



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Phone: 9631 3650

9 Bando Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

12th June 2014

Chocolate Drive, 19 May—13 June
Return all money and unsold chocolates to the school office please

School Website:

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

Dear Parents,

This week has seen the completion of our long term plan for the resurfacing of our school playground. Our students have had a fantastic time running and playing on the new surface. This section of the playground will be in use in all weather conditions. It is a real achievement for the whole school community to have this facility completed. It will be used by all students in our school for many years in the future. The area around the artificial grass playing surface has been landscaped with new natural grass turf. This will require 2-3 months of settling before we can allow students to play on this area of the playground. Fencing will be installed to direct students away from the new turfed areas of the playground.

Half yearly reports will be sent to parents of Kindergarten to Year 4 classes on Thursday next week, 19 June. As Year 5 and 6 students are at camp next Wednesday—Friday, all reports for Years 5 and 6, including HR12, will go home on Monday 23 June. Parent-teacher interviews will be held in the last week of term. Parents should read their child's report before the parent-teacher interview and bring the report to the interview to discuss learning plans for terms 3 and 4 this year. Parents can book interview times with their child's teacher online again this year. We will be using the same system as last year. Information for booking interviews is included in the newsletter. If you need any assistance please contact the school office. Bookings can be made at the school office if required.

There is a parent survey include in this newsletter. We would appreciate parent feedback on the school. Please print the survey and return it to the school office to have your responses included in our survey.

Have a good weekend everyone. Parramatta and the Blues to win!

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 June	ICAS Writing competition
17 June	ICAS Spelling competition
18 June	Year 5-6 leave for Camp
19 June	Reports go home Kindergarten to Year 4
20 June	Year 5-6 return from camp
23 June	Years 5-6 reports go home
24 June	Stage 1 interviews
25 June	Stage 2 interviews
26 June	Stage 3 interviews
27 June	Kindergarten interviews
	Final day Term 2

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1P Learning About Australian Animals

1P started learning about Australian animals early in Term 1.

First, we learnt about different types of animals, their habitats and diet.

Then we learnt about endangered animals. We felt very upset and worried about many animals being endangered. So, we decided to make a video to educate people about endangered animals, so more people might care about helping them. We showed the video at our assembly.

Finally, in Week 4 of Term 2, we went to Featherdale Wildlife Park to see some real Australian animals. We had an amazing, exciting day.

1P had lots of fun learning about Australian animals.



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Parent Information Night—New English Curriculum

Last night parents were provided with an opportunity to hear from teachers how the new national English curriculum is being introduced in our school. There was an explanation of the programs in operation in classrooms in K-2 and Years 3-6.

L3 is the program teachers are using in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 to explicitly teach students reading and writing. The focus is in small groups so that students' individual progress is closely monitored.

Focus on Reading has been introduced in Years 3-6. The program develops comprehension skills to deepen students understanding of the texts they are reading. This develops skills for use in all subject areas as well as English.

The information presented will be available on our school website in the next week.



P&C June meeting

Last night's meeting discussed the following items;

- Winter girls uniform does not include tights with a summer dress
- Shoe sales onsite and home booking service to be introduced next term
- Treasurer's report—Total funds held by P&C \$36,566.00
- Uniform shop report. Increased sales in May
- Purchase of a popcorn machine
- Donation of \$600.00 to sponsor students library excursion
- Planning for Fathers Day stall in September

All parents are welcome to the next P&C meeting on 13 August at 7.30pm in the library.

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5T Class Work

This term Stage 3 has been studying 'Australia'. In 5T we have examined the Indigenous Australian culture and the symbols used in their rock paintings. 5T students created their own rock paintings using symbols they designed themselves.

Mrs Tracey & 5T



ONLINE ORDER SPECIAL

Canteen
Special
News

AVAILABLE
LAST WEEK
TERM 2

Monday 23rd
To
Friday 27th June

\$ 3.50

4 x Dinosaur Nuggets

1 x Oak Flavoured Milk



\$4.40
If Ordered at the Canteen

REGISTER YOUR CHILDS ACCOUNT AT :
FLEXISCHOOLS.COM.AU

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Resurfaced Playground

The resurfaced playground includes a drainage system that collects all rain water and so allows students to play in the area in all weather conditions.

Sand holds the artificial grass in place and keep the profile of the grass in place.

The area of the playing surface is 25m x 35m. The surface is level with a slight, 2%, slope to assist with water run off and drainage.



Students said;

“The grass is awesome!”

“This grass is good for running and I slide too.”

“It’s very flat and smooth like a professional soccer field.”



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PARENT SURVEY about SCHOOL CULTURE

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school's consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was *usually* for the statement – *What my child is asked to learn is important*. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

		Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1	What my child is asked to learn is important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1	The school knows about the families and community in which it serves.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2	School leaders have a positive influence on the school culture.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3	The school often praises and rewards individuals who are successful.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4	The students are the school's main concern.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5	Parents support what is happening at the school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6	I am proud of my child's school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7	The school encourages new students and their families to be involved in school activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8	The school appreciates having my child as a student.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9	The school encourages students to achieve their best.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10	The school encourages everyone to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11	The school caters for the learning needs of all students.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12	The school is continually finding ways to improve what it does.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13	When necessary, the school makes important changes to what it does.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thank you for completing the survey

School Culture—© State of NSW—Department of Education and Training—SchoolMap Best Practice Statements—October 2002

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10.06.2014

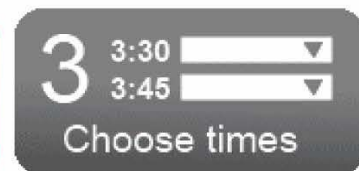


Dear Parents,

You can book your parent teacher interviews for the times that suit you.
Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Enter School Code

Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au
and enter our school code.
Then follow 3 easy steps.



