



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. G Walker
Phone: 9631 3650

9 Bando Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

7th December 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

Our Presentation Evening this Tuesday was a great success for our school. I have had many positive comments from parents who were impressed with the evening performances and recognition of the achievements their children made this year. I would like to also congratulate our award winners and thank the teachers involved in the planning and organisation of the evening.

School captains for 2013 were announced and are;

Boys Captains—Nithilan Mambakkam, Boys Vice Captain—Kishhaan Ilango

Girls Captain—Prithi Sakthi Sivabalan, Girls Vice Captain—Kharrinnee Somasundaram

Congratulations to our elected school captains. They will be taking on an important school leadership position next year. There will be an induction ceremony early in Term 1 next year for all our 2013 school leaders. All parents will be invited to the ceremony.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to thank the staff, parents and students for making my first year at Girraween P.S. so very rewarding and productive. We have made a number of significant changes to the school operation and I have appreciated everyone's cooperation and support during this process. I look forward to seeing everyone at Carols night next Wednesday.

Next year we will publish our newsletter via email. This will be the last printed edition of our school newsletter. Please make sure the school office has your email address for 2013.

Have a great holiday everyone. Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

All the best,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12 December	Girraween Carols Night—5pm
13 December	Picnic Day
17 December	Year 6 Farewell @ Fox Hills
18 December	Reports going home
19 December	Student's Last Day
30 January 2013 30 Jan—1 Feb	Classes begin Years 1-6, Kindergarten Best Start assessment
4 February	Kindergarten classes begin



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.

We currently have a good pile of toys for under the tree but I know you will improve on the amount by 12th December.

Huge thanks to you all.

Colin Wright
Deputy Principal



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 Wi-Fi 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)

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

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 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



No bikes, scooters or skateboards on school grounds

For safety reasons students will not be allowed to ride bikes, scooters or skateboards to school in future. There have been some bikes damaged while in the school playground recently. As we have an increasing number of students enrolled at our school congestion is a problem. Bikes, scooters and skateboards are causing problems as students enter and leave the school.

For safety reasons bikes, scooters and skateboards will no longer be allowed at school.

Winning Sports Houses—Term 4

Congratulations to the following sports houses:



K-2

Gould

3-6

Newcombe

Houses prizes will be given out next week.



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We are almost at the end of another school year and how the time has passed!

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the School Uniform Shop, both directly by volunteering their time and indirectly by buying school uniforms from the Shop, as all profits are returned to the school. Buying from the school benefits the school as a whole, as it is your children who will benefit from the profits raised.

The Uniform Shop hours will continue to be Tuesday mornings from 8.45am to 10am and Wednesday mornings from 8.45am to 10am. If this time is not suitable for you, please leave a completed order form with money at the School Office. To assist the new students enrolled for 2013, we will be open on the 30th, 31st of January and 1st February 2012.

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest to help in the uniform shop. We will inform you whenever help is needed.

Well done to the Uniform Shop committee 2012, your help was and will be greatly appreciated. Last but not least thanks to our principal Mr Walker and all staff members.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nishanthi Thevarajah
Uniform Shop Coordinator
P&C Association 2012

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS - 2013

30 th January	-	8.45am to 10am
31 st January	-	8.45am to 10am
1 st February	-	8.45am to 10am

Normal hours – Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 8.45am to 10am.

DOUBLE KOOL FOR SCHOOL POINTS ONE NIGHT ONLY

Karl Holdsworth The Good Guys Prospect would like to invite you, your family and friends to an

Exclusive Christmas VIP SALE

Tuesday 11th December 2012 6pm-9pm

ONE NIGHT ONLY

GREAT SPECIALS ACROSS EVERY DEPARTMENT!

Meet Santa

BBQ

SALT & PEPPER MILLS \$10 LIMITED STOCK

SHOWBAGS!

ONLY AT THE GOOD GUYS \$19 LIMITED STOCK

42" 107cm 107cm FULL HD LED LCD TV \$477 LIMITED STOCK

Life's Good 42" (107cm) FULL HD LED LCD TV

PURCHASE ANYTHING ON THE NIGHT FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A 50" LG PLASMA TV

Awesome Foursome Brass Band Christmas Carols

THE GOOD GUYS

PROSPECT HOMEBASE STODDART ROAD PH: 9849 3000

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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.



VISION SCREENING CLINICS

It is important to identify eye problems early before children start school.

If your child is 4 - 5 years old you can make an appointment for a free vision test in your area.

Bookings are being taken until Friday 21st December 2012 or from Monday 7th January 2013 (M-F 8.30am – 12.30pm)

Clinics will be held up until December 2012 and will be available in the last week of school holidays in January and again in April 2013.

For further information and/or details of clinics held please phone 9881 1213.



LEAVING GIRRAWEEEN / STARTING LATE

My Child _____ in Class _____ will be either

(please tick the appropriate one):

1. Leaving Girraween Public School at the end of the year () or,
2. Starting after Wednesday 30th January (), date returning _____.

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Date: _____



P&C MESSAGE

The year 2012 was a significant year for the P&C. In the last 10 months the P&C has been working closely with the Principal, Mr Glenn Walker and staff to enhance the school performance as well as raise funds for infrastructure and classroom resources.

This year the major focus was on improving student facilities at Girraween Public School. In the past 12 months, several projects have been completed to improve the facilities at Girraween Public School. These include:

The provision of 8 new computers for the school Library at a cost of \$2000

Installation of air-conditioning units for classrooms - \$14,000

\$5000 cash donation to the school library

\$2000 for new gold and silver badges for students

The provision of \$500 to the Library monitors workshop.

A new TV for the school.



I am pleased to report that the P&C have raised \$32,000 in 2012. Bunnings BBQ was a great success in 2012. Other fundraising events were the Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, Election Day BBQ, McDonalds Night and the family photo day.

A big thank you to all the parents and community members who have been actively engaged with the P&C and our activities over the past 12 months. A special thanks to the executive committee and to the coordinators of the sub-committees.

I would encourage all parents to join the P&C.

S K Sathanesan
President
Girraween Public School P&C Association



GIRRAWEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Girraween Public School P&C Association will be held on Wednesday, 20 February 2013.

Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday, 20 February 2013

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: School Library



We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.

Jane Kelly
Secretary
Girraween Public School P&C Association

**GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
&
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 COMMITTEES**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20 February 2013 at 7:00pm.**

Nominations are called for the following positions in the 2013 Executive Committee and Sub-Committees of the P&C:

President, Vice-President (2 positions), Secretary, Treasurer, Assistance Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, Uniform Shop Coordinator, Environment Committee Chairperson and Hall Committee Chairperson.

Nominations are also called for members of the following Sub-Committees (five members for each Committee):

Fundraising Committee, Uniform Shop Committee, Environment Committee and Hall Committee.

Nominations must be submitted to the Principal of Girraween Public School, who will act as the returning officer, no later than **3:00PM on Friday, 15 February 2013.**

Jane Kelly

Secretary, P&C Association

Girraween Public School



GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FORM - 2013

Position Nominated:.....

Name of the Nominee:.....

Name of the Proposer:..... **Signature:**.....

Name of the Seconder:..... **Signature:**.....

I accept the nomination to the above position.

Signature of the Nominee: **Date:**