



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mr G Walker
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9 Bando Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

25th October 2012

Fundraising Events:

Sunday 28th October Family Portrait Day

School Website:

<http://www.girraween-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Principal's Message

Last week Kharrinnee Somasundaram competed in the under 10 years discuss competition at the NSW State Athletics Carnival at Olympic Park Homebush. Kharrinnee threw her personal best 29.46 metres and was placed 5th in the state. Congratulations Kharrinnee! She also demonstrated her commitment to learning by returning to school after the event to complete the school day in class. What a wonderful member of our school community.

I would like to thank all the parents who came to the P&C working bee last Sunday. We had more than 40 people attend during the day and completed tree planting near Gilba Road, mulching large areas of garden beds and weeding. The BQQ and drinks provided kept us all energised for the 5 hours of work around the school. This assistance to our school really makes an impact on improving our grounds to make a better learning environment for all students.

The new arrangements for split recess and lunch separating K-2 and 3-6 in the playground have significantly reduced congestion and made the playground much calmer. This is a definite benefit to our students and has improved their play time each day. It is important that we continue to have whole school arrangements. Our morning lines each Monday bring the whole school together to start each week. House team meetings also provide our students to make connections with other students on grades K-6. Our house meetings will be next Tuesday when our Year 6 students will lead their house groups in Peer Support activities for the session.

Friday we celebrate World Teachers' Day in Australia. Our theme this year is 'Working together to make a difference'. The teachers at Girraween P.S. continue to work with professionalism, care and commitment to the students in our school each day. This week they have been working with an educational consultant, Greg Mitchell, to develop classroom strategies aimed at engaging all students at their maximum. Tomorrow will provide a wonderful opportunity for our parents and students to note the work of all our teachers.

Don't forget our P&C family photograph promotion this Sunday. A great opportunity to have a family portrait at a reasonable price.

Best regards,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 October	World Teachers' Day
28 October	Family Portrait Day
6 November	5.30pm Keyboard recital
13 November	Kindergarten Orientation
14 November	Kindergarten Orientation 7pm P&C—library

Year 1 has been studying how living things grow and change.

Look at our fabulous experiments and plant samples.



A potato plant, an onion plant and some celery sticks.

We planted a potato and watched it grow into a tall potato plant.

We measured the progress of our plant. It has grown quite tall.



Celery showing how water is absorbed.



An onion with roots and a shoot.

Library Opening Hours for Term 4



Monday – Closed

Tuesday and Thursday - Years 3-6

First half of lunch – (1:10 – 1:30pm)

Wednesday morning K-2

8:30-8:55am Borrowing and Reading

Friday - Closed

Library borrowing will end in **week 7** on Friday 7- 23rd November and all books must be returned in **week 8** by Friday 30th November for stock.

Mrs K. Propst
Teacher Librarian



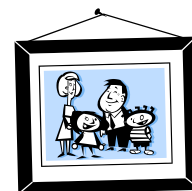
Family Photo Day—28th October 2012

There are a few spots left for Girraween Family Photo Day on **Sunday 28th October 2012 (this Sunday)**. You are still welcome to take part in this event.

As this is the last newsletter before the event no need to fill the form out, however, you will need to call and book a time and pay **cash only** on the day.

Do not miss this chance, please come along with your family.

To make a booking please call: Jignasa on 0432 660 065 (after 4pm); Priya on 0433 226 923 or Siva on 0421 631 286.



INTENTION TO APPLY: YEAR 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2014

Government Schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Tuesday 14th March 2013**.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, you need to apply as soon as possible.

The Department is **insisting** you apply and submit your application **online**. You will need to provide your email address (not the students email address) and have access to a printer. The detailed instructions on how to apply will be available from **16th October 2012** at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

However if you do not have internet access you will be able to obtain an application form from the school. This needs to be completed and returned to the school by **16th November 2012**.

A letter is being sent home to students with further information.



GIRRAWEEN HIGH SCHOOL

Invitation to our Open Night

To Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an Academically Selective High School that offers students a curriculum for those who expect to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced staff providing students with safe well disciplined classes and well-equipped facilities.

*You are invited to attend our Open Night
that will be held at our school
Tuesday 30th October 2012, 6 - 8pm.
Refreshments will be provided.*

Phone: 9636 7293
110 Gilba Road Girraween
Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

LIMITED VACANCIES!



Preschool is a necessary stepping-stone to 'big school' and an important stage in a child's development. At First Academy Preschool Childcare, we pride ourselves on providing a safe and nurturing environment in order for your child to reach their full potential.

Our centre caters for children from 0- 6 years of age, operating between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm and offering:

- Quality supervised, learning and development programs integrated with play time
- School readiness and transition programs for preschool children
- Fun and enriching activities
- All meals, including hot lunches, fruit and milk

For enrolments or any enquiries, please call **9863 2361** or visit the centre at 35 Carinya Rd. Girraween and meet our qualified and friendly staff.

First Academy Preschool Childcare
The Kids Paradise.

