Welcome back everyone! I would like to warmly welcome all our new students and their families to our school. Our Kindergarten classes began on Monday and our new students have made a wonderful start to their first year of primary school.

I would like to welcome our new staff members; Mrs Dhond is teaching our Tamil Community Language program. Miss Klish—KK, Miss Naidu –1N, Miss Scerri—3S, Miss Brettle—5B and Miss Neradovsky—5N. These teachers bring excellent experience to our school.

Miss Webster is now principal at Minchinbury P.S. She will return later this term to say goodbye to our school. When a date and time is confirmed parents will be notified. The deputy principal position is currently advertised and will be filled next term.

A big thank you to those parents who have been working and volunteering in the uniform shop. It has been a very busy week and it is impressive to all see our students in full school uniform. It shows great pride in our school. All parents are encouraged to attend our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 18 February to discuss our school plan for 2015. Principal of Greystanes High School, Mr Grant Sparke, will talk to parents about transition to Year 7.

Classes are temporary at present. Our school enrolment numbers are still to be confirmed. We will need to make some changes to classes when we finalise enrolments. Parents will be informed of changes to their child's class if required.

We’ve had a very positive start to the school year. I look forward to another productive year for our school community here at Girraween P.S.

Kind regards,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 Feb    Swimming Carnival
18 February    P&C meeting - 7.00pm in the library

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Below is a schedule of your child’s library lessons for Term 1, 2015.

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Each child MUST have a library bag clearly labelled with their name and class before they will be able to bring home a book from the school library. Library bags made from plastic are not allowed as they tear and books are easily damaged.

Library bags with a crest can be purchased from the school’s uniform shop for $12.00.

Please note: Library books must be returned, the school day before their library lesson. Students in 3-6F, 3-6G and K-4W must return their books to their class teacher.

To ensure that your child is able to borrow during his/her library lesson, books should be returned to the Library Returns Box situated inside the library door before the 9am bell.

During rainy days please ensure that the borrowed books and library bags are kept dry. A suggestion may be to place the library bag containing the library book inside a closed plastic bag. This will prevent the book from sustaining water damage.

All lost and damaged books must be paid for.

Tips To Help Your Child Develop a Love of Reading
- Take 10 minutes to share a book with your child
- Discuss the pictures and/or print
- Borrow and return regularly

K Propst
Teacher Librarian
3rd February 2015
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can change, friends move away, illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
   Resist the temptation to solve all your child’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate in class & school activities
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
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VALUE OF THE MONTH: COOPERATION

Working together to achieve common goals, proving support to others, and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict:

In School Communities, evidence of this value includes:
- working together to plan a school function
- addressing issues through consultation and negotiation
- initiating change by involving consultation with and the representation of all stakeholders
- working together to address a school issue.

In Classrooms, evidence of this value includes:
- accepting class protocols for group work and working with others
- working well with others outside immediate friendships
- initiating problem solving
- identify issues and possible solutions to help resolve conflict.

The following year-4 kids represented Girraween Public School in the tournament last year at Pennant Hills-

1. Aditya Godbole - Year-4 Singles and Year-4 Doubles
2. Jal Sutar - Year-4 Singles and Year-4 Doubles
3. Yash Patil - Year-4 Singles and Year-4 Doubles and Year-5 Singles and Year-5 Double

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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
ORDERING ONLINE
Parents can now order and pay for uniforms online by following the ordering procedures at our school website in the P&C section. Check the ‘Uniform Shop’ tab. Complete the order form and pay online. Email the order form and a copy of your funds transfer to the school email account. Items will be delivered to students to take home Each Tuesday and Wednesday.

Club 2000 Seven Hills Physie & Dance
Gymnastics classes, including Physie and Dance will start on Monday 16th February, 2015.

Come along and discover the fun of Physie!
Physie is a form of dance, incorporating synchronization, exercises, jazz, dance, ballet and gymnastic movements. It supports core strength, flexibility, posture and co-ordination. It is a wonderful way to keep fit and make new friends or bring along your friends too!

Your first lesson is free!

Enquiries please contact:
Jody: 0414 983 189 Lyndia 0478 648 434
Kely: 0418 282 184 Pam: 9631 1068
Email: club2000sevenhillphysie@yahoo.com
Website: www.club2000physieanddance.com
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HAS ANYTHING CHANGED FOR 2015?

If any of your information has changed e.g., address or contact numbers, please fill in the slip below and return it to the Office as soon as possible.

All information is kept confidential.

Date: __________

Parent Name: ________________________________________________

Student: _______________________________________________ Class: _______________

New address:
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

New phone number (home): ____________________________________________

New phone number (work):
Mum ___________________________________  Dad: __________________________

New mobile number:
Mum ___________________________________  Dad: __________________________

New emergency contact:
Name: __________________________________
Phone number: __________________________

Relationship to student: (e.g. uncle, aunty, family friend etc) _________________
Name: __________________________________
Phone number: __________________________

Relationship to student: (e.g. uncle, aunty, family friend etc) _________________

New email address (for newsletter): ________________________________________
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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**
- Cheeseburger - 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
- Lasagne (Beef or Vegetarian) (G, H) **$3.50**
- Spaghetti Bolognese (G, H) **$3.50**
- Macaroni & 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 - Home made 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**
- Jumpee (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**
- Apple Juice 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**

#### PIF & 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 **$3.80**

### WEDNESDAY
**HOKKIEN NOODLES**
CHICKEN & CARROT **$3.80**

**(G) GREEN - (A) AMBER - (V) VEGETARIAN - (H) HALAL**