



# NEWSLETTER

## GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. G Walker  
Phone: 9631 3650

9 Bando Road  
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

29th May 2014

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**Chocolate Drive, 19 May—13 June**  
**All notes and money to the school office please!**

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### School Website:

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

Dear Parents,

Work has progressed very well on the resurfacing of our school playground. The dry weather has allowed the job to progress without interruption over the past 2 weeks. In the last two weeks the area has been graded, soil and grass removed and a level base laid. On top of the base a layer of drainage cells have been laid with a plastic membrane cover overlayed. Next step is for the artificial grass to be rolled out and sand spread over the grass to hold its profile and position. The area around the new surface will require landscaping which will include; laying some turf grass, fencing some areas and establishing pathways around the area.

This project has been possible thanks to our fundraising efforts over the past 18 months. I would like to thank all families who have contributed towards the effort to improve the playground for our students.

Our chocolate drive fundraiser has begun very well. Most of the chocolate boxes have been taken by families to sell on behalf of our school. Don't forget there are prizes for all children who sell chocolates including a raffle with a wide range of prizes. Students receive a ticket in the raffle for every box sold. We still have 2 weeks to go and a few more boxes to sell before the end of our chocolate drive.

Last week we held our first house meeting for the term. Students K-6 assembled in their sport house groups. The house leaders and our Year 6 students led group activities. Awards for our cross country carnival were presented and students were informed of the school athletics carnival next term. These house meetings are a way for our school to build relationships between students across grades and develop peer support. In this way younger students are able to get to know others in older grades in a structured friendly activity each term.

The weather is great and it's also great to see Parramatta in the top teams this year. Go the eels! Have a great weekend everyone.

*G. Walker*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 June	OOSH Information night, 6.00pm—hall
4 June	ICAS Science competition
9 June	Public Holiday
11 June	6.00pm English information night for parents, 7.00pm P&C Meeting—hall
16 June	ICAS Writing competition
17 June	ICAS Spelling competition

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## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Congratulations to the following students who represented our school last Friday at the Zone Cross Country:

### Boys Team:

- Rakshaaiyan Somasundaran
- Neerav Hemadi
- Varun Jeyanthan
- Sujanthan Manoharan
- Pratham Bhatt
- Mustafa Sazak
- Shailesh Sarveswaran
- Athavan Jegendran
- Khaled El-Charif
- Yasheep Singh
- Pranay Lal
- Askesh Edward



### Girls Team:

- Sophie Powells
- Anne Sebastian
- Bavethini Subakaran
- Madissyn Powells
- Yumika Chen
- Teresa Chhabra
- India Anderson-Prasad
- Meshwa Patel
- Subanu Arunasalam
- Tuba Gunduz
- Dounia Chaker
- Vanessa Mathew



Special congratulations to Sujanthan Manoharan and Rakshaaiyan Somasundaram who will be representing Girraween Public School at the District Carnival on 11th June.

Well done.

### VALUE OF THE MONTH: Excellence

Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- giving recognition to students achieving high standards
- frequently encouraging and acknowledging individual improvement
- celebrating school community achievements
- encouraging students' awareness of broader life opportunities

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- reaching personal best performance
- maintaining high learning expectations
- setting and meeting high standards
- persisting through challenges and difficulties in learning

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## Telstra's Kids Fund Grant

We have great pleasure in acknowledging a Telstra's Kids Fund grant application that has been successful. Our school will receive a grant of \$1,200 to support the project to resurface our playground.

We would like to acknowledge the Telstra Employee, **Mr. Sanjay Patel parent of Kkasumbee Patel in 4S**, who submitted the application on behalf of our school.

Since 2002 the Telstra's Kids Fund has distributed over \$8 million, supporting more than 7,800 community projects across Australia. Initiated by Telstra Employees, we are proud of the way that the Telstra's Kids Fund has improved facilities, programs and equipment for the benefit of local children and young people.



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## Stage One's Excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, Stage One went to Featherdale Wildlife Park at Doonside. We boarded the bus just after 9:00 a.m. When we arrived we went to the top picnic area and ate our recess. Our class 2S collected their passports so we could stamp them each time we visited a different animal enclosure.

