



# NEWSLETTER

## GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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9 Bando Road  
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

21st November 2013

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**Carols night—11 December 5.30-8.00pm**

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### Principal's Message

#### School Website:

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

**Today our Student Representative Council (SRC) held a mufti day to raise funds for the Philippines disaster relief appeal.** I would like to thank all parents who have contributed to this appeal. Our students have demonstrated the core values of our public education system through the care they have shown to those affected by the tragic events in the Philippines. All money raised will go to the Salvation Army Typhoon Disaster Appeal.

**We have held two very successful parent information sessions to prepare for students moving into Year 3 and Years 5 and 6 in 2014.** There are organisational changes for students in these grades next year. It has been very clear that parents want to better understand the expectations of students in these grades as well as how classes will operate. There will be grade classes in Years 5 and 6 in 2014, with graded maths classes operating each day for an hour. We will be operating an extension class as well as extension sessions for all Year 5 and 6 students each Friday. These changes will continue to offer extension to students while preparing them for high school and catering for our increased student numbers.

Since our enrolment continues to increase we will be installing a new demountable classroom next week. This will be located near our library block along Bando Road. This classroom will be for one of our senior classes in 2014. Kindergarten enrolments for 2014 have begun this term. Mrs Galea is holding interviews with parents of Kindergarten students this week to collect information on students and prepare classes for 2014. **Due to our limited space, only local students are being accepted for enrolment in Kindergarten in 2014. Proof of address is required without exception.**

As we approach the end of the school year a number of important annual events are coming up. In two weeks we have our **Presentation Day Assembly and Presentation Night**. Notification to parents of students receiving awards will be sent home. Our annual **Carols Night** will be in 3 weeks. We will be asking for parents' assistance with our P&C stalls on the night.

Enjoy the weekend—*G. Walker*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

21 November	Y5-6 2014 information session 2.30-3.00pm
2 December	Presentation Day assembly
4 December	Presentation Night
9 December	Final P&C meeting 7.00pm library
11 December	Carols Night
13 December	Picnic Day
16 December	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
17 December	Semester 2 reports go home. Joanfest film night
18 December	End of Term 4

**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 (11th 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 10th 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.

Mark Gosbell  
Relieving Deputy Principal



**Christmas Raffle to be drawn at Carols Night**

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with each student next week. There is a prize for the students who sell the most tickets K-2 and 3-6.



**HELP REQUIRED**

Carols Night is on the 11th December 2013. We are asking for any volunteers who would be able to help at the P&C fundraising stalls on that night. The evening starts around 5pm and finishes 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 11th December.

Parent's/Caregiver's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Media Concerns

Kik is a smartphone messenger application. While we appreciate that social media is available and is a very powerful means of communication. Problems do arise when it is used to promote negative messages. Most of our students do not have the skills, or the maturity, as yet, to deal with these messages.

Details about this app include information such as, "you must be at least 17 years of age to download this application", and "there are frequent/ intense mature/suggestive themes". Parents need to monitor its use and be aware that comments and images posted on the internet maybe there forever.

## ISLAMIC SCRIPTURE 2014

This year we have continued to have the support of Mr Zakout teaching Muslim scripture. With the growing numbers of students at Girraween our scripture classes have become too big for one teacher to manage.

We are seeking a teacher to take one of the Year 3/4 Muslim scripture classes for 2014. Scripture will continue to be on Thursday at 11.10-11.40am for primary students.

Mr Zakout has offered to support a parent or community volunteer to deliver a Muslim scripture program to this group of students. If you are interested in helping please contact me at the school.

Regards  
Mr Gosbell  
Scripture Coordinator



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## Value of the Month: Fairness

Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- addressing bullying and harassment through effective whole school programs
- challenging cultural stereotypes
- communicating accurately on school reports to parents about their children's progress.

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- maintain high expectations of everyone
- encouraging and participating in open discussions about fairness and justice
- planning to ensure that teaching and learning is meaningful and relevant to everyone
- accepting other people and their backgrounds.

## GIRRAWEE PUBLIC SCHOOL APP.



Dear families

Just checking you have our school app on your Phone or iPad. It is a great way to stay updated with what is happening at our school.

The app is free and it is easy to download through the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. It can be found by searching "Girraween Public".

Remember the **username**: community and the **password**: girraweenps. Have fun exploring and enjoy using our school app.



### URGENT! Parents needed to cover new Library books.

Do you have some spare time to cover newly purchased Library books?

If you are not sure how to cover Library books but would like to learn please see Mrs Propst in the Library before Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

If this date isn't suitable for you, see Mrs Propst in the Library to arrange another time as all help is gratefully appreciated.

#### Library Book Covering Bee

**Where:** Library

**When:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November from 9am to 3pm

### 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:

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- Fun and enriching activities
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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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### REMINDER

Reminding all students that money for the office needs to be in an envelope and placed in the yellow letterbox. No money is to be handed over the counter at reception.

