Dear parents,

Our school has had a very smooth start to the final term of the year. I’d like to thank Mrs Needham for managing so efficiently in the relieving principal position during my leave. All classes are working collaboratively and clearly focused on their learning. This term is a very important opportunity for our students to complete their current grade work in preparation for next year. Our Year 6 students have only 7 weeks remaining before they begin high school. It is a very exciting time for our senior students.

This week we held our annual Halloween discos. What a fantastic display of costumes! Congratulations to students and parents for the effort that went into dressing up for the discos. Many of our teachers were also in costume for the events. This fundraiser will provide funds for our English resources across the school, including updating our home reading books.

Since the holiday break we have completed the refurbishment of our school office. This has increased the work and storage area in the office. We have also had painting completed in our Kindergarten classrooms. Mr Seargent has been responsible for organising and completing most of the work. Thanks very much and well done Peter. Painting is continuing in the school playground outside our Year 1 classrooms. This is becoming a very colourful area in our school. The designs for the painting have come from students in Year 1 classes. Our students have enjoyed seeing their designs competed and they make for a much more interesting play area.

Next Tuesday we will hold our annual Games-a-thon. Mrs Galea and teachers have organised a full day of activities for students. This will be a fun filled day for our whole school as well as a fundraiser for classroom resources. Thank you to all parents who have supported the sponsorship of students for completing activities on the day.

Please note the dates of our Presentation Day and Evening as well as our planned end of year activities.

Have a great weekend everyone.

G Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Girraween Public School

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.
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.

BORROWING

Week 5 (next week) will be the last week the students will be able to borrow books for 2015. So please make sure that you bring your library bag to your library lesson next week!

The library is also open for borrowing Tuesday and Wednesday, 2nd half of lunch, for year 3 to 6 students and Friday, 2nd half of lunch, for all K to 2 students.

ALL books must be returned to the library no later than Friday 13th November so that a stocktake of books can begin.

PARENT HELPERS in the LIBRARY

If there are any parents available to help with preparation for the Library stocktake from the 23rd November to the 27th November please let Mrs Propst know. Even if you only have an hour or two to spare your help would be greatly appreciated!

Mrs K. Propst
Teacher Librarian
**3S visit to Healthy Harold’s Van**  
**By Riya Patel in 3S**

3S went o Healthy Harold’s van to learn how to be cyber wise. In the topic cyber wise, we learnt how to keep special information to yourself and only share with family and close friends if you need to, not give private information to strangers and to not send mean images using technology.

There were many activities that we did. First of all we named different devise on a small whiteboard. We then saw TAM light up. We saw a mean image Harold got by email. We also saw a video of a boy who went to play soccer and missed a goal. His friend put the video on YouTube and everyone was teasing him.

I enjoyed the visit. I liked seeing TAM light up and I also learnt that we shouldn’t send mean and rude messages. 3S learnt that being safe on the internet is important. The whole class enjoyed Healthy Harold.
This term KW has been participating in a PBL (Project Based Learning) unit on toys. Our class members have been developing creative and critical thinking skills through the process of designing and making their own toy from junk materials. Have a look at the great collaboration that has been going on in KW!

Planning...

Designing...

Making...

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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.

Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placement 2017

- Parents must apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://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.
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
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It has been a great couple of weeks at Oshclub.
We have created some new play space including a doll house for dramatic play and new construction activities.
The student’s have been very confident with their artistic abilities this term with big strides made to create beautiful art with new materials.
As it is the Halloween Disco this week, OSHClub will be in the library on those days.
The grade has come up full bloom and the children have been active in maintaining their health through watering and feeding of the plants.
Some future directions for osh this term include learning some words in the Darug Language (Aboriginal group local to our area)
We would love to hear what you think — if you have any suggestions for osh please email: oshclub.girraween@gmail.com

To join us please go to oshclub.com.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 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.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
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### Canteen Menu 2015

#### Sandwiches
- **Egg or Egg & Lettuce** (G, V, H) $2.00
- **Ham or Devon or Chicken Salad** add 80c (G, H) $2.70
- **Tuna Salad** add 80c (G, H) $2.70
- **Salad** (G, H) $2.80
- **Vegemite or Jam or Honey or Cheese** $1.70

#### Wraps
- **Cheese Rocket - Melted Cheese** (G) $2.00
- **Pizza Rocket - Ham or Chicken, Cheese & Pizza Sauce** (G) $2.80
- **Kids Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap** (G, H) $2.80
- **Caesar Wrap** With Lettuce & Mayo Add Chicken $1 (G) $3.20
- **Salad Wrap** Add Chicken $1 (G, H) $3.40
- **Chicken Breast Schnitzel Wrap** Lettuce & Mayo (G, H) $4.00
- **Hawaiian Wrap** Chicken, Lett, P/apple, Mayo (G, H) $4.20
- **Sweet Chilli Wrap** Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (A, H) $4.00

#### Salad Bowls
- **Caesar or Garden or Greek Salad** Add Chicken $1 (G, V) $3.50
- **Salad Bowl Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese** (G, V) $4.50