Some of the first animals that we saw included turtles, wallabies and penguins. After we saw those animals we made our way to the first petting area. We had to sit and wait until some of the other groups had left the area. While we waited we had a closer look at our passports and we took some photos.

When we entered the area we compared our heights to the height of a kangaroo and an emu. When we moved towards the animals we were very quiet so the animals wouldn't get scared. We got to pat kangaroos, wallabies and a pigeon. We also saw koalas, owls and a variety of birds.

After that we walked around and saw blue macaws, the salt water crocodile, finches, peacocks, dingoes, cassowaries, emus and the shingle back lizard.

Then we went to the reptile house. In the reptile house we saw lizards, a range of different snakes and the skeleton of a snake.

By the time we got to the learning burrow we were excited about all the things we had seen but we were also a bit tired and a little hungry. We sat down in the learning burrow and started listening to Tahnee. She introduced us to four animals. The first animal was Mario the shingle back lizard. The second animal was Dora the Woma python. The third animal was Captain Feather Sword the tawny frog mouth who had lost an eye in an accident and finally we met Mazy the koala.

After a long day we came back to school. We had a fantastic day at Featherdale Wildlife Park. 2S

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# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's leading parenting educator



## Nurture your child's thinking skills

**Take advantage of your role modelling position and take an active interest in your child's learning and in the activities, such as reading and questioning, that foster learning.**

How can you nurture your child's thinking life in the pre-primary and primary years? The purpose is not so much for your child to excel at school, but to instil a desire to learn and the ability to think for themselves and be resilient enough to resist following the crowd in thoughts as well as actions.

Children spend more time at home than at school yet parents often feel most children's learning occurs behind the classroom door. Learning is natural and has no boundaries and can happen anywhere.

Parents teach their children both implicitly and explicitly. Take advantage of your role modelling position and take an active interest in your child's learning and in the activities, such as reading and questioning, that foster learning. If your child sees you reading and taking an interest in a myriad of subjects he or she will be more interested in reading and more than likely develop a sense of curiosity as well.

Curiosity may be the most important learning behaviour that your child develops. Bake a cake with your child and see it rise. Make a model plane and see it fly. Help your child dismantle a broken clock. Ask questions of yourself and of your child. Curiosity needs to be fed by experiences and they don't have to be expensive or externally provided. They can be provided at home by parents.

It is worth considering how your home environment fosters a sense of curiosity and enquiry in children. Consider the following:

- **Spaces for doing and thinking:**

Look at your home through the eyes of a child and his or her home needs. Do you have spaces that invite your child to explore, create and think? Do you have a quiet place for reading and drawing? Do you have a space for kids to be creative and messy? Do you have a place for noise and music? Do you have a space for kids to be tactile with plenty of textures (this can be outside or inside)?

- **Materials:**

Look at the materials available that can stimulate the senses of a child. These include art materials, books, costumes and masks, sketch pads, construction materials, puzzles and games. Take a minimalist approach. That is, the more bells and whistles that a toy has the less opportunity a child has to be creative with it. Kids don't need much to be creative.

- **The role of television:**

Some specifically designed children's programs such as Playschool are great but much of television promotes a spectator mode of consciousness and suppresses active thinking. Don't let the TV dominate your child's free time.

- **Teachable moments:**

Be on the lookout for teachable moments. These are the opportunities to explain, question and prompt exploration with your child. Looking at insect wings, ants walking in a line or moths flying around the lights can provide teachable moments as long as you are lead by your child and don't get too heavy handed with the 'lessons' learned. Sometimes the experience is enough.

Nurturing in children the ability to think openly about their world starts with their own environment. It involves a mixture of free, open exploration on their own and interactions with adults that stimulate discussions and prompt them to explore new ideas and think. It is these types of experiences that can foster in kids a love of learning and thinking that can help them succeed at school and beyond.

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## P&C School Building Fund

This year your P&C has continued to provide assistance to our students and school fundraising. We have funded student injury insurance, \$35,000.00 towards to resurfacing of the school playground, Mother's Day stall and sponsorship for students competing in sporting competitions.

