Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all staff, parents and students. I hope you had a happy and restful holiday. We are in Term 4 and heading into the final months of the school year. Mr Walker is currently on long service leave and he will return to school on Monday 26th October. I will be relieving Principal during this time and Mr Ward will be relieving Deputy Principal.

This term will be another incredibly busy time for teachers, students and parents with many and varied academic achievements, together with exciting activities such as the Life Education, Swimming Scheme, Games-a-thon, Summer PSSA, Year 6 Farewell, Presentation Day and Night and many other activities.

The Presentation Days this year will be held on Monday 30th November, K-2: 11am and 3-6: 12pm. The Presentation Evening will be held on Wednesday 2nd December 6pm. Letters and invitations will be sent to families in the up coming weeks.

Students attend PSSA and School Sport during the morning session in Term 4 so please ensure that they arrive at school before the bell. All students need to wear full school sports uniform. All PSSA team members need to bring a water bottle with them to the game and it is advisable for those students involved in school sport to do the same. It is also recommended that all students apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Our school is participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, as another part of the *Tell Them From Me* surveys on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey closes on **Friday 23rd October**. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and answers are confidential.

Parents and carers can access the survey via this direct link:


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K. Needham

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

| 12—29 Oct | Life Education Years K-4 |
| 19-30 Oct | Swimming scheme |

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New Instagram Account
There is a new way to keep up to date with what’s going on with the school. Girraween Public School now has an Instagram Account. Make sure you download the App and then start to follow the school. Search for GIRRAWEEN_PUBLIC_SCHOOL.

Girraween Public School
New Skoolbag App
Girraween Public School is trialling a new school app called Skoolbag. You need to search the app store for Girraween Public School. Then follow the instructions as listed here.
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This year during the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program Girraween Public School managed to raise a total of 44,600 points.

These points will allow our school to receive a variety of resources free of charge for students to use in classrooms and the playground.

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our school’s efforts in raising this amount of points.

Mrs Haworth ©

2H’s Alliteration Poems

2H recently learnt how to write Alliteration Poems. These poems include a noun, verb and adverb that all begin with the same sound. They might look simple, but it is trickier than it seems!

Here are some of the poems 2H students created...

Dolphins
Diving
Deeply
By Rijen

Children
Chatting
Cheerfully
By Prisha D

People
Painting
Perfectly
By Mishal

Spiders
Spinning
Slowly
By Janvi

Dads
Driving
Dangerously
By Mokshaj

Adults
Arguing
Angrily
By Josh
VALUE OF THE MONTH: Participation

Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation:

In School Communities, evidence of this value includes:
- communicating openly within and between different groups in the school community
- encouraging and considering new ideas
- forming partnerships with business and community organisations.

In Classrooms, evidence of this value includes:
- contributing to class discussions
- encouraging creative thinking about issues and problems
- accepting roles in group activities.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement 2017

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

- Application for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.

- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Well Done Cassie!

Congratulations to Cassie Manners who auditioned and was accepted into “The Australian Girls Choir”.

Girraween PS Junior Choir are especially proud of Cassie because she auditioned by singing a song performed by the Junior Choir “Any Dream Will Do”.

A fantastic effort Cassie we are very proud of you and you are a star.

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Parents Cyber Security Presentation!

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month
Each and every one of us needs to do our part to make sure that children are kept safe and secure when online.

The teachers at Girraween are preparing our students to join the digital age by delivering programs that show students how to use a variety of devices. There is always a strong emphasis on teaching our students about Cyber Security, Cyber Safety and Cyber Ethics.

There are many things parents can do at home to help their children stay safe online. Girraween will be running a Cyber Security Workshop for parents in November. Staff from the ‘ThinkUknow’ organisation will be volunteering their time to answer your questions.

When: 13th November 2015
Time: 9.00 am -10.30 am
Where: School Hall

A note will be going home with your child.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Rakshaaiyan Somasundaram (5P). Rakshaaiyan recently competed at the NSW Athletics Championships which was held at Sydney Olympic Park. Rakshaaiyan finished 3rd out of 42 competitors and will represent our school, district and state at the upcoming National championships which will be held in Canberra in December.

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Parents and Citizens Association News  
girraweenprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com

Student Injury Insurance 2015

The Girraween P & C Association along with the Girraween Public School have taken and paid for Student Injury Insurance policy for all the students enrolled at our school. This is another way of us making sure a duty of care is offered to the families of our students. As a parent and carer you don’t want the unexpected expenses of unplanned out-of-pocket costs/medical costs. This policy provides peace of mind in knowing those financial expenses will be lessened in the event of an accident.

This cover is provided 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The cover isn’t just for broken bones and ambulance trips, this policy also covers dental, non-Medicare medical expenses, and small property losses.


Frequently asked Questions:

Are school excursions covered by Student Injury Insurance? **YES, all school activities are covered.**

Is ambulance cover included in Student Injury Insurance? **YES, Australia wide ambulance trips are covered.**

Does Student Injury Insurance cover students whilst at home or at a family event? **YES, this Policy covers students 24 hours 7 days a week.**

Is this policy Australia-wide? **YES, the policy provides Australia wide coverage for every student.**

For more information, please refer to the Student Injury Product Disclosure Statement, Student Injury Policy Schedule, Medicare Notice to Claimants and Student Accident Insurance Claim Form on our school website or on the Federation of P & C Association NSW website [www.pandc.org.au](http://www.pandc.org.au)
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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 inquiries, 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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