



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. G Walker
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9 Bando Road
GIRRAWEE NSW 2145

8th 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 began our annual 'Reverse Christmas Tree'. The tree is in our school office. Parents are encouraged to donate toys to The Salvation Army Toy Drive until 12 December. This is a very practical way for our students to help needy families in the community.

Sunday, 11 November is Remembrance Day when we commemorate the end of the 1st World War, 1914-18, and remember all those who have died in war. The red poppy flower is worn as a symbol of remembrance for those who died in the 1st World War. The red poppy was the only living plant that survived on the battle grounds of the western front, an area known as Flanders in Belgium. The red flowers brought life, hope and colour to an area destroyed and turned to a sea of mud and rubble in the war battles. Our school will be holding a Remembrance Day assembly tomorrow at 11.30am in the school hall. Any parents who would like to send flowers can leave them with Mrs Roberts.

On Tuesday evening we held a keyboard recital in our school hall. Students who have been studying piano and keyboard during the year with Miss King and Mrs Rajadurai performed for parents and family. The skills students have developed to read music and to play their instruments is very impressive. I would like to congratulate our students on their performances as well as parents for assisting their children to develop their musical talent. Thank you to Miss King and Mrs Rajadurai for their dedicated work during the year.

Next week we have our Kindergarten orientation for students starting school in 2013. All our enrolments for next year are confirmed residents in the local area, within our school enrolment boundaries. At present our school is not accepting enrolment of students who are living outside the school enrolment area. The school enrolment policy is on our school website in the 'Our School' section.

Kind regards,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9 November	11.30 Remembrance Day assembly, 12.00 Sport in Australian Schools demo 1.10-1.50pm K-6 lunch today.
13 November	Kindergarten Orientation 2.30-6.00pm Family photograph viewing—hall
14 November	Kindergarten Orientation 7.00pm P&C—library
20 November	Transition to Year 3. Information session for Year 2 parents 2.30pm—hall



GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE

Dear Parents/Caregivers

With the Festive Season soon approaching, The Salvation Army has invited Girraween Public School once again to be involved in its Annual Toy Drive. As part of this initiative, we will be running a Reverse Christmas Tree in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

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.

The Reverse Christmas Tree is now in operation 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.

Colin Wright
Deputy Principal



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: _____

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

On Sunday 18th November a ***Community Day of Action*** has been organised for teachers, parents and community members of NSW public schools. The object of the day is to voice concerns over the state government's \$1.7 billion cut to public education over the next four years. We would like to invite as many parents, families and community members as possible so that our voices can be heard.

The ***Community Day of Action*** will take place at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour from 11am. There will be music and activities for children as well.

Leaflets will be distributed outside the school gates from next week. If you would like to help distribute these leaflets to parents, or if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Candelario, NSW Teachers Federation Representative.

Girraween Public School Staff
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CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLE

As of **12th November 2012** there will be a minor change to Route 2534, it will be no longer operating via Orazmi Rd, Toongabbie Rd, Oklahoma (sth) and Targo Rd.

Any questions regarding the timetable, you can call Westbus on 8889 7000 or website www.cdcbus.com.au.

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Singlewith Children
A non-profit social group operated by
the Single Parent Family Association

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Single with Children is a non-profit social group that provides fun and exciting social activities every week specifically for single parents and their children.

It's a great way to meet or make new friends in your area.

For your FREE copy of our social calendar contact us today Call 1300 300 496

Or check out our web site:
www.singlewithchildren.com.au

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: _____

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 was sent home to students with further information.

PSSA NEWS

Round 9—9th November

Softball	vs Darcy Rd	@ Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball	vs Warriors	@ Girraween PS
Cricket	vs Warriors	@ Girraween Oval
Tee Ball	BYE	
AFL	vs Toony Rd	@ Binalong Oval

Round 10—16th November

Softball	vs Toongabbie	@ Parramatta Park
Newcombe Ball	vs Wentworthville	@ Girraween PS
Cricket	vs Wentworthville	@ Girraween Oval
Tee Ball	vs Beresford Rd	@ Darling St
AFL	vs Metella Rd	@ 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!

Are you interested in playing NETBALL?

Netball is a great way for your kids to make friends and gain new skills in a team environment.

If your daughter is 7 years or older please contact us at pendle_hill_netball_club@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook and 'Like' our page.