The P&C Building Fund is a fund operated by our P&C to assist with school facilities improvements. All donations are tax deductible and with the end of the financial year coming this is a reminder to parents of the benefits to our school and this option that is available when supporting our school.

**Please note, the contributions to the building fund are tax deductible.**

### How do I contribute?

Please complete the slip below and return with your contribution.

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

### Bank Transfer/direct debit:

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 a receipt and records, with the slip bellow. You may also **directly deposit** the nominated amount at any **Commonwealth Bank** branch. Send us a copy of the deposit slip with the slip below.

Your P&C, and of course the students at Girraween P.S. will greatly appreciate your support.

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Please find enclosed a donation to "Girraween Public School Building Fund"

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ of Class \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Uniform shop—ordering online.

Parents can now order and pay for uniforms online by following the ordering procedures at our school website in the P&C section. Check the '**Uniform Shop**' tab. Complete the order form and save your copy. Email the order form and a copy of your funds transfer to the school email account. Items will be delivered to students to take home each Tuesday and Wednesday.



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# Pedestrian Refuge Islands

Here are some helpful tips on how to stay safe when using the pedestrian refuge island on Gilba Road, Girraween.

It is important to remember that a Pedestrian refuge island is not a pedestrian crossing; they are installed on busy or wide roads to help pedestrians cross in two stages, therefore vehicles have right of way.



When using a pedestrian refuge island:

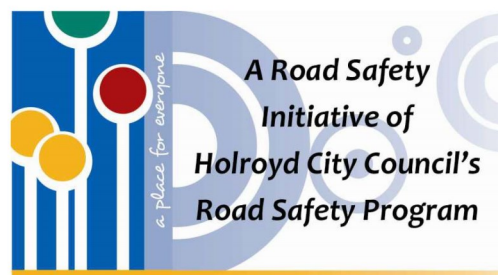
- Always give way to vehicles
- Always Stop, Look, Listen and Think
- If you can't get all the way across, use the island and stop half way
- Always hold hands with your child

*For more information contact*

Holroyd City Councils

Road Safety Officer

Ph: 9840 9880



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## Grapes are great for Crunch&Sip®!

Sweet, easy to eat and full of nutritious goodness, grapes are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip®.

For a cool treat, why not try freezing grapes?

Delicious!



Are you caring for a child with a disability or illness?

## You are warmly Invited for Morning Tea

Wednesday, June 25th 10 am—12 pm

Toongabbie Community Centre  
244 Targo Road, Toongabbie, NSW 2146

Cost: Free

Tea, Coffee and snacks provided

Free Childcare available

This initial meeting will be an opportunity to come together and discuss current issues and to create a parent/carer support group.


Come along for a chat, to relax, have fun, build new friendships and gain more information.

Please call to confirm your participation.



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## Simplify your day

Our school now has Flexischools for online ordering


From your mobile or desktop:




Flexischools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for canteen. No bags, no coins and no lost orders!



Easy Setup



Pay Anywhere, Anytime



Safe & Secure

Register online now and take advantage of this convenient new service.

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Register from your mobile or desktop to get started. Visit: [flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au)

### 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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# Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are aware, OSHClub has recently been selected by Girraween Public School to provide a Before and After School Care and Holiday Program. This program will be open from July 14<sup>th</sup> – the beginning of Term 3, 2014.

**We will be holding a parent information session to discuss the program and answer any questions that you may have. Details are as follows:**

**Date:** Tuesday 3 June 2014  
**Time:** 6.00 – 7:00pm  
**Where:** the Hall

The program will be open as follows:

	Fee **	Opening Hours
Before School Care	\$1.86 to \$10.50	7:00am – 9:00am
After School Care	\$2.67 to \$15.50	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Holiday Program/Pupil Free Days	\$3.86 to \$45.00	7:00am – 6:00pm

\* A late booking fee of \$3.30 applies to all BSC/ASC bookings made within 24 hours of the session. Holiday Program bookings made within 2 working days of a session incur a late booking fee of \$5.00.