#### Burgers
- **Fish Fillet Burger** Lettuce, Mayo (G, H) $3.60
- **Chicken Burger** 100% Breast, Lettuce, Mayo (A, H) $3.60
- **Hamburger** Gourmet Beef, Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (G, H) $3.60
- **Vege Burger** (G, H, V) $3.80
- **Kids Cheeseburger** Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A) $2.00
- **Cheesburger** Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A, H) $3.60

#### Hot Favourites
- **Garlic Bread** Large Roll (G, H, V) $2.00
- **Fish Finger** (G, H) $0.70
- **Corn Cob** (G, H, V) $1.00
- **Cup of Noodles** Chicken OR Beef (G, H) $2.60
- **Hot Dog** With Sauce (All Chicken Meat - Not Pork) (A, H) $2.60
- **Chicken Nuggets** Premium Breast (A, H) $0.70
- **Popcorn Chicken** Premium Breast (A, H) $3.00
- **Hash Brown** (A, H, V) $1.00
- **Potato Wedges** With Sauce (A, H, V) $2.00
- **Cheese & Bacon Roll** (A) $2.00
- **Mini Spring Rolls** Vegetarian (A, H, V) $0.70
- **Nachos** Beef Sauce & Cheese (A, H, V) $3.50
- **Hot Cakes** x2 with Maple Syrup (A, H, V) $3.00

#### Pizza & Pasta
- **Lasagna** (Beef or Vegetarian) (G, H) $3.50
- **Spaghetti Bolognese** (G, H) $3.50
- **Maceroni & Cheese** (G, H, V) $3.80
- **Butter Chicken & Rice** (G, H, V) $3.50
- **Fried Rice** (G, H, V) $3.50
- **Pizza Hawaiian OR Bacon & Cheese** (A) $2.60
- **Pizza Slab Margherita** (A) $3.80

#### Recess Snacks
- **Over the Counter Only**
  - **Potato Skins** Melted Cheese or Salsa (G, H, V) $1.20
  - **Mini Muffins** Homemade with Berries (G, H) $1.20

#### Fresh Fruits
- **Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon** (G, V) $0.90
- **Fruit Salad Cup** (G, V) $1.50
- **Grapes in a Cup** (G, V) $1.60
- **Fruit Salad Bowl** Large (G, V) $3.80

#### Snacks
- **Fruit Nuggets** 66% Fruit Gluten Free (V) $0.60
- **Jelly Cup** Add Fruit 50c (G, H) $1.00
- **Popcorn Fresh & Hot** (G, H) $1.00
- **Yoghurt Vanilla** (G, H) $2.00
- **Bread Sticks** Pizza Flavour (A) $0.20
- **Yoghurt Filled Strawberry Bars** (A) $0.30
- **JJ’s Chicken Crackers** (A) $1.00
- **Brownie** (A, H) $1.00
- **Mamee Noodles** (A, H) $1.00
- **Jumpys** (A, H) $1.20
- **Red Rock Chips** Honey Soy (A, H) $1.50

#### Milk Drinks
- **300ml Choc / Strawby / Vanilla** Oak Fresh (G, H) $2.20
- **600ml Choc / Strawby / Vanilla** Oak Fresh (G, H) $3.50
- **Up & Go Choc / Strawby / Vanilla** Breakfast Drink (G, H) $2.50
- **Hot Chocolate** (A, H) $1.50

#### Cold Drinks
- **Poppers 100% Juice** 200ml (G, H) $1.50
- **Water** 350ml (G, H) $1.20
- **Water** 600ml (G, H) $1.60
- **Orchy 350ml Fresh Juice** Apple or Orange (G, H) $2.20
- **Appletiser** 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99% (G, H) $2.20
- **Diet Lemonade No Artificial Colours or Flavours** 300ml (A, H) $1.50
- **Quench** Flavoured Mineral Water 350ml (A, H) $2.20
- **Slushie** 200ml (A, H) $1.50
- **Slushie** 285ml (A, H) $2.00
- **Glee** 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling Juice (A) $2.20

#### Ice Blocks
- **Frozen Fruit Yoghurt** (G, H) $2.50
- **Jelly Sticks** (A) $0.20
- **Fruitee Ice** (A) $0.50
- **Zooper Dooper** (A, H) $0.80
- **Sour Snap Apart** (A) $1.00
- **Ice Mony** (A) $1.20
- **Paddle Pops** (A, H) $1.60

#### Pie & Sausage Roll Low Fat
- **Party Pie** (A, H) $1.00
- **Sausage Roll** (A, H) $2.70
- **Meat Pie Traveller** (A, H) $3.60
- **Potato Pie** (A, H) $3.80

#### Crunch & Sip Special Order Before School
- **Apple, Orange or Banana + Bottled Water 350ml** (G, H, V) $1.80

#### Extras
- 20c Cheese Tomato Beetroot Cucumber Carrot 40c Pineapple

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**Monday**

**Steamed Dumplings**

**Prawn** (4 Per Serve) $4.00

**Tuesday**

**Sushi Rolls**

**Tuna or Chicken or Vege** $3 Regular $5 Large

**Wednesday**

**Hokkien Noodles**

**Chicken & Carrot** $3.80