Principal’s Message

The past two weeks have included important dates in our annual school calendar. Year 3 and Year 5 students sat the national assessment of literacy and numeracy - NAPLAN assessment last week. The papers have been forwarded for marking and the results will be sent to schools and parents in October this year. These tests are diagnostic assessments of what students can do in all areas of English and Mathematics. The results are used by teachers to plan the learning needs of students. This is the reason we have the tests in Year 3 and Year 5, so that primary schools are able to use the NAPLAN information and follow up in Years 4 and 6. Although the My School website compares school performance in the NAPLAN assessment, no students fail their NAPLAN assessments. I will discuss the results of the NAPLAN at our P&C meeting later in the year after results are provided to schools.

Yesterday we had a large number of parents attend an excellent Positive Parenting Program. Parenting is an increasing challenge as we face the growing impact of technology and the media on young children. It was very encouraging to see parents take up the opportunity offered in this program. Also by participating in school activities parents are demonstrating to their children that school is important and reinforce this to their children with their participation. The program continues throughout his term. If you are interested contact Mr Wright.

Tomorrow our school has students competing at the district cross country carnival. Good luck to all our runners. (I’m not usually very good at cross country as I’m a Walker.) There will be no PSSA or school sport tomorrow.

Enjoy the weekend everyone,

G. Walker

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 May  Positive Parenting session 2
4 June  Stewart House clothing bag collection
5 June  Positive Parenting session 3
          Pizza Day
6 June  Australian School Science Competition
# Principal’s Awards

## Writing:
- Charlie E18
- Piraveen E18
- Mehra 4R
- Akashdeep E18
- Nabil HR13
- Anicksha HR13
- Renee HR13
- Luke HR13
- Dino HR13
- Michael HR13
- Miku HR13
- Nicolas HR13
- Ben HR13

## Spelling:
- Arathi 4R

## Artwork:
- Alanah 4W
- Shivaram 4W
- Casey 4W
- Fiona 4W
- Vicky 4W
- Theebiga 4W
- Pravin 4W
- Dhruvmit 4W

## Visual Arts:
- Ismael HR12
- Davina HR12
- Naresh HR12
- Bhooshan HR12
- Sally-Anne HR12
- Kristin HR12
- Adshaiyan HR12
- Melisa HR12
- Jacquelyn HR11
- Royce HR11
- Chelsea HR18

## Talking & Listening:
- Akshit 2F
- Kushi 2F
- Anoosha 2F

## Bookwork:
- Deeva 4J
- Swetha 4J
- Ruby 4J
- Praveen 4J
- Asvika 4J
- Satwik 4J
- Suchir 4J
- Gaayathiri 4J

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### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

- **Week 6**—Thursday 31st May  E11
- **Week 7**—Thursday 7th June  1S

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### Value of the Month: Respect

Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

Accepting the right of others to hold different views to your own, listening to others without interrupting obeying school rules, acknowledging the strengths and abilities of students, affirming cultural diversity within the school community.
James and the Giant Peach Excursion
HR12 and HR13

HR12 have read the novel, James and the Giant Peach in class. Last Thursday the Year 4's and the Year 6's from HR12 and Mrs Godijn's class HR13, went to Penrith.

They travelled by train and then walked to the Joan Sutherland Theatre to watch the live show of James and the Giant Peach.

Reflections of James and the Giant Peach from HR12:
Omer—The trip to Penrith to see the live show was tiring but the show was exciting so it was worth it.

Kristin—The costumes were really colourful.

Ruamoko—There was lots of different kinds of music for songs and it helped create the atmosphere.

General comment:
There was more information in the novel than there was in the show. Even though there were parts of the story missing in the show, it was still really good.
P&C Mother’s Day Helpers

We would like to thank the following helpers with the Mother’s Day Wrapping and volunteering on the Mother’s Day Stall:

- Suganthy Thayaseelan
- Padmaja Pinni
- Suwarna Premkuma
- Inthumathy Uthyachandra
- Mallika Jeyakumar
- Arulnesan Sivagurunathan
- Siva Vellupillai
- Arathi Arulnesan
- Aravindhan Sivagumnathan
- Ravichandran Pulithevan
- Kishhaan Ilango
- Anuradha Kushelekumaram
- Rohini Vickneswaran
- Padmaja Pinni
- Arroon Ilango
- Suwarna Premkumar
- Mala Thayananthan
- Kavitha Saravanan
- Shyamala Jegendran

