



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. G Walker
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GIRRAWEE NSW 2145

22nd November 2012

Fundraising Events:

P&C Carols Night Raffle—Tickets on sale now. Drawn 12 December at Carols Night
1st prize iPad 2, 2nd prize Playstation 3, 3rd prize \$200 jewellery gift voucher

School Website:

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

Principal's Message

This week a number of our Year 5 students presented their speeches to the whole school in preparation for the election of our school captains for 2013. I was impressed by the high quality of each speech and the interest taken by the student body. The results of the elections for school leaders in 2013 will be announced at our Presentation Night next month. We have a very responsible and mature group of students nominated for the leadership positions and I am sure we will have excellent leaders in 2013 as we have had this year.

Letters and invitations to our Presentation Night and Presentation Day events will be sent to all families of students receiving an award. I look forward to sharing these significant events in our school calendar with the school community on 4 and 6 December.

Pavitra Sivanesan will be presented with a medal for her outstanding performance in the University of NSW International Year 3 Mathematics Competition. This is a wonderful achievement. I will be attending the ceremony at the university with Pavitra and her family tomorrow. Congratulations Pavitra!

After school child care is not available on our school grounds. National standards for child care facilities require dedicated rooms and office space that is not available on our school site. Families requiring after school care will be required to make arrangements with off site providers in 2013. We are looking at after school sport activities being offered at cost one afternoon a week next year. Enrolment forms will be distributed early term 1 2013.

Kind regards,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 November	Mufti Day—Police and Convict Day
30 November	Final Summer PSSA
4 December	6-8pm Presentation Night
5 December	7pm P&C
6 December	Presentation Day

HOUSE POINTS

	Years 3-6	K-2
Cuthbert	5845	2755
Bradman	5845	2862
Gould	6015	2903
Newcombe	6140	2825



GIRRAWEE PUBLIC SCHOOL REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Reverse Christmas Tree is still operating and will continue until 11th December (Week 10). Please be assured that your gifts will be gratefully received and will bring some Christmas Cheer to the need in our community.

All students and families are invited to buy an appropriate **new** toy and place it **unwrapped** under the Christmas Tree in the Office. These toys will then be collected by The Salvation Army for its Toy Drive on our School Carol Night (12th December).

Please remember that these toys will be given to primary ages (Yrs 5-12) boys and girls identified as in need by The Salvation Army.

Colin Wright
Deputy Principal



MUFTI DAY—27 NOVEMBER 2012 “POLICE AND CONVICT DAY”



Next Tuesday we will be having a mufti day to help celebrate 150 Years of NSW Police Force. We are asking the students to come dressed as police or convicts and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to Westmead Children's Hospital.

Also, on Tuesday 4th December the police will be visiting our school and allowing the students to have a look through the police vehicles.



HELP REQUIRED

Carols Night is on the 12th December 2012. We are asking for any volunteers who would be able to help at the P&C fundraising stalls on that night. The evening starts at around 5pm and finished at approximately 8pm. If you are able to assist with the stalls please fill out the form below and return it to the school.

I am able to help at Carols Night on the 12th December.

Parent's/Caregiver's Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

P&C Carols Night Guessing Competition—Tickets are on sale now at the office.
Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the school by **Tuesday 11th December 2012.**
Prizes are detailed below.



Girraween Public School P & C Association
Carols Night Guessing Competition 2012
DRAW DATE: 12th December 12
Tickets \$1.00 each OR 6 for \$5.00

- 1st Prize : **iPad 2 Wifi 16GB**
2nd Prize: **Playstation3 New Look 12GB Console (Wentworthville Tamil Study Centre, wtsc.org.au)**
3rd Prize: **Jewellery Gift Voucher \$200 (P&C and Tharuns Jewellery, Pendle Hill 9631 5205)**
4th Prize: **Kindle, 6" E Ink Display, Wi-Fi, Valued \$119 (Elders Real Estate, Toongabbie 9896 2333)**
5th Prize: **Apple TV, Valued \$109 (Girraween Public School Parent)**
6th Prize: **Breville Electronic Kitchen Scale, Valued \$69 (Good Guys, Prospect 9849 3000)**
7th Prize: **Breville Bamboo Cutting Board & Serving Tray, Valued \$60 (Good Guys, Prospect)**
8th Prize: **Good Guys Voucher \$50 (Good Guys, Prospect 9849 3000)**
9th to 12th Prizes: **Hampers (Girraween Public School Parents)**



CONGRATULATIONS PAVITA—3T

UNSW ICAS MEDAL WINNER: This Friday, one of our students will be attending the University of New South Wales—Kensington to receive one of the highest awards that school students may receive from their participation in the ICAS competitions.

