoid eating fast foods which can be high in salt, sugar and saturated fats. Whilst the staff encourage all students to eat healthy foods it is ultimately the responsibility of parents/carers. Please remember a healthy diet is only one part of ensuring a healthy lifestyle.

GILLWINGA FACEBOOK

Thank you to all those people in the community who are following us on Facebook. Last week’s Kindergarten photos have proven to be very popular with over 333 people reached. If you would like to follow us on Facebook simply type in Gillwinga Public School in the search bar. Parents/carers are reminded that a link to the school newsletter is published on Facebook each week.

YOU CAN DO IT

One of the important skills needed to be successful in life is “Thinking First”. These two pictures illustrate it perfectly.

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Thinking First
... leads to solving conflicts peacefully and getting along

Acting without Thinking
... leads to behaving badly and getting into trouble
ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE

Monday began the delivery of Indigenous Language at Gillwinga, with a specific focus on Gumbaynggirr. This is an awesome opportunity for Aboriginal students to engage with their heritage, culture and community plus Non-Aboriginal students to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for the land and people of the Clarence Valley. Language Hub Co-ordinator Michael Jarrett performed a demonstration lesson on 4-5S which was observed by potential tutors from the local area. These potential tutors will continue working with Mr Jarrett and 4-5S students over the coming weeks to develop their skills so this exciting opportunity will be available to all classes in Gillwinga by the end of term and across the Clarence Valley next year. For any interested parents/community members who would like to find out more about the program and learn what is being delivered in class, there will be weekly parent information session on a Monday morning 9:00 – 9:30 in the community room. The first session will be on Monday 7th March. If you have any questions please contact Mr Simpson.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We do not remember days, we remember moments" Cesare Pavese

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 29th Feb: Kylie Kelly;
Looking for something to do?

Looking for a job or going to Uni?

We can help you gain these skills

Come and team varying hospitality skills including Front of House, Bar, Banata skills, Restaurant service or becoming the next Master chef.

For more information or to enrol please call our customer service team on 1300 628 233

Grafton Netball Association

We will be holding 2 sign on days at the courts in Bacon Street on Saturday the 20th and Saturday the 27th of February from 12-2pm. Delegates from all clubs will be present so put a team together and register or come along as an individual and we will help you find a team. It is a fun way to meet people and exercise at the same time.

NetSetGo

ANZ NetSetGo is Australia’s junior entry netball program. The program is for children 5-7yrs of age incorporating skill activities, minor games and modified competition. It will be run at 12:30pm on Saturdays. Cost $75 for the season. All participant will receive an ANZ NetSetGo t-shirt and ball. Registrations as above.

To keep up to date with what’s going on at Grafton Netball Association follow us on Facebook or check out the website.

Any enquiries contact Brooke Burton- 0437426070

Live Life Well @ School

Email your first name, email address and postcode to lookatlunches@gmail.com for some healthy lunch box ideas.

PLAY AND CUPPA TIME

for families with young children

If you have young children, we would love you to join us at
Play and Cuppa Time for young families.

10 to 11am  Monday 7th March 2016
Church Hall, Kerrani Place, Coutts Crossing

9.30 to 10.30am  Friday 11th March 2016
St Matthews Anglican Church, Tyson Street, South Grafton

We will love to see you there. If you want any information please call any of the numbers below:
Jan  6644 7973 or 0400 194 533
Carmel 6643 2647 or 0417 047 465
Church mobile  0488 041 133
School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year's program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016
The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo
This year, we're giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you'll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry & Investment NSW.

The day runs from 10 am–2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

LOCATION: Lane Boulevard Park, Skinner St (river end), Grafton

DATE: 14th of April 2016

BOOKING CLOSE: 8th of April 2016

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