Dates and venues for 2013 registration are:

Saturday 10/11/2012 9am to 1pm - Winston Hills Shopping Centre
Saturday 17/11/2012 9am to 1pm - Seven Hills Shopping Centre
Wednesday 21st November 2012 (6.30pm – 8.30pm)
– Toongabbie Sports & Bowling Club, Station Street

Netball isn't just for kids though; we have senior teams of all skill levels too!



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.

BAND PROGRAM UPDATE

We have almost reached another busy year!

Our band members and numbers of students learning instruments continues to grow.

I have been very impressed by the progress of all musicians and look forward to the expansion of our band program in 2013.

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.

Next year we will be running 3 bands:

Band 1: The Performance Band.

To be a part of this band next year all musicians will need to audition. They will need to play 2 scales and a piece of music.

Band 2: Junior Band

This band will be the band all prospective musicians will be in. As musicians improve in this band, they will be promoted to the performance band.

Band 3: Beginner Band

This band will be for all new beginners to build their skills in playing as an ensemble. As musicians improve in this band, they will have the opportunity to move to the Junior Band.

The next performance for our performance band will be the Presentation Awards night.

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

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

If you are interested in being part of our band program in 2013, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school.

I look forward to many productive and positive experiences with both bands.

Mrs Galea
Assistant Principal
Band Coordinator



GIRRAWEE 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: _____

LIFE EDUCATION

Our Life Education lessons are in full swing. 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.

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.** **The last day for orders is this Friday 9th November.**

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-ordinator



Week 6				Week 7
Monday 12th Nov	Tuesday 13th Nov	Wednesday 14 th Nov	Thursday 15th Nov	Monday 19th 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	HR12 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	

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be opening only on Tuesday's from next week. The hours are still 8.45 to 10am, this will be until end of this term.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

Thanks
Nishanthi Thevarajah
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 2012





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.

KK's Adventures at Life Education



On Monday the 5th of November KK went to the Life Education Centre to see Healthy Harold. We travelled on a bus with Ed. The bus ride with our friends was very exciting. When we arrived Janet was there with magnifying glasses. Our job was to be detectives looking for feathers and clues. We met TAM who showed us the inside of a human body. Harold was hiding from us. We found him and gave him a pat and tickle. He was very cute. We can not wait to go again.



Kindy Talk

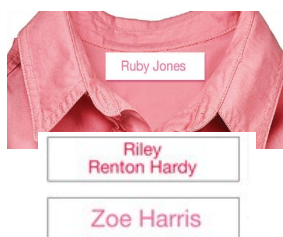
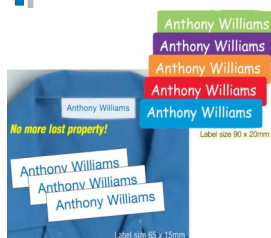
KA has had a wonderful and exciting first year of school. One exciting part of Kindergarten has been our Kindy Talk times. Each week many exciting activities are set out, and during Kindy Talk lessons students get to explore one activity with a small group of peers. After our time at the activity is complete, we sit as a class and listen to one another's stories of what we did. The next day, students choose a different activity. It is a great time of talking and listening! Some of KA's favourite activities have been 'useful box' crafts, looking through binoculars, making boats, dramatic play with masks and exploring shadows. We have also done some wonderful writing about our Kindy Talk lessons. KA is always very excited on Kindy Talk days and have done some fantastic talking and listening this year!



Reminder!

**Orders and
money due by
Friday 16th
November!**

Get your orders in for personalised name labels!



20 pack - Only 65c per label!
Value pack - Only 30c per label!

So Why Buy???

**No more lost clothing, lunch boxes or drink bottles!
It costs \$26 to buy your child a new school jumper + \$10 for a
new hat + \$10 for a lunch box...OR...You could pay only \$35
and never have to replace lost property again!**

Plus...the money raised goes back to our school!



Library Opening Hours for Term 4

Monday – Closed

Friday - 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

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



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



Transition to Year 3

Parents are invited to a meeting to discuss students transition from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2013.

Tuesday, 20 November at 2.30pm till 3.00pm in the school hall

Topics include; Completing Year 2

Expectations for Year 3, organisation of classrooms and curriculum

Behaviour and peers in Year 3

All parents of current Year 2 students are invited to attend.

Mr Walker, Mrs Galea and Mr Ward will present information and answer questions.

HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?

If any of your addresses, phone numbers, mobile phone numbers or emergency contacts have changed, please fill in the slip below and hand it to the Office Staff.

All information is kept confidential.

NAME: _____ STUDENT: _____ CLASS: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

NEW PHONE/MOBILE NO: _____

NEW WORK CONTACT: _____

NEW EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

