Dear parents,

This week we welcomed our 2016 Kindergarten students and parents at our Kindergarten Orientation sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are enrolling 130 student in Kindergarten next year. Parents were welcomed by our P&C provided afternoon tea. Our Pulse choir performed and there were student reports from Adriel Liga in KH and Akshanth Suresh, vice captain in 5/6W. This is an exciting time for our beginning students and their families. I would like to warmly welcome them all to our school community and look forward to a long and productive association.

Yesterday our school held an assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called “Armistice Day” to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. —on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

The Flanders poppy became accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The red poppies were among the first plants that sprouted from the devastation of the battlefields of northern France and Belgium. 'Soldiers' folklore had it that the poppies were vivid red from having been nurtured in ground drenched with the blood of their comrades'.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day- as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

Today we held an information session for parents of students in Year 2 moving into Year 3 next year. Next week we will hold a session for parents of students in Year 4 moving to Year 5. These sessions cover parenting issues with growing children, grade program organisation and use of technology in classrooms. All sessions are held in the school hall.

Kind regards,

G Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 Nov  Yrs 4 & 5 Parent Info Session  30 Nov  K-6 Presentation Day
2 Dec  Presentation Evening

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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

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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.
In Weeks 5 and 6, Stage 1 went on an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park. This excursion was part of our Project-Based Learning unit on animal shelters. We are working in groups to design and make a model of an animal enclosure.
We looked at the animal enclosures at Featherdale and got some great ideas on how these shelters meet the needs of different animals.
We attended a lesson where we got to see and touch some animals. We also learnt about what each of these animals would need to have in their enclosures.

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: Democracy

Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian Citizen.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- Listening to different views on school related issues
- Consulting parents, staff and students about major changes
- Ensuring that minority groups have a voice in decision making processes
- Choosing appropriate processes for decision making

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- Consulting and negotiating assignment timelines
- Respecting the rights and responsibilities of others
- Accepting responsibilities of one’s own learning.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please ensure all canteen lunch orders are made before 9.30AM each morning.

Orders placed after this time are NOT to be filled.

Please ensure all K-2 awards are handed to the office before 13 November 2015.

Your child will receive their badge at the last K-2 Assembly for the year on 26 November 2015.

Please ensure all Y3-6 awards are handed to the office before 20 November 2015.

Your child will receive their badge at the last Y3-6 Assembly for the year on 3 December 2015.

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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

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.

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How does school banking work?

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. At Girraween Public School, the students bring in money along with their completed deposit slips every week. The school banking coordinators process the deposits, reward the students with a silver dollarmites token for each deposit they make, and deposit the money in the bank.

The bank sends a list of students who are almost eligible (students who have made eight deposits) to redeem their rewards. The coordinators print out the wallet inserts and issue it to students along with their dollarmites token for that week.

When the students select their reward and send it in with their bank book the following week, the coordinator will place the order and update the list for students who have received their rewards.

During the following weeks, the bank sends a list of students who have made ten deposits. The coordinator orders the certificate for these students and issues the certificates and a gold token in place of the ten dollarmites token. The students who make 10, 20, 30, and 40 deposits are given bronze, silver, gold and outstanding certificates respectively.

To parents:

Please encourage the students to;

- deposit each week
- ensure that they record the name, student id and the correct amount to be deposited on the deposit slip
- check if the deposit slip is accompanied by the exact amount specified.
- Place the order for their rewards promptly so they do not miss out on that term's reward item.

Occasionally, the tokens rewarded each week may not match the deposits due to lack of tokens or human error. Meanwhile, please be affirmed that the bank keeps track of all the transactions and your child will not miss out on any rewards or certificates.

The school banking coordinators are happy to address any queries regarding banking. Please contact us on girraweenprimaryschoolpandc@gmail.com or gpsschoolbanking@gmail.com.
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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IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on foot-paths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- hold your child’s hand. Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- talk to your child about road safety. Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety. Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at Transport for NSW.


Have a safe holiday break!

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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