Thank you.

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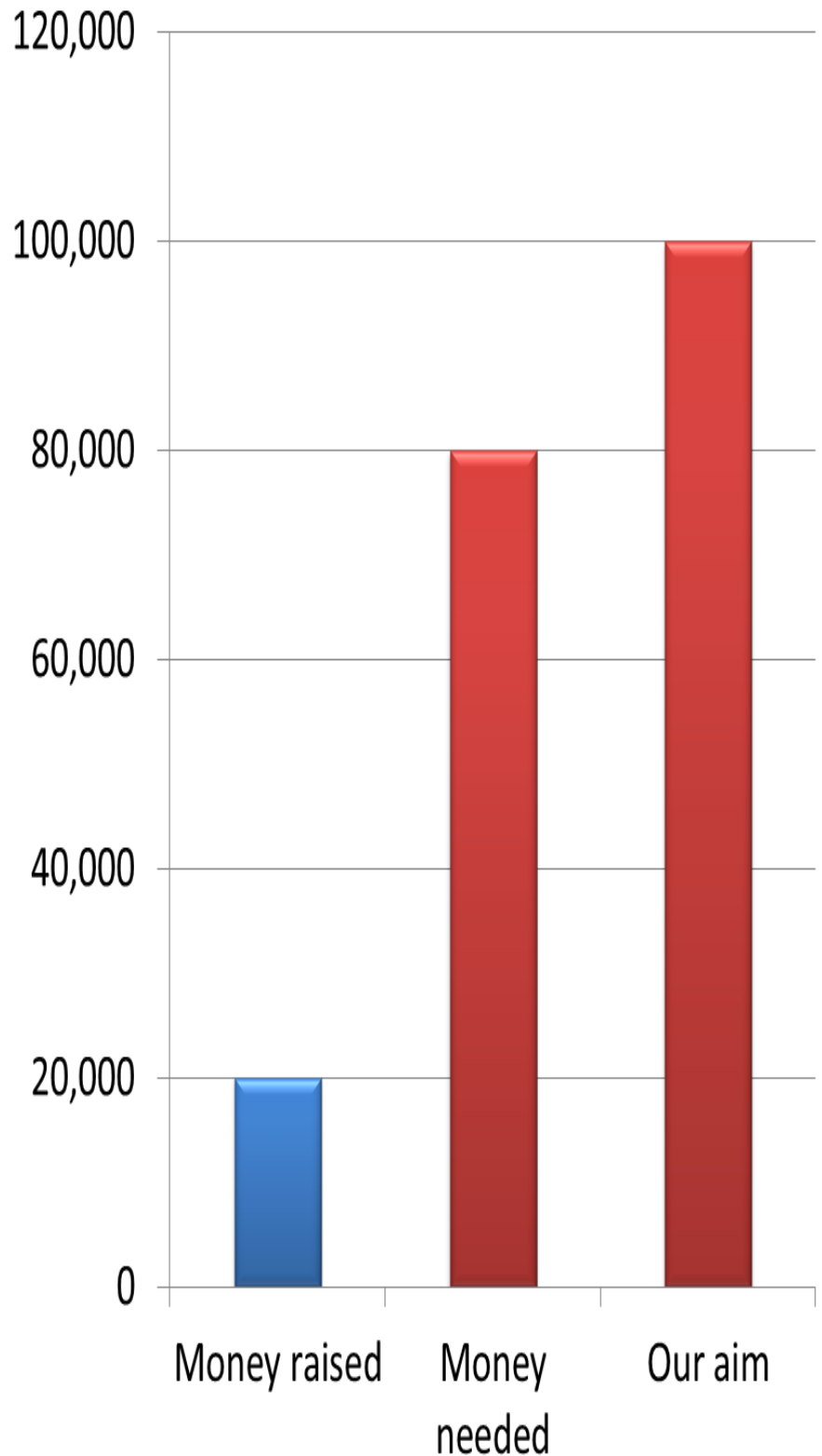
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# PLAYGROUND RESURFACE 2014

## Playground resurface 2014

- Our aim is to raise \$100,000.00 to resurface the playground with artificial grass.
- We need the support of everyone in our school community to reach this goal.
- Our P&C Building Fund is collecting tax deductible donations.
- Donations can be made at the school office.
- Our P&C will be committing fundraising money from 2013.
- The school has allocated \$20,000.00 towards the project.
- **How can you help???????**





## Girraween Public School Building Fund (Tax Deductible)

Please note, contributions to the building fund are tax deductible. Make your contributions by 30 June, so you can claim the deductions in this Financial Year.

### How do I contribute?

Cash/cheque – send your contribution to our school office. Cheque in favour of “Girraween Parents and Citizens Association”.

