



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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13th September 2012

Fundraising Events:

Sunday 28th October Family Portrait Day—see website for details
Term 4, Sport Team Photographs

School Website:

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

Principal's Message

Last night I attended the Celebrating the Arts Festival at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. It was a wonderful event that showcased the talent of our students and those from many other local schools. Congratulations to our choir and senior dance group who performed extremely well. The opportunity to perform in a professional venue and to meet other student performers extends our students skills and experience in a unique way. Thank you to our coordinating teachers Mrs Rogers, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Col and Miss Rawlinson for the time and effort preparing the dance group and choir.

Last week we held our own Performing Arts Night in the hall. What a great way for our whole school community to get together and enjoy the talent of our students in band, piano, dance, singing and performance. Thank you to all parents who attended, those who received certificates for assisting our school, to teachers for the preparation and students for their efforts in preparing the performances. It was a great night!

Our P&C met last night. Our school enrolment policy was discussed and will be clarified at next months meeting. This will affect families wanting to enrol out of area students in 2013. I encourage all parents to attend next month's meeting. The P&C have introduced a school cap as an option for our school uniform. The caps will be introduced next term and sold in the uniform shop. I would like to thank all those who assisted with the BBQ on Saturday during local elections and other recent P&C fundraising events. We need continued parent support to ensure our school reaches its potential.

This is the last newsletter for the term. I want to wish all our families a safe holiday. When we return next term we will be introducing a new timetable. K-2 classes will have separate recess and lunch times. This will reduce congestion on the playground. Scripture classes will operate on Thursday afternoons next term. As we have increased in size we are required to make changes to our operation to ensure the smooth running of our school. A calendar for term 4 is included in this newsletter to assist families plan dates for the end of the year.

Have a great weekend everyone,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 September	Summer PSSA recommences
21 September	Last Day Term 3
08 October	Students & Staff return to school
10 October	7pm P&C
21 October	P&C Working Bee

LIFE EDUCATION NSW

Our Life Education lessons will be taught in Term 4. Below is a brief outline of the program. Lessons will be taught in class. Children will receive a Life Education workbook and sticker. We will also be travelling by bus to Colyton to visit Healthy Harold and his friends in weeks 2 to 7 of term 4.



Kindergarten	Clued Up	Healthy lifestyle, personal safety, safety with medicines, body knowledge and self -assertion skills
Year 1	Harold's Mystery Tour	Body workings, passive smoking, safety, and decision making.
Year 2	Harold's Heroes	Environmental health issues, emergency procedures and individual needs.
Year 3	Harold's Diary	Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices and active lifestyles
Year 4	Mind Your Medicine	Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequences of misuse, peer influence and friendship and positive communication.
Year 5/6	Think Twice	Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use

The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

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

Stay tuned till after the holiday for information about the purchase of Life Education products. You can help Life Education continue to spread their message to school children.

Miss Khoury
Life Education Co Ordinator



Library News



BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to all students, parents and caregivers who purchased books and items at our Scholastic Book Fair held in August. Due to your generosity the Library was able to purchase over **\$2900** worth of new books and resources for the children.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers enjoying the occasion.

A special thank you to my parent helpers: Mrs Jegendran, Mrs Jani, Mrs Zaveri, Mrs Edger and Mrs Anand. Without you and the help of many of the staff at Girraween PS the Book Fair would not have enjoyed the success that it did.

Mrs K. Propst
Teacher Librarian

Deputy Principal

School Photographs – AdvancedLife

School photographs taken by AdvancedLife in 2012 were wonderfully received and supported by our parent group. The products on offer look sensational.

AdvancedLife have indicated that the ordered products will be available at Girraween in Week 2 of Term 4. They also have a wonderful promotion that will suit our families. As all students were photographed each order will have an identification code on the label. If parents would like to access the webpage and seek further photographs of their children they will be entered into a draw for prizes and the school may also win prizes. All the details will be on the id. label if you would like more photographs, it will be easy!

Fair Discipline Code

Congratulations to all students who have achieved their Silver Award and are wearing their Silver badge with pride each day. Each presentation ceremony at assigned assemblies has been wonderfully supported with parents able to pin the prestigious badges on their child's lapel. Keep up the great work kids!

Split Playground Information

Next term we will be initiating a trial to cater for our expanding numbers on the playground. We will be trialling a split playground roster for recess and lunch times.

Years 3-6

Recess 10.50-11.10am
Lunch 1.10-1.50pm

K-2

Lunch 11.10-11.50am
Afternoon tea 1.50-2.10pm

Next term K-2 will have an early lunch and a later afternoon tea. We hope that this timetable will provide the valuable play sessions for all students so they can grow and interact with their peers.

