



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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8th August 2013

BOOK FAIR 8—22 AUGUST School Library

Principal's Message

School Website:

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

Last week we had a wonderful celebration of the talent in our school during Education Week. Our Performing Arts Night was a showcase of dance, music, singing, performance and the contributions of students, staff and parents to our school community. Congratulations to all our performers and to Mrs Haworth for her organisation of this wonderful annual event.

Next week our annual Book Fair will begin in our school library. This is an opportunity for students and parents to purchase high quality literature and books for enjoyment at very reasonable prices. Don't forget money raised goes towards the running costs of our school library. Mrs Propst has a very busy schedule for the rest of this month. Thanks to those parents who have volunteered to assist in the library this year and especially this month during the Book Fair. More volunteers are welcome.

In this newsletter we are recognising the excellent results our students have achieved in the ICAS Science competition. The standard of this competition run by University of NSW is extremely high. The achievements of our students has been outstanding. Congratulations to all those students who entered the competition.

Next Monday evening a group of our students will participate in the Wakakirri—story dance competition performance at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. Mrs Johnson has been working with our performance group and put together a story dance based on 'The Hobbit'. This has been a huge undertaking by students, teachers and parents. We were very impressed with the performance at the Performing Arts Night last week. Good luck to the group next week. There will be many proud parents in the audience.

Yaejnesh Srikrishna in 4W has had his art work, Ocean Cruise, chosen for exhibition in Operation Art at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 7 September—27 October. Entrants are selected from schools across NSW. Congratulations Yaejnesh, our new celebrity artist!

At our next P&C meeting we will confirm the new arrangements for the Uniform Shop Coordinator position filled by Nishanty Thevarajah. We will also be discussing the progress of our application for Out of School Hours Care at our school in 2014. All parents are welcome.

I'm still hoping for one more Eels win this season. Maybe this weekend???

All the best,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8—22 August	Book Fair—Library
13 August	Australian School Mathematics Competition
14 August	P&C meeting 7.00pm—library
27-28 August	P&C Father's Day stall

Value of the Month: Responsibility

Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- reflecting policy and school community needs in school rules
- supporting the decisions of the school
- accepting responsibility for the school's involvement in community activities
- including in school rules strategies to reinforce appropriate behaviour as well as consequences for breaking rules.

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- self-discipline
- modelling expected behaviours
- involvement in strategies to encourage compliance with school rules.

An app that uses the human face as the focus for learning has been launched by the department to support young children in early literacy and numeracy.

The *I have fun with faces* app for iPad and Android tablets engages young children in many learning activities by focusing on facial features. They join in singing, listening, reading making stories and solving jigsaws about parts of the face.

"In Kindergarten topics are often studied such as 'who am I' which includes their identity - how many in the class or how many have brown hair. They count them and make graphs so the app supports a whole range of early learning subjects."

The app features four sections:

- **song and actions:** children listen to and perform actions to a song or learn and sing along with the music
 - **create a face:** children read and place the labels of parts of the face into the correct boxes, drag the features to the correct part of the face and find the hidden facial features
 - **read a story:** listen to and read a long and short version of a story called *Faces*
 - **jigsaws:** complete 9, 12 or 16 piece jigsaws with four of each to solve
- The app can be downloaded free from the [App Store](#) for iPads or from [Google play](#) for Android devices.



Facing facts ... an app that helps young learners with literacy and numeracy using the human face as the focus.
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Performing Arts Memories

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PARRAMATTA DISTRICT JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

COMPETITION 2013.

Parramatta District Touch Association will commence their 2013 park competition on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th of September 2013.

Competition will be played at Doyle Ground, Macarthur Street North Parramatta each Tuesday and Wednesday

Teams from under 9's (mixed, boys & girls) 11, 13, 15 & 17 boys will be played each Tuesday. Under 11, 13, 15, and 17 girls will be played each Wednesday at nominated times from 5.00pm to 6.30pm

For full information regarding costs etc; a nomination form can be downloaded from our web site www.parra.touch.asn.au or an email sent to Pam Hetherington email: parratouch@hotmail.com or mobile 0407 928 308 for more information.

This competition runs from September to December finals will be played before the start of the Christmas break holidays, semi final and final dates are subject to inclement weather.



Interested in refereeing at the above competition? Or wanting to complete level 1 referee course?
Please send email or contact Pam on the above email or mobile number.

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.

First Academy Preschool Childcare
The Kids Paradise.



Ramyaa Sivakanthan and Krishantan Senthurkumaran have been selected to represent Girraween Public School in the visual arts portion of the Celebrating the Arts Festival. The artworks that they have created will be on display at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre.



Celebrating the Arts Festival





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Dear families,

We now have our very own Girraween Public School app.

The app will be used to send notifications to communicate sudden changes to routine, for example PSSA being cancelled due to rain.

The school calendar will be updated through this app. This school calendar will also be linked through our website and can be found by clicking the *Our School* tab on the top menu bar then the *School Calendar* tab on the right menu bar.

This app is available for download for free in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. It can be found by searching 'Girraween Public'. You will see the Girraween Public School logo. Click on the icon to download it. To access the app enter the following details:

Username: community

Password: girraweenps

When you open the app you will be able to select the grades for which you would like to receive notifications and information.