**Girraween Public School
PSSA Term 4**

Softball	T'Ball	Newcombe Ball	Cricket	AFL Binalong Oval
26th October				
Vs Beresford Rd Darling St	Vs Wentworthville Darling St	Vs Metella Rd Girraween PS	Vs Metella Rd Girraween Oval	Vs Beresford Rd
2nd November				
Vs Metella Rd Parramatta Pk	Vs Toongabbie Parramatta Pk	Vs Darcy Rd Girraween PS	Vs Darcy Rd Best Rd Oval	

Week 2 PSSA Results

Newcombe Ball—vs Toony West, Girraween lost 30-13 for the juniors and won 45-7 for the seniors.

AFL—vs Toongabbie, Girraween won for juniors, 34-4 and lost against Toongabbie for seniors 48-20.

Softball—vs Westmead, Boys won 6-3 and the girls also won 6-1— Well done!

T'Ball—vs Warriors, girls won against Westmead Warriors 10-8 and boys lost to Westmead Warriors 18-13.

Cricket—vs Toony West, juniors won 92-26 and seniors won 4-86 to 6-64—Well done!

P&C THANK YOU

Girraween Public School P&C would like to acknowledge and thank the following organisations for their generous support to our school:

- Bunnings Warehouse, North Parramatta
- Bunnings Warehouse, Seven Hills
- Cordina Chicken Farms
- Elders Real Estate, Toongabbie
- Excellent Jewellers, Wentworthville
- Good Guys, Prospect
- Gudia's Collection, Pendle Hill
- Scissor Trix, Pemulwuy
- Sri Accounting, Toongabbie
- VIM Tech, Girraween
- Wentworthville McDonalds



School is Kook—At Good Guys Prospect

Our school registered for the School is Kook program with the Good Guys Prospect. Under this program, every \$25 you spend at Good Guys, they will send \$1 to our school with your name. Christmas is around the corner, so next time you are looking for electrical appliances or gadgets, have a look at Good Guys Prospect. Also don't forget to mention Girraween Public School when paying.

P&C would like to thank the following people who have already shopped at Good Guys Prospect:

Kashojai, K&J Gale, Dilip Chauhan, David Miles, S. Annalingam.

P&C Volunteers needed

The P&C need to make up raffle ticket books and prepaid vouchers for Carols Night on Wednesday 12th December, if you could spare some time on **Wednesday 31st October from 6-9.30pm in the Hall OR Thursday 1st November from 10am-12pm in the Meeting.** Please complete the slip below, indicate circle which time session you can help with and return to the office.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Wednesday 31st October—6 to 9.30pm (Hall)

OR

Thursday 1st November 10am-12pm (Meeting Room)

LIFE EDUCATION NSW

Our Life Education lessons have started. Most children have paid \$9.50 for Life Education, as this was included with the textbook package. For those who have not paid, money is due ASAP. All children will need to return a permission note as we are travelling outside the school.

Information about how you can purchase Life Education products has been sent home. Please ensure that your **child's name and class is clearly written on an envelope marked Life Education Products before you send the order to the office letterbox.**

Below is the timetable of when each class is going. Please ensure your child's note/money or just note are in before then.

Thank you

Miss Khoury

Life Education Co Coordinator



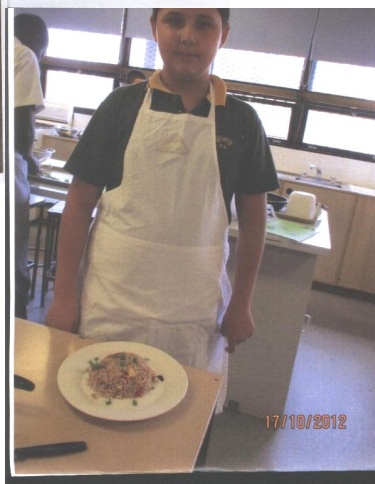
Week 4			
Monday 29 th Oct	Tuesday 30 th Oct	Wednesday 31 st Oct	Thursday 1 st Nov
HR13 and 2G Harold's Heroes Pick Up:9:10	4J Mind your Medicine Pick Up:9:10	4A Mind your Medicine Pick Up:9:10	KR Clued Up Pick Up:9:10
4R Mind your Medicine Pick Up:11:35	4W Mind your Medicine Pick Up:11:35	KK Clued Up Pick Up:11:35	KW Clued Up Pick Up:11:05

Week 5		
Monday 5 th Nov	Tuesday 6 th Nov	Wednesday 7 th Nov
KH Clued Up Pick Up:9:10	HR14 Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:9:10	1P Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:9:10
KA Clued Up Pick Up:11:05	1H Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:11:05	1C Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:11:05

Week 6			
Monday 12 th Nov	Tuesday 13 th Nov	Wednesday 14 th Nov	Thursday 15 th Nov
1A Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:9:10	1B Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:9:10	E1 Think Twice Pick Up:9:10	E2 Think Twice Pick Up:9:10
1S Harold's Mystery Tour Pick Up:11:05	E18 Think Twice Pick Up:11:05	E17 Think Twice Pick Up:11:05	E11 Think Twice Pick Up:11:05

Week 7
Monday 19 th Nov
HR12 Think Twice Pick Up:9:10





Transition to High School

Some of our students who will be enrolling at Pendle Hill High School next year have been taking part in high school lessons. Students have been to Food Tech, woodwork and drama lessons.