### Bank Transfer/direct debt:

BSB: 062224 Account No: 0090 1405

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

If you are depositing via **Internet Banking** don't forget to include your name as reference to the payees account and send a copy of the transfer receipt for the purpose of issuing receipt and records. You may also **direct deposit** the nominated amount at any **Commonwealth Bank** branch. Send us a copy of the deposit slip.

## Resurfacing our playground

- From this .....
- To this!



**Yes, we can do this !!!**



# CANTEEN MENU

## HOT FAVOURITES

Hot Dog - 100% Chicken Halal With Sauce	\$ 2.20
Chicken Nuggets	\$ 0.60
Hash Brown	\$ 1.00
Potato Wedges	\$ 1.50
Garlic Bread	\$ 1.50

## BURGERS

Chicken Burger - 100% Halal Chicken !	\$ 3.50
Hamburger - Tomato Lettuce, BBQ Sauce	\$ 3.50
Cheeseburger - Cheese, Tomato Sauce	\$ 3.50
Vege Burger	\$ 3.50

## PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL

Party Pie	\$ 1.00
Meat Pie	\$ 3.20
Potato Pie	\$ 3.80
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.50

## PIZZA & PASTA

Pizzas - Bacon & Cheese or Hawaii	\$ 2.50
Pizzas Large Slab - BBQ Chicken or Margharita	\$ 3.50
Lasagna or Spaghetti Bolognaise - Beef	\$ 3.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 3.00

## OTHER HOT STUFF

Chicken Crackles	\$ 0.70
Yummy Drumsticks	\$ 1.20
Fish Fingers	\$ 0.60
Corn Cob	\$ 0.80
Cup of Noodles - Chicken, Beef	\$ 2.50
Mini Hot Dog	\$ 1.20
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$ 1.60

## WRAPS - LARGE

Salad Wrap	\$ 3.50
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$ 4.50
Hawaiian Wrap - Chicken, Lettuce, Pineapple, Mayo	\$ 4.50
Sweet Chilli Wrap - Chicken Tender, Lettuce, Mayo	\$ 4.50

## SANDWICH & SALADS

Vegemite, Jam or Honey	\$ 1.50
Devon	\$ 1.60
Cheese	\$ 1.50
Egg	\$ 2.00
Salad	\$ 2.80
Ham or Tuna - Salad add \$1.00	\$ 2.50
Chicken	\$ 3.00
Extras - Mayo 20c, Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Cucumber Carrot Pineapple 40c Sauce Portions 30c Lunch Bags 10c	
Salad Bowl - Light Tasty Cheese	\$ 3.50
Salad Bowl - Chicken, Tandoori Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna	\$ 4.80
Caesar Salad	\$ 4.20
Caesar Salad - With Chicken	\$ 4.80



## SNACKS

Red Rock Chips - Honey Soy	\$ 1.20
Jumpys	\$ 1.00
Mamee Noodles	\$ 1.00
JJ's Chicken Crackers	\$ 1.20
Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Choc Chip Cookies	\$ 1.00
Ovalteenies	\$ 1.20
Eucalyptus Drops	\$ 0.70
Yoghurt - Various Flavours	\$ 2.00

## HOMEMADE CAKES

Homemade Muffins - Various	From \$ 1.00
Brownies	\$ 1.00
Banana Bread	\$ 2.00
All Homemade Items are "Light"	

## MILK DRINKS

Moove 300ml - Chocolate or Strawberry	\$ 1.80
Moove 500ml - Chocolate or Strawberry	\$ 2.80
Hot Chocolate	\$ 2.00
Up & Go Breakfast Drink	\$ 2.00
Dare Iced Coffee - (Teachers & Parents Only)	\$ 3.60

## COLD DRINKS

Poppers 100% Juice	\$ 1.20
Berri Pure Fresh Juice	\$ 2.00
Sprite Zero	\$ 2.00
Diet Coke - Caffeine Free	\$ 2.00
Aroona Mineral Water	\$ 2.00
Water - 355ml	\$ 1.20
Water - 600ml	\$ 1.60
Jelly Cup	\$ 1.00

## SLUSHIES

Small Slushie	\$ 1.50
Large Slushie	\$ 2.00

## ICE CREAMS

Jelly Joys	\$ 0.20
Fruitee Ice	\$ 0.40
Sour Snap Aparts	\$ 1.00
Sunny Boys	\$ 1.00
Ice Mony	\$ 1.00
Zooper Dooper	\$ 0.70
Mini Calippo	\$ 1.20
Paddle Pops	\$ 1.60
Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.20

## FRESH FRUITS

Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon	\$ 1.00
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Regular \$1.50 OR Large \$2.00

## \$4 Lunch Meal Deal

Available Every Day  
 1 x Hot Dog (100% chicken)  
 1 x Drink of Your Choice\*  
 1 x Packet of Chips



\* Bottle of Water, Popper or Soft Drink Only