**\*Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate so the actual fee payable will vary between these amounts depending on individual families' circumstances.**

We look forward to meeting you then.

The OSHClub Team



[www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)



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## Round 2 30th May 2014 — Wentworthville PSSA Sport

Soccer	OZ Tag	Girls Soccer	Netball
Girra Yellow V Warriors <b>Girraween Oval</b>	Westmead V Wentworthville <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Warriors V Westmead <b>Girraween Oval</b>	Toony White V Metella Gold <b>Binalong Oval</b>
Beresford Rd V Westmead <b>Daniel St</b>	Beresford Rd V Toony White <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Beresford Rd * V Girra Yellow <b>Bathurst St</b>	Beresford Rd V Girra Yellow <b>Girraween PS</b>
Darcy Rd V Wentworthville <b>Best Rd</b>	Darcy Rd V Toony Red <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Darcy Rd V Toongabbie <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Darcy Rd V Warriors <b>Binalong Oval</b>
Girra Green V Toony West <b>Girraween Oval</b>	Girraween V Pendle Hill <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Girra Green V Metella Rd <b>Bathurst St</b>	Girra Green V Westmead <b>Girraween PS</b>
Metella Blue V Toongabbie <b>Binalong Oval</b>			Metella Blue V Wentworthville <b>Ringrose</b>
Pendle Hill V Metella Gold <b>Best Rd</b>		*Beresford Rd walk to Bathurst St	Pendle Hill V Toony West <b>Binalong Oval</b>
	<b>BYE METELLA RD</b>	<b>BYE METELLA BLUE</b>	Toony Red V Wanders <b>Binalong Oval</b>



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Soccer	OZ Tag	Girls Soccer	Netball
Westmead V Wentworthville <b>Daniel St</b>	Toony White V Toony Red <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Girra Yellow V Toongabbie <b>Girraween Oval</b>	Girra Yellow V Warriors <b>Girraween PS</b>
Warriors V Toony West <b>Bathurst St</b>	Wentworthville V Pendle Hill <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Warriors V Metella Gold <b>Bathurst St</b>	Metella Gold V Westmead <b>Binalong Oval</b>
Girra Yellow V Toongabbie <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Westmead V Metella Rd <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Westmead V Metella Blue <b>Best Rd</b>	Toony White V Wentworthville <b>Binalong Oval</b>
Beresford Rd V Pendle Hill <b>Daniel St</b>	Beresford Rd V Girraween <b>Binalong Oval</b>	Beresford Rd * V Girra Green <b>Girraween Oval</b>	Beresford Rd V Toony West <b>Beresford Rd PS</b>
Darcy Rd V Metella Blue <b>Girraween Oval</b>			Darcy Rd V Toony Red <b>Binalong Oval</b>
Girra Green V Metella Gold <b>Binalong Oval</b>		* Beresford Rd walk to Bathurst St	Girra Green V Pendle Hill <b>Girraween PS</b>
	<b>BYE DARCY RD</b>	<b>BYE DARCY RD</b>	Metella Blue V Wanderers <b>Binalong Oval</b>

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# CANTEEN MENU

## Pricelist 2014



### HOT FAVOURITES

Hot Dog With Sauce (Chicken Meat - Not Pork) (H)	\$ 2.50
Chicken Nuggets (H)	\$ 0.60
Hash Brown (H) (V)	\$ 1.00
Potato Wedges (H) (V)	\$ 2.00
Garlic Bread (H) (V)	\$ 1.80
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$ 2.00
Fish Finger (H)	\$ 0.60
Corn Cob (H) (V)	\$ 1.00
Mini Spring Rolls - Vegetarian (H) (V)	\$ 0.60
Nachos	\$ 3.20
Cup of Noodles Chicken OR Beef (H)	\$ 2.50
Popcorn Chicken Cup (H)	\$ 3.00

### BURGERS

Kids Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce	\$ 2.00
Chicken Burger 100% Breast Schnitzel (H)	\$ 3.60
Hamburger Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (H)	\$ 3.60
Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce (H)	\$ 3.60
Vege Burger (H) (V)	\$ 3.80