This program has enabled students to gain an insight into high school life.

Students attending these lessons were given buddies from higher years to work with. This will give our students a friendly and familiar face for next year in high school.



← Congratulations Kharrinne Somasundaram for coming 5th at the NSW State Athletics Carnival at Olympic Park Homebush for Under 10 year discus. Well done!



24th Annual DOLL, BEAR & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday 27th - Sunday 28th
October 2012 9.30am - 4pm

FEATURING:

- Unique Handmade Products
- Dolls and Accessories
- Wooden Toys and Furniture
- Doll's Houses and Supplies
- Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
- Aromatherapy
- Jewellery, Craft
- ... and much more!

Held at
MUSEUM OF FIRE

For more information call
4731 3000
or visit www.museumoffire.com.au

Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith.
The Museum of Fire is a Registered Charity

Admission:

Adults:	\$5
Concession:	\$4
Children:	\$2

2013 NEWSLETTER

In 2013 we are looking at emailing our school newsletter to parents. If you wish to receive the newsletter via email, could you please complete the following slip and return to the office. Our newsletter is also available fortnightly on our school website.

Child Name: _____ Class: _____

Parent Name/s: _____

Parent/s email address: _____

Attention K-2 Parents!

Are You Sick of Lost Property???

Are you tired
of your child always
loosing their jumper
or hat???

How many
drink bottles or
lunch boxes never
made it home???

How much time
and money have you
spent replacing
these items???

You Need Personalised Name Labels!

For the cost of buying a brand new school jumper, you can get enough labels printed clearly with your child's name to stick on all their belongings!

Never lose property again!!!

Jack Armstrong

Isabella Price

Sarah's Stuff

Joshua Harper

Cooper Stuart

Liam Smith

Lily Moss

Matthew's Book

Ruby Jones

Vinyl Sticker Name Labels

30 labels for only \$20!

Great for labelling lunch boxes, drink bottles, toys, pencil cases and much more! Won't wash or wear off!



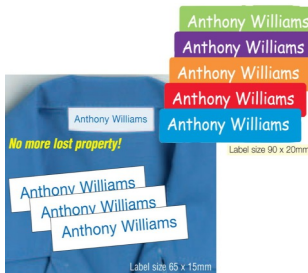
Riley
Renton Hardy

Zoe Harris

Iron-on Clothing Labels

30 labels for only \$20!

Great for labelling school jumpers, uniforms, hats, library bags, paint shirts and lots more! Easy to iron on!



Iron-on & Vinly Label Pack

120 labels for only \$35!

70 vinyl labels and 50 iron-on labels personalised with your child's name. Buy and save money! This supply will last years!

All proceeds
will go back to
our school!

So order before **Friday 16th November** to receive your labels by the end of the term! Order forms will be sent home with all **K-2 students**. Please fill one out and return it to the office with correct money ASAP.

Order Form

All orders must be received & paid for by Fri 16th November 2012

Please choose which products you would like to order and fill out the details below.
You will need a separate order form for each child that you are ordering for.

Student name: _____ Class: _____

Package being ordered:

☐ Option 1 : Vinyl Labels ☐ Option 2 : Iron-on Labels ☐ Option 3 : Value Pack

Total cost of order: \$ _____ (Payment to be made in cash only)

Option 1: Vinyl Name Labels

30 labels for \$20

Step 1: Choose your label colour:

☐ Mixed Colour Pack (red, green, purple, orange & blue)

OR

☐ Red only

☐ Green only

☐ Purple only

☐ Pink only

☐ Yellow only

☐ White only

☐ Orange only

☐ Blue only

Mixed Colour Pack



Single Colour Packs



Step 2: Choose your print colour:

☐ Black writing

☐ White writing

(*Make sure the colour will be seen on the background)

Step 3: Choose your print style:

☐ Isabella Price

☐ Joshua Harper

☐ Jack Armstrong

☐ Liam Smith

☐ Matthew's Book

☐ Ruby Jones

(19 characters, incl. spaces)

*Suggestion: For long names, write child's full first name and only the initial of surname.

Option 2: Iron-on Clothing Labels

30 labels for \$20

Step 1: Choose your label layout:

(Labels in white colour only)

☐ One line of text

☐ Two lines of text (19 characters per line, fits longer names)

One Line of Text

Two Lines of Text

Step 2: Choose your print colour:

☐ Black

☐ Navy

☐ Red

☐ Pink

Black print

Navy print

Red print

Pink print

Step 3: Name to be printed: (19 characters per line)

*There will be some space at the end of the label to write your child's class in permanent marker.

Line 1

Line 2

Option 3: Label Value Pack

120 labels for \$35

Iron-on labels come in navy print over 1 line only. Stickers in mixed colour pack only.

Step 1: Name to be printed: (19 characters only, including spaces - Only 1 name per package!)

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Thank you for supporting our school! We hope you enjoy your products!
We hope to have all products back & handed out by the end of Term 4.