When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you can't receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.
Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

- If you don't have internet access or need any assistance with bookings, please phone the school on 9631 3650
- If you need to change your interview times after booking has closed, please contact the school office.
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- Bookings close Sunday, 22 June at 4.00pm

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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.

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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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

IMPORTANT SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

In line with NSW Government's Term and Conditions of Issue, students who cannot produce **their own valid 2014** bus pass when boarding a Busways service will be expected to pay \$1.10 for that trip, otherwise travel will be refused.

Also just confirming that the bus passes are for students only and any parent travelling with their child/children **will need to pay.**

Reminding our parents that only K-2 students are allowed bus passes and Yrs 3-6 student will have to pay \$1.10.



Tertiary Preparation Certificate

An alternative entry to University. More than 90% of completing students are offered their first choice of University places.

For further information contact

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Lallesh Nand

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Compulsory information session

Tuesday 24th June @ 10am Block J,
Room JG12
O'Connell St, Kingswood

Enrol NOW!



Kingswood Campus: 12 - 44 O'Connell St, Kingswood
Western Sydney Institute Website: wsi.tafensw.edu.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.

First Academy Preschool Childcare
The Kids Paradise.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAM

Book in our super fun programs and keep your children active these school holidays.
Everyone receives a prize and a BBQ on the final day.

LOCATIONS:

Bathurst St, Greystanes & Civic Park, Pendle Hill

WEEK 1: Mon 30th Jun - Wed 2nd Jul 2014 9am-12pm

WEEK 2: Mon 7th Jul - Wed 9th Jul 2014 9am-12pm

COST:

1 day: \$30 3 days: \$75 6 days: \$130 (both weeks)

Places are limited so please book in early!

Should you have any questions or if you would like to book in, please contact Paul 0404 896 778 or Nick 0424 613 987, or complete the booking form below and send via email.



PAUL'S TENNIS ACADEMY



Player Details

Full Name: M ☐ F ☐

Address: DOB:

..... Postcode:

Phone: Mobile: Parent's Name:

Email: 1 day ☐ 3 days ☐ 6 days ☐

Week 1 ☐ Week 2 ☐

Payment Method: ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Internet Transfer

Bank Details - Acc Name: Paul McNamara BSB: 032382 Acc No: 137550

Please make sure you add the name of the child you are paying for in the description field.

www.paulstennis.com.au info@paulstennis.com.au

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Brand New Before & After School Care at Girraween PS



From Term 3, 2014 there will be a brand new on-site Before and After School Care and Holiday Program at Girraween PS run by OSHClub. OSHClub programs are great fun programs as there is so much to do, heaps of things to play with and they are staffed with wonderful, experienced and trained people. We will be running the program in the hall.

Check out our mega toy boxes full of brand new fun stuff.

- > Loads of toys and cars
- > Board games
- > Art and craft materials
- > Dress ups
- > Games
- > Sports gear

Join in our exciting activities:

- > Science
- > Drama
- > Cooking
- > Art/Craft
- > Sports

Both permanent and casual or last minute bookings available.*
Book as much or a little as you need, whenever you need it

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. Fees subject to change

**** 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. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it. Call 13 61 50 to register.**

Please enrol and book at www.oshclub.com.au to secure your place from Monday March 17th, 2014.

www.oshclub.com.au



03 8564 9000

Phone: 1800 460 870

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Round 4 13th June 2014 — Wentworthville PSSA Sport

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



Round 5 20th June 2014 — Wentworthville PSSA Sport



Soccer	OZ Tag	Girls Soccer	Netball
Warriors V Westmead Best Rd Oval	Wentworthville V Toony White Binalong Oval	Warriors V Girra Yellow Girraween Oval	Metella Gold V Girra Yellow Girraween PS
Girra Yellow V Wentworthville Bathurst St	Westmead V Toony Red Binalong Oval	Westmead V Toongabbie Binalong Oval	Toony White V Warriors Binalong Oval
Beresford Rd V Toony West Daniel St	Beresford Rd V Pendle Hill Binalong Oval	Beresford Rd V Metella Gold Daniel St	Beresford Rd V Westmead Beresford Rd PS
Toongabbie V Darcy Rd Binalong Oval	Darcy Rd V Metella Rd Binalong Oval	Darcy Rd V Metella Blue Girraween Oval	Darcy Rd V Wentworthville Binalong Oval
Girra Green V Pendle Hill Bathurst St			Girra Green V Toony West Girraween PS
Metella Blue V Metella Gold Girraween Oval			Metella Blue V Toony Red Binalong Oval
	BYE GIRRAWEEEN	BYE GIRRA GREEN	Pendle Hill V Wanderers Binalong Oval

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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 Margharita (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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