### PIZZA & PASTA

Pizzas Bacon & Cheese or Hawaiian	\$ 2.50
Pizzas Slab Margherita (H) (V)	\$ 3.50
Lasagna or Spaghetti Bolognese (H)	\$ 3.50
Macaroni & Cheese (H) (V)	\$ 3.50
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$ 3.50
Fried Rice (H) (V)	\$ 3.50

### WRAPS

Kids Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap (H)	\$ 2.80
Pizza Wrap Ham, Cheese & Pizza Sauce	\$ 2.50
Salad Wrap Add Fresh Shredded Chicken \$1 (H) (V)	\$ 3.40
Caesar Wrap With Lettuce & Mayo - Add Chicken \$1	\$ 3.20
Chicken Schnitzel Wrap With Lettuce & Mayo (H)	\$ 4.00
Hawaiian Wrap Chicken Schnitzel, Lett, P/apple, Mayo (H)	\$ 4.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap 2x Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (H)	\$ 4.00
BBQ Wrap Ham Toasted Chicken, Cheese, Bacon & Sauce	\$ 3.80

### PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL

Party Pie	\$ 1.00
Sausage Roll (H)	\$ 2.50
Meat Pie (H)	\$ 3.40
Potato Pie (H)	\$ 3.60

### SANDWICHES

Vegemite, Jam, Honey, Devon OR Cheese	\$ 1.70
Egg or Egg & Lettuce (V)	\$ 2.00
Ham or Tuna Salad add 80c	\$ 2.70
Salad	\$ 2.80
Chicken	\$ 3.00

### EXTRAS

20c Mayo Cheese Tom Beet Cuc Carrot 40c Pineapple 10c Lunch Bag
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### SALAD BOWLS

Caesar Salad Add Chicken \$1	\$ 3.50
Salad Bowl Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna, Cheese	\$ 4.50

### FRESH FRUITS

Apple, Orange, Banana	\$ 0.80
Watermelon	\$ 1.00
Fruit Salad Cup	\$ 1.50
Grapes in a Cup	\$ 1.50
Fruit Salad Bowl Add Tub Yoghurt \$1	\$ 3.80

### SNACKS

Red Rock Chips Honey Soy	\$ 1.30
Jumpys	\$ 1.10
Mamee Noodles	\$ 1.00
JJ's Chicken Crackers	\$ 1.20
Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Eucalyptus Drops	\$ 0.90
Yoghurt Vanilla	\$ 2.00
Jelly Cup	\$ 1.00

### MILK DRINKS FLAVOURED

300ml Choc / Strwbry / Vanilla	\$ 2.00
600ml Choc / Strwbry / Vanilla / Choc Mint	\$ 3.20
Hot Chocolate	\$ 1.50
Up & Go Breakfast Drink	\$ 2.20

### COLD DRINKS

Poppers 100% Juice 200ml	\$ 1.50
Pop Top Berri Pure Fresh Juice 250ml	\$ 2.00
Aroona Mineral Water 350ml	\$ 2.00
Water 350ml	\$ 1.20
Water 600ml	\$ 1.60
Appletiser 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99%	\$ 2.20
LOL 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling 100% Juice	\$ 2.20
Glee 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling 60% Juice	\$ 2.20
Lido Diet Lemonade No Artificial Colours / Flavours *	\$ 1.50
Slushie Small	\$ 1.50
Slushie Large	\$ 2.00

### ICE BLOCKS

Jelly Sticks	\$ 0.20
Fruitee Ice	\$ 0.50
Zooper Dooper	\$ 0.80
Sour Snap Apart	\$ 1.00
Ice Mony	\$ 1.00
Mini Calippo	\$ 1.30
Sunny Boys	\$ 1.50
Paddle Pops	\$ 1.60
Fruit Stack	\$ 0.80
Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.20

### CRUNCH & SIP SPECIAL ORDER BEFORE SCHOOL

Apple, Orange, Banana + Bottle of Water	\$ 1.50
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