Dear parents,

This is the last newsletter for the year. We have recognised student achievements in our Presentation assemblies. Congratulations to all those students who have received an award. I know both parents and teachers are very proud of our students’ achievements this year.

Congratulations to our elected 2016 school captains; Elise Kelly and Prathavan Krishnakumaran, and vice captains Bavethini Subakaran and Abishek Sudharshanan.

Planning for 2016 is well under way. Our school will continue to focus on; ‘High quality curriculum, Project based learning and Increased school capacity. A copy of our 2016 School Plan will be available on our school website along with the Annual School Report for 2015. I encourage all parents to review these documents and provide any feedback at our P&C meetings early next year.

This week we will finalise the rewards for fundraising in our Games-a-thon. Thank you to all those families who have shown such strong support for our school, helping us to raise $12,000.00.

Our annual Talent Quest was held today. There was a great variety of performances from our students. Congratulations to all our performers. It was a fun time for all.

Finally I would like to thank all members of our school community for the outstanding year our school has had in 2015. It is a pleasure to me associated with such a positive and productive school community, clearly focused on assisting our students reach their potential.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year everyone! I look forward to seeing all those who are returning refreshed and ready for the 2016 school year after the summer holidays.

Regards,

G Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Students return 28 January 2016, Years 1-6.

Kindergarten begins 3 February 2016

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: Fairness

Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:
- addressing bullying and harassment through effective whole school programs
- challenging cultural stereotypes
- communicating accurately on school reports to parents about their children’s progress.

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:
- maintain high expectations of everyone
- encouraging and participating in open discussions about fairness and justice
- planning to ensure that teaching and learning is meaningful and relevant to everyone
- accepting other people and their backgrounds.

CANTEEN NEWS

Due to end of year, the canteen will not be restocking their supplies. Therefore some of the canteen items may not be available to purchase over the next week.

Thanking you

LEAVING GIRRAWEE / 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: ________________________________
Girraween Public School
New Skoolbag App

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).
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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.
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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
Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

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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.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2016
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- Wednesday 27th January 2016
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- Friday 29th January 2016

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In the recent school boys and girls junior tennis tournament, congratulations to the following students:

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Dear Parent,

Please find below information about an exciting new cricket program starting in your area next term!

MILO T20 Blast gives 7-12 year old boys and girls the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting. Delivered by accredited coaches, everyone gets a go at batting, bowling and fielding each week, with all equipment supplied. All games last up to 90 minutes and are played at a single venue, to create an exciting atmosphere complete with music and dancing just like the Big Bash League. Plus all kids receive a bonus player pack when they register!

What your child will learn:
- Judge, respond and hit a moving ball
- Run between wickets with calling
- Bowl over 15m with a straight arm
- Catch and throw over 15m
- Game sense
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Sportsmanship

**WENTY LEAGUES/MOSAIC T20 BLAST**
**When:** Tuesday 2nd February – 22nd March 2016 (8 consecutive weeks)
**Time:** 5:00pm-6:30pm
**Location:** Monty Bennett Oval, Wentworthville
**Cost:** $99
**Contact:** Samantha Devlin
**Mobile:** 0425 297 701

Simply search “2145” at www.playcricket.com.au

**PENDLE HILL COLTS AFTER SCHOOL T20 BLAST**
**When:** Wednesday 10th February - 30th March 2016 (8 consecutive weeks)
**Time:** 3:30pm - 5:00pm
**Location:** Binalong Park, Old Toongabbie
**Cost:** $99
**Contact:** Samantha Devlin
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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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Dear families,

It has been such a great year! We have expanded our garden, experienced bigger groups of children coming through our service, and been involved in all different events of the school community.

As the term comes to a close, I just want to take this opportunity to say goodbye as coordinator of Girraween OSHClub.

The last eighteen months have been challenging and rewarding and it has been so wonderful getting to know you all.

Thank you for all your wonderful words and well wishes. I have enjoyed my time here so much!

Sincerely,

Maryam

Our holiday program is running in Dec/Jan. To book go to oshclub.com.au
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