A feedback section is also included for users to comment on the app. This information will periodically be collated and sent to the school.

We hope you enjoy the app.

Miss Webster,
Deputy Principal.



Library News



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE for Year 3 to 6 STUDENTS Only

The 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge is coming to a close. All completed reading records must be entered online no later than **Friday 23rd August.**

So if you have a few books to go, get into the Library and **READ, READ, READ!!**

The Book Fair arrives on Friday and it is a very busy time in the Library. Borrowing will, therefore, be **limited** to Premier's Reading Challenge books **ONLY** to give students who haven't completed the Challenge time to do so.

Below is a reminder of how to log onto the Premier's Reading Challenge.

You can either:

Enter each book as you read it or;

Use the reading log to record the books read and enter all 30 books at once.

1. Google - *DET Student Portal* (**You can only log on to the Premier's Reading Challenge through your Student Portal page**).
2. Log on to the Student Portal page using the User name and password used **at school to log onto the school computers**. If you have **problems** with the **user name** or **password** please see **your class teacher** and he/she can organise to have it reset.
3. On the *Learning* link click on the + then on the word *More...*
4. *Premier's Reading Challenge* will appear on the list. Click on it.
5. A box comes up with questions that you are required to answer before moving ahead. (This only happens the first time you log on each year)
6. Click on *Student Reading Records* (Left hand column of page).
7. Select the *Book title* box.
8. Begin typing in the title of the book read and a drop box will appear below where you can click on the book title and the ID number as well as other relevant information will automatically scroll into the information boxes. Alternately you may click on *Booklists* (Left hand column of page) and you can select the book you have read from the appropriate Challenge Level list.
9. Click on *Add* to add the book to your list.
10. A new line will appear for the next entry.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Propst

Teacher Librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

8/8/13

You are invited to attend a special reading event at our school; *the Scholastic Book Fair!* Please review the Scholastic Book Fair Invitation Book List that your child has brought home. It highlights some of the newest and most popular books available in children's literature.

Remember, the book list represents only a sample of the books available. Please accept our invitation to visit the fair and view the complete selection of quality children's books.

Books inspire young minds and give children educational advantages. A successful book fair will not only benefit our school, but it will also help your child discover the rich rewards of reading.

You may wish to donate a book from the fair to our school library. Your child's name and class will be written on a plaque and placed in the front cover of the donated book.

The book fair will be held in the Library and open for browsing and ordering (with payment) for books from **Friday 9th August** to **Wednesday 14th August** between 8.30am to 3.30pm.

The Library will be open 8.30am to 3.30pm daily from **Thursday 15th August** to **Wednesday 21st August** for collecting orders and continued purchasing. You are also invited to meet your child during class library time to order/purchase books. Class times are listed below.

Thank you
Mrs Propst
Teacher Librarian

FRIDAY 9/8/13 & 16/8/13		MONDAY 12/8/13 & 19/8/13		TUESDAY 20/8/13 & 27/8/13		WEDNESDAY 21/8/13 & 28/8/13	
9.00-9.40	4W & 2D	9.00-9.40	3T	9.00-9.40	3P	9.00-9.40	4S
9.40-10.20	3C & 2A	9.40-10.20	2T	9.40-10.20	HR13	9.40-10.20	1S
10.20-11.00	KD & 1P	10.20-11.00	1C	10.20-11.00	1R	10.20-11.00	1B
11.10-11.50	3L	11.20-12.00	4M	11.10-11.50	HR12	11.10-12.00	3F
12.00-12.40	KJ	12.00-1.10	6C	11.50-12.20	HR14	12.00-1.10	5P
12.30-1.10	KH			12.20-1.10	6S		
1.10-1.50	KG						
		1.50-3.00	5R	1.50- 3.00	6L	1.50-3.00	5A
2.10-3.00	KK						



PARENT SURVEY about LEARNING MATHEMATICS

As part of our school's self- evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and care givers on the learning of Mathematics in our school. What the school wants is your honest opinion. All responses are confidential. Your opinion will be combined with those of other parents and caregivers from the school to help identify what the school does well and what areas it can improve on.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree most. For example, this parent's response was usually for the statement – *What students are asked to learn is important*. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all the circles blank for that question.

	Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
What students are asked to learn in maths is important	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

When my child is learning Mathematics

		Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1	My child's classroom is an interesting place to learn Mathematics.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	Teachers talk to me about my child's learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	My child has access to good equipment that helps him/her learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	People other than my child's teacher help him/her to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	The school expects students to achieve to the best of their ability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	Students in the school demonstrate pride in their learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	In maths lessons my child's teachers provide a balance of independent and group learning activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	My child tries things in maths that are new and different.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	My child looks at samples of his/her work over time to see how he/she has improved.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10	Teachers at the school are continually upgrading their skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	Teachers share ideas about teaching and learning mathematics with other teachers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for completing the survey

As part of the ongoing evaluation of our school this year; we are asking parents, students and teachers to make comment on our curriculum area of Mathematics.

During this week your child will bring home a purple coloured survey for you to complete. We are asking you to complete the survey and return it to school as soon as possible in order for us to evaluate this important area of learning.

Mrs Lee-Anne Galea

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