Also thank you to the following sponsors who contributed to the Mother’s Day Stall:

- Sri Accounting Business Services
- Excellent Jewellers
- Gudia’s Collection
- Elders Real Estate
- Vim Tech Automotive Engine
- Scissor Trix
- Bunnings Warehouse
- Good Guys

The Mother’s Day Stall raised: $3,696.35

The Mother’s Day Raffle raised: $1,309.70

“Dress like Mum” Mufti Day raised: $680.40

Great job everyone, well done!

The next P&C meeting is on 13 June at 7.30pm. The minutes of our meetings are on the school webpage. All are welcome.
Woolies Earn and Learn

Thank you to all those families who are helping us once again in the Woolies Earn and Learn Program. It is running differently than last year. Instead of receipts, you are collecting stickers.

One sticker for every $10 spent. These can be obtained at the checkout or self serve areas. If you are not given any please just ask.

Once you have your stickers here are some suggestions for what you can do to help Girraween:

- Put the stickers in the box at Toongabbie Woolworths (located near the entry)
- Put the stickers in the box located at the office
- Give the stickers to your child’s teacher
- See Miss Khoury and give the stickers to her.

If you are collecting the stickers on a card, just do the above when you have filled the card up. We are filling up cards with our stickers as they come in. Cards can be obtained from your Woolies store if you would like to do this yourself.

Thank you for your help, and keep going sticker crazy everyone.
Miss Khoury
District Cross-Country

On Friday the 25\textsuperscript{th} May, Girraween Public School will be attending the District Cross-Country. The students listed below will be representing our school. We wish each and every student the very best of luck.

8/9 Boys  
Shaailesh  
Krish  
Athavan

8/9 Girls  
Madissyn  
Aakshara  
India

10yr Boys  
Alex  
Shivram  
Pranay

10yr Girls  
Ovia  
Abbiraa  
Hiba

11yr Boys  
Harish  
Abdul  
Vignesh

11yr Girls  
Vithuja  
Saleen  
Sharani

12/13 Boys  
Dylan  
Lathuksan  
Jason

12/13 Girls  
Karina  
Skye  
Sinchana
The Library Monitors have organised a *Jelly Bean Guessing Competition* to raise funds for the *2012 BookFeast* which they wish to attend in September this year along with five other lucky students. Here the children will have the opportunity to meet and listen to famous Australian children’s book authors such as Duncan Ball and Penny Azar.

**3 guesses for ONLY 50c**

The person who guesses the exact amount will win the whole container of jelly beans to share with family and friends!

So have a go you may be the lucky winner!

Guesses will be sold **before school** starting on Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} May between 8.30am-8.55am, **recess** and **lunch each day until all the numbers are** sold.

Mrs K. Propst  
Teacher Librarian
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.

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UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics

INVITATION TO VIEW THE TRANSIT OF VENUS

You are invited to attend the University of Western Sydney Penrith Observatory to observe the transit of Venus at a special program celebrating this rare celestial event.

Where: UWS Penrith Observatory, Great Western Hwy, Werrington Nth (Building AO)
Date: Wednesday 6 June 2012
When: Transit takes place from 8.15am to 2.45pm
Cost: 10 per person

Bookings: Bookings are essential. Phone (02) 4736 0135 (Mon,Tue,Wed) or email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

A transit of Venus occurs when the planet Venus passes through the line of sight between Earth and the Sun. This is similar to a solar eclipse when the Moon passes between the Earth and Sun.

Transit of Venus are among the rarest of astronomical phenomena. They occur in pairs separated by 8 years with a wait of over 100 years between sets of pairs. Captain James Cook sailed to Tahiti to observe the second of a pair of transits occurring in 1761 and 1769.

The first of the current pairs of transits was in 2004 and the next transit of Venus will be in 2117. Raelene Sommer, an astronomy and science education facilitator with USW observatory says the transit is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a once in a lifetime experience.

Viewing of the transit through the University’s powerful computerised telescope using appropriate solar and prominence filters provides a safe and detailed view of this phenomenon.

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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.

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