Dear parents,

At this time of year teachers are finalising reports for all students on their performance in Terms 3 and 4. In all grades our students have performed very well. Our school assessment data shows a high level of growth during the school year and this is due to the significant assistance from parents. The students have received your support during the year to complete homework and continuously monitor their learning which is an important factor in our students’ progress.

Next week we will begin our annual end of year activities. Presentation Day and Presentation Evening will be occasions to acknowledge the achievements of our students in all aspects of school life during 2015. Awards will be presented for academic achievement, sport and citizenship. All students receiving awards have been notified and I look forward to sharing our student achievements with parents. We will announce our school captains and leaders for 2016 at our Presentation Evening.

I would like to invite all parents who have assisted our school and been involved in activities this year to our ‘Thank you morning tea’ next Thursday from 10.50am in the staffroom. We greatly appreciate the involvement of parents making our school activities so successful this year. This morning tea will follow the combined SRE Christmas assembly in our school hall.

The recent hot weather has required changes to supervision. Students have stayed in classrooms during extreme heat events. Our classrooms are all air-conditioned. This makes for a very comfortable and productive school day in all classes. Our P&C donated significant funds to ensure air-conditioners are installed and updated in all rooms earlier this year. Last week all Kindergarten classes had new furniture installed with $10,000 funding from our P&C. The new tables allow for more flexible learning and they look great!

Please make sure students are accompanied to and from school. We have had reports of a student being approached by an adult on the weekend. Students are supervised at school from 8.30am to 3pm each school day.

We will hold our postponed Games-a-thon this Friday. Thank you to all families who have contributed to the $12,000.00 raised.

Enjoy the weekend everyone,

G Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Girraween Public School Presentation Assemblies

We invite you to come and acknowledge the outstanding achievements of students across the school in all areas throughout 2015.

3-6 Presentation Assembly
Date: Monday, 30th November 2015
Time: 11.30am
Place: School Hall

K-2 Presentation Assembly
Date: Monday, 30th November 2015
Time: 12.30pm
Place: School Hall

Presentation Evening
Date: Wednesday, 2nd December 2015
Time: 6.00pm
Place: School Hall
5C have been learning about poverty and the needs of children living in different parts of the world. In week 5, 5C performed a play at the 3-6 assembly about the needs of disadvantaged children living in Australia.

5C and the SRC organised a sports themed mufti day to help raise money for children in need. All money raised was donated to Stewart House. Girraween Public School raised $827!

This is a photo of 5C after our assembly item

This is a photo of 5C wearing our favourite sports jerseys on the mufti day!

Thank you to everyone who supported this very special fundraiser!
This term, 1Q are busily working on our PBL unit, The Need For Shelter. After visiting Featherdale Wildlife Park to learn more about shelters, we researched the needs of specific Australian animals, then we designed our own enclosures. Finally, we started building our designs. 1Q are very excited about our project and we can’t wait to finish!

Designing our enclosure.

Making our enclosure.

Making a model of our animal.

Working cooperatively.

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Thank you to the P&C who paid for our Kindergarten classroom new furniture. Both students and teachers are enjoying the new innovative classrooms.

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25th November, 2015

2015 Carols Night

The GPS Carols Night will be held on **Wednesday 9th December from 5pm to 8pm**. All GPS students and their friends and families are invited to attend. An adult must accompany a child to and from this event and supervise the child during the night. Students do not need to wear school uniform to the Carols Night. Children can dress in Christmas clothes and/or Christmas colours.

Each grade has been rehearsing carols to sing on the night. We hope to see many Girraween PS students on the night.

During the evening we will be presenting the Salvation Army with the gifts that have been placed under the GPS Christmas Tree in the office.

**If you would like to donate a new toy for a primary school aged child please place it under the Christmas tree in the office. Please do not wrap the present. Gifts can be placed under the tree from now until 9th December.**

There will be singing, dancing and hopefully Santa will drop by to say hello.

**Seating on the night**

This year we will have an outdoor seating area for families to sit and enjoy the carols. All families are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket, rug or picnic chair to sit on and enjoy the evening.

**There will be no seating inside the hall.**

Items on sale at Carols Night include:

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All of these items can be purchased with cash on the night.

Carols Night Committee

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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.

LEAVING GIRRAWEEN / STARTING LATE

My Child ___________________________________________ in Class _______________

will be either (please tick the appropriate one):

1. Leaving Girraween Public School at the end of the year (       ) OR
2. Starting after Thursday 28th January (         ), date returning ________________

Signed: _____________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
Date: _______________________________

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Girraween Public School is now using the school app called Skoolbag. The school will send out all notifications now through this app.

Please delete the old app as it is no longer in use and is out of date.

You need to search the app store for Girraween Public School. Then follow the instructions as listed below;

### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au) Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
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.

HELP REQUIRED—Carols Night

Carols Night is on the 9th December 2015. We are asking for any volunteers who would be able to help at the P&C fundraising stalls on that night. The evening starts at 5pm and finishes at 8pm. If you are able to assist with the stalls please fill out the form below and return it to the office.

I am able to help at Carols Night on the 9th December.

Parent’s/Caregiver’s Name: ______________________________________________________

Contact number: ______________________________________________________________

Child’s name: ________________________________ Class: ______________

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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.

CLO Workshop Timetable Term 4 2015

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OSHClub Update

It has been such a vibrant and busy time! In the last few weeks, we celebrated Diwali, braved heavy rain storms, heat waves, and power outages, and even planted a new garden bed!

This term has been about creating new learning spaces but also making adjustments to streamline our daily routines and processes so families and children are getting the best out of OSHClub at Girraween!

As most of you know by now, I am finishing up as coordinator for OSHClub at the end of this term. From December 17th Stacie Hickey will be coordinating the service. I have worked alongside Stacie for the last 18 months and I know she will do an amazing job leading the team and taking Girraween OSHClub to amazing places.

As the end of the year approaches, I wanted to highlight that we are raising some funds for World Vision to provide fresh drinking water for communities around the world. For more info, please see us at the hall!

To join us for Holiday program please go to oshclub.com.au
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)
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 footpaths, 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.


Have a safe holiday break!
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