Pavita—3T will attend the presentation ceremony of all medal winners from NSW at 1pm with her family and Mr Walker in the auditorium to support her wonderful achievement. Pavitra will receive a Year 3 Mathematics Medal for her perfect score of 40 out of 40 in the ICAS competition. In acknowledging her perfect score we reflect on all the hard work and study that Pavitra has done at home and at school. Extremely proud and well done Pavitra.

Mr Wright
Deputy Principal





CAROLS NIGHT
P&C Fundraising

The P&C need your help this year for Carols Night. We are asking for anybody who can contribute Christmas items, such as mince pies, chocolates, Christmas puddings, jam etc. Please bring any Christmas items that you can contribute to the office by the **5th December**. All items will be greatly appreciated.

BAND PROGRAM REMINDERS

I would like to bring to your attention a few very important matters:

At the end of the year, all instruments will need to be serviced and prepared for students to begin the 2012 program. The payment of fees allows us to maintain the instruments and is essential to Girraween Public school to continue to provide all band programs.

At present we have a large number of outstanding fees. Could these be paid promptly as the end of year is a very expensive time for the band program.

All tutorials will finish in Week 9 (Week ending 7th December, 2012)

All school instruments to be returned by Friday 7th December for cleaning and servicing.

If your child is in **Years 2-6** next year and are interested in being part of our band program, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school.

I look forward to many productive and positive experiences with all three bands in 2013.

Mrs Galea
Assistant Principal
Band Coordinator



GIRRAWEEN BAND PROGRAM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2013.

Student: _____

Class: _____

My child:

☐ would like to continue in the Girraween Band program in 2013.

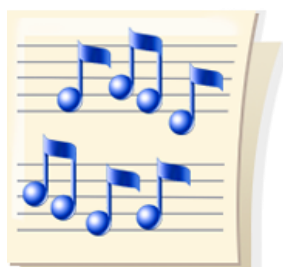
☐ will not be continuing in the Girraween Band program in 2013.

☐ would like to join the Girraween Band program in 2013.

My child plays (Instrument): _____ in the ☐ Beginner Band ☐ Performance Band

My child would like to learn the following instrument in 2013. _____

Parent signature: _____



Hitler's Daughter- a Book and Play

The bombs are falling. Germany is at war, and Heidi has nowhere to run....

It's an endless downpour in Australia. Mark, Anna and Little Tracey rush to the bus stop every weekday to catch the bus to school. While waiting, they play a game where each of them make up a story. This time it's Anna's turn. "Um," mumbles Anna, "It's about Hitler's Daughter."



Heidi, Hitler's Daughter, wasn't perfect. She had brown hair, a birth mark on her face and walked with a limp. Hitler didn't want anyone to see her, as he wanted to breed a perfect race of tall, blonde people and certainly no Jews. Heidi was not allowed to see the world. She was only allowed to go to church on special occasions. Heidi only knew Fraulein Gelber, her teacher; the people working in the house she lives in and of course Hitler, her father.

As the story builds, Mark becomes more curious about Hitler and he goes around asking questions of his parents, Mr McDonald the principal, and even the crazy bus driver Mrs Latter. Back in Germany, the bombs are becoming more frequent. Heidi and Fraulein Gelber are forced out of their formal residence to live with an old lady in the middle of nowhere and then to a building being the main headquarters of Hitler himself.

'Hitler's Daughter' is a story with a twist. The bright lighting and booming sound effects will make this play a memorable moment.

By Dominic—E11



Hitler's Daughter



This play, Hitler's Daughter, is a must see. The novel it is based on is written by the famous Jackie French. It is presented by Monkey Baa Theatre Company in Sydney. This award winning live performance is totally worth your money.

This play is very amazing with all the lights which catch your attention. The actors did their accent very well. The sound effects are really thrilling and will take your breath away. The setting was really realistic, which will take you back to the 1940's

I think this play was fabulous. And also it is affordable for the whole family.