Scripture will be held Thursday afternoons in term 4. Feedback on the split playground times and afternoon scripture classes will be requested in November to assist us in our planning for 2013.

Many Thanks,

Mr Wright.

K-2 Silver Award recipients Assembly – 13 th September, 2012		3-6 Silver Award recipients Assembly – 6 th September, 2012	
Sharani – KH	Khloee – KH	Ragavie – 3F	Ramya – 3L
Mourya – KH	Dinesh – KH	Archanaa – 3L	Tarun – 3L
Apple – KK	Gurnoor – KK	Gajan – 3L	Teresa – 3P
Nidhila – KK	Advith – KK	Jade – 3T	Rishanthi – 3T
Tanush – KK	Preethi – KW	Jasmine – 3T	
Kaizer – KW		Dev – 4J	Krish – 4J
Shrushti – 1A	Wajma – 1A	Harie – 4J	Sahithyan – 4R
Bava – 1A	Nivedha – 1A	Andy – 4J	Girish – 4J
Tia – 1C	Kishorekumar – 1C	Kharrinnee – E1	Zackaria – E1
Jessica – 1P	Mridula – 1P	Nisha – E11	Janhavi – E17
Dhanvi – 1P	Sophie – 1P	Patrick – E17	Yathavan – E17
Avneesh – 1P		Tyarna – E18	Jatin – E2

SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS AND GROUP PHOTOS 2012

Thank you to all students who participated in the sports and group photos this week.

Mrs Godijn has worked hard to produce some great shots.

Sports, performing arts and other school group photos will be available early in term 4 for viewing in the hall.

**ORDERING PHOTOS WILL COMMENCE MONDAY 8th OCTOBER
WITH FINAL ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER.**

Photos will be \$10 for the first print and \$5 for each subsequent print. All proceeds will go directly to the school.



**School Building Fund -
A BIG "Thank You" from P&C Association of GPS**

Dear Parents and Citizens of Girraween Public School,

P&C Association of Girraween Public School would like to thank the following parents, carers and grand parents for their generous donations towards our school building fund during this term. Together, you have contributed \$1862.

Mengtong Pan

Zhiqiang Chen

Ping Liu

Kandan Venkataraman

Adam Marchant

Simon Kelly

Muj Mahmaood

Ann Goss

Moonie Sharma

Hyang Na Kim

Diane & Jesmond Vassallo

Sripriya Subramonian

Sharon Brown

S Shreya

Siva & Sutha Valuppillai

V Verma

Vasavi Kongara

While we thank all who have contributed earlier as well, we would like to request those who have not contributed yet, to consider donating towards the school building fund. Through this school building fund, we have so far provided our kids with air conditioning, curtains and projector in our school hall. And there are more items on the wish list. We would like to remind you that any donation towards this school fund is tax-deductible.

P&C Association of Girraween Public School

P&C Poster Design

The P&C have designed 3 Quizzes/Tasks for each Stage, these will appear in the next few newsletters. They need to be submitted to the school office by 31st October 2012. 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.

Here is Kindergarten & Stage 1 Competition;

Name_____

Class_____

In the box draw a picture to show what the P&C does or has done for our school. (P&C BBQ, working bee, morning tea)



Please fill in the voucher below and return to office with your \$15.00 donation to receive a framed 10"x13" portrait taken here at the school on

28th October 2012

You shall then receive an appointment time, please arrive 10 min prior.

***Limited offer to one voucher per person/family**

***Parent/guardian should view own portrait or postage & handling shall apply**

Please email Jignasa jhpurani@hotmail.com or call 0432 660 065(after 4pm please) if you have any questions.

www.laurajeans.com.au

Families can view sample portraiture and optional packages - *fantastic value and quality.*

Please invite friends to help boost our numbers.

\$15.00 Voucher*

Framed 10"x13" Family Portrait

Surname: _____

Oldest Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact No: _____ Email: _____

Your preferred time 9-11am 11-2pm 2-5pm



Thank you

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Go4Fun is a **FREE** nine week healthy lifestyle program for children to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports

7 – 13 year old children and their families to adopt a long lasting and healthy approach to living.

Go4Fun will be running again in **Term 4** in **Blacktown** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** from **4pm to 6pm**

Mt Druitt every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** from **4pm to 6pm**

BOOK NOW! PLACES ARE LIMITED!

To register your family or for more information

Call: 1800 780 900 Visit: au.mendcentral.org

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 pre-school 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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