By Hamzah—E17

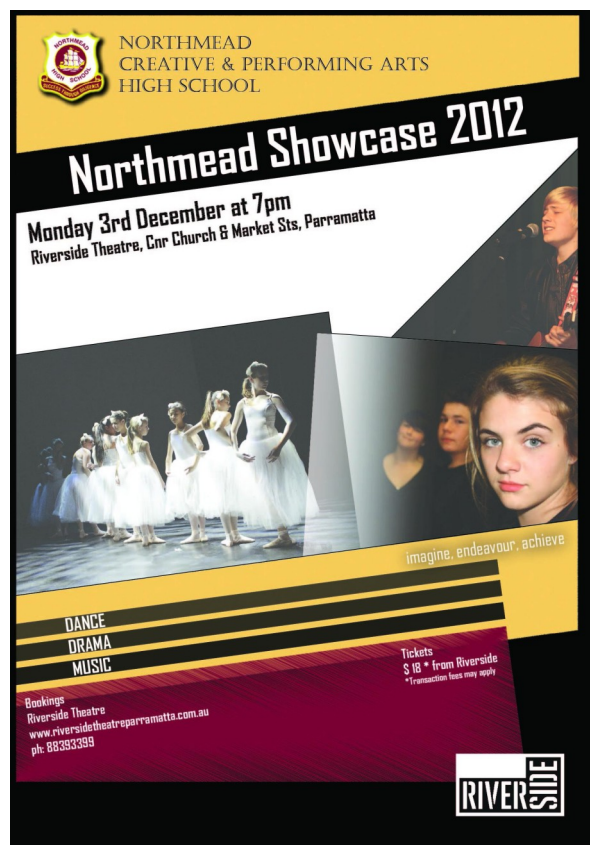
LIMITED VACANCIES!

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.



Library News for Term 4

Library borrowing will end this **Friday 23rd November**, and all books must be returned in **Week 8 by Friday 30th November** for stock take.

I would appreciate if any parents could help out with stocktake by cleaning shelves or arranging books in alphabetical or numerical order. If you can assist, please see me Monday at 9.30am in the library.

Thank you
Mrs K. Propst
Teacher Librarian



PSSA NEWS

Round 11—23rd November

Softball	vs Wentworthville	@ Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball	vs Toongabbie	@ Girraween P.S.
Cricket	vs Toongabbie	@ Binalong Oval
Tee Ball	vs Westmead	@ Parramatta Park
AFL	vs Westmead	@ Binalong Oval

Fair Discipline Code

This year, students receive their first silver badge at no cost. If students achieve their gold badge they may swap it for their silver badge or purchase the gold badge for \$5.00. Payments are to be made at the office.

Congratulations to all those who have achieved silver and gold!

P&C Poster Design

This is the last of the P&C Poster Design. Stage 3 will need to submit this writing competition by Friday 30th November. The prizes are as follows:

1. School Canteen Vouchers—3 prizes, one for each stage
2. Uniform Shop Discount Voucher for the 4th & 5th winning entry
3. Lollypop for all participants.



Stage 3 P&C Writing Competition

Name _____ Class _____

“...ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.”

These words are from a famous speech delivered by American President, John F Kennedy in January 1961.

In about 150 words explain how you think these words apply to people who volunteer to help their community and how they relate to the Girraween Public School P&C?

OR

Write a poem about the Girraween Public School P&C.

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A Road Safety Message

from
Holroyd City Council

Pedestrian Safety for School Children

Safety steps for parents/carers

ALWAYS

- ✓ use a pedestrian crossing where possible,
- ✓ supervise your child and hold their hand when crossing the road,
- ✓ drop-off and pick-up your child on the school side of the road,
- ✓ use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of the car
- ✓ set a good example

NEVER

- ✗ Call your children across the road
- ✗ Double park and let your child out
- ✗ Overtake a vehicle in a school zone

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|---------------|--|
| STOP | – one step back from the curb |
| LOOK | – in all directions for approaching vehicles |
| LISTEN | – for approaching traffic |
| THINK | – is it safe to cross the road |



Road Safety - It Matters To Us

For more information on Road Safety contact Council's Road Safety Officer Ph: 9840 9880



UNIFORM SHOP NEW OPENING TIME

The Uniform Shop will only be open on Tuesday's now until the end of this term. The hours are still 8.45 to 10am.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thanks
Nishanthi Thevarajah
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 2012



SCHOOL IS KOOL At Good Guys Prospect

Our school registered for the School is Kool program with Good Guys Prospect. Under this program, every \$25 you spend at Good Guys Prospect, Good Guys will send \$1 to our school with your name.

So next time you are looking for electrical appliances or gadgets, have a look around Good Guys Prospect and don't forget to mention Girraween Public School when you pay for your goods.

Thank you to the following people who have already shopped at Good Guys Prospect Store and have increased our school points total:

K Nadeswaran
Mr & Mrs S Veluppillai
G Walker
J Kelly
Girraween PS

