Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter for Term 2. What a successful term we have had!

During the week we have held parent/teacher interviews following half yearly reports going home last Thursday. I have had lots of positive feedback and comments from parents in regard to the information provided by teachers at the parent/teacher interviews and the progress students have made in the first half of the year. The importance of these half yearly reports and interviews is that students and parents are able to follow up any areas for improvement in Terms 3 and 4. With the strong support our students are receiving from both home and school, our school programs have a significant impact on students reaching their potential in academic, sporting and social skills.

Friday we will say farewell to Miss Khoury, who leaves to take on a relieving Assistant Principal role at Minchinbury Public School for 12 months. Miss Khoury has dedicated many years to Girraween PS. She is held in high regard by the whole school community and will be missed by students, staff and parents. The many hours Miss Khoury has spent preparing lessons, organising programs and presenting high quality teaching across our school has ensured she is well prepared to lead students and staff in her new school. Minchinbury is very lucky to have the service of such a quality teacher and leader in Miss Khoury. All the best from all of us!

Finally I would like to thank all parents who have contributed to school events and activities during the Term. Our P&C have been actively working to assist the school and have actions planned for next term including fundraising and staffing of vacant teaching positions. Our teachers have planned programs for term 3 to build on the success of terms 1-2.

Have a wonderful winter holiday everyone. I look forward to everyone returning refreshed for the second half of the school year.

Kind regards,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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VALUE OF THE MONTH: Excellence

Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- giving recognition to students achieving high standards
- frequently encouraging and acknowledging individual improvement
- celebrating school community achievements
- encouraging students’ awareness of broader life opportunities

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- reaching personal best performance
- maintaining high learning expectations
- setting and meeting high standards
- persisting through challenges and difficulties in learning

Poppies for our Service People

We have received our poppies from Poppy Park Penrith with names of soldiers from World War 1, World War 2, Vietnam War, Boar War and Iraq.

Each class will have a solider to research and remember on Remembrance Day Nov 11th. We are looking forward to finding out information about the lives of our fallen soldiers and where they came from.

Thank you
Miss Khoury

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This semester, 2B have been learning about the different ways people communicate with each other.

We worked in groups to read, understand, summarise and follow step by step instructions to create a dog.

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THE CENTENARY OF GALLIPOLI WITH 5B
To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli, 5B have been learning about commemoration and the Anzac spirit. We have learnt about the soldiers’ sacrifices and hardships throughout World War One. We have used our artistic abilities to display our new knowledge!

Our poppies

‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them’

Propaganda posters

Life in the trenches

5B’s Anzac wall

Commemoration cubes
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Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
15th July 2015

Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held at Pendle Hill High School. All students from Year 3-6 will be participating in the carnival.

The students will travel by bus to the High School. Students must bring their lunch from home, no canteen facilities will be available.

Families are welcome to attend the carnival however they will need to make their own way to Pendle Hill High School.

PSSA Term 2

Round 6 26/6/15

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K-2 Sports Carnival
15th July 2015

The timetable for the K-2 Sports Carnival is as follows:

Start: 10am—activities including races, relays, ball games

Lunch: 11-11:50am

Activities: 12:00-1:50pm, races, relays and ball games

Afternoon Tea: 1:50-2:10pm

Finish: 2:30pm, back to classroom

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Register now for Term 3!

Aims of the program
- Development of confidence and self-esteem
- Public speaking skill development
- Presentation focus for end of term Demonstration Class
- Team work environment
- Experienced and engaging instructors
- Excellent classroom management
- Age-appropriate activities
- Learning while having fun - laughter is an essential ingredient in all of our classes!
- Years of experience in excellent program and content design

Every Monday, 10 Weekly Sessions in Term 3, starting 13th July 2015 to 14th Sept 2015

High schoolers: 6.00 – 6.30pm;
Primary schoolers: 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Call 0433 069 898 now to register for a limited spot!

First Academy Preschool Childcare
The Kids Paradise.

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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*
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OSHClub Update
It has been a fantastic term. Thank you to the whole OSHClub family (staff, children and families) who have worked really hard to make sure everyone is having fun and is well looked after this term!

We have spent the last week of this term in the Library. So big thank you to Mrs Propst and Mr. Heffeman for letting us share your space.

Wishing you all PEACE. See you in Holiday program or next term.
Girraween Gives You Wings

Paper Plane Competition

On a perfect winter’s day everyone gathered to raise money for the sustainable future of the school. The aim was to raise enough to buy a new composting system. The students really came through for the cause. So many lined up to be part of the competition and donated money to ‘Save the Earth’.

It was such a wonderful show of community spirit. We were able to reach our goal and will establish the composting bin next term.

A HUGE Thank you to:

♦ Mr. Powys and 4P for organising the event
♦ Mr Marscham for talking everyone through the competition
♦ Mrs Meyer and Mrs Roberts for all your help on the day
♦ Mrs Chand and 5C for your incredible posters
♦ All the other beautiful teachers who encouraged their students to participate.
♦ The whole OSHClub family for the organising & advertising.
♦ All the students (and families) who participated— you really made it!

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10 mindsets to improve your parenting

The best intentions may not be enough to raise happy kids. Here are 10 mindsets to help you on the path to parenting success.

1. Believe in your child
   This is easy if you have an early maturer, a child who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind to. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or makes friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. Look for the best
   What you focus on expands so if all you see is his weakness, weakness and poor performance, you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviors and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. Think long term
   If you want your child to become independent, then don’t do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.

4. Be brave
   Parents of large families invariably give their later-born children more freedom than they gave their first-born. We are always stricter with our first-born than later-born as by the time you have 4 or 5 kids you’ve worked out what’s worth worrying about. So if you are parent of one or two kids give them more freedom and responsibility; you need to be brave.

5. Think family
   Successful parents have found a way to lead their family in one direction. To do this you must think in terms of parenting ‘the gang’ rather than individual children. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as the guiding family principle. This has partly come along as a result of small families, and partly it’s a social imperative that is common among aspirational parents, where wanting the best for your kids means wanting what’s best for each child as an individual, rather considering what may be in the best for the entire gang.

6. Accept challenges
   There are always challenges raising kids. It’s important to embrace these challenges, whether they are behavioral, or a child has struggles at school, or he’s moving into puberty. It’s these challenges that will make you a better parent.

7. Build your community
   Parents don’t raise kids well in isolation, yet there is often a reluctance to share the parenting with others. Successful parents know they haven’t all the answers so they build a community of support and expertise around them.

8. Trust the process
   Sometimes the desire to want the very best for our child can lead us to interfere at school, preschool, childcare, even when kids cross their grandparents. It’s best to trust the process and allow people to educate, care for and look after your child in their own way.

9. Adversity builds character
   It’s natural to want life to be easy for our children, but sometimes in an effort to ensure that all is well, we smooth things over for them. It is through the small hardships that kids experience that they build the persistence and resilience necessary for continued success.

10. This too shall pass
    The hardest part of parenting is supporting kids when life doesn’t go their way. There is plenty of research that suggests that kids benefit from having parents who have a positive parenting style that gets the balance right between protecting, teaching and nurturing kids when life gets hard. This starts with the belief that "This hardship too shall pass."

Stay one step ahead of your kids with great ideas & expert advice from Michael Grose. Join Michael’s NSW Parenting Ideas Club today at parentingideasclub.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
NEW UNIFORM PRICE LIST
(AS EFFECTIVE FROM TERM 3, WEEK 1)

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No exchange without the Receipt and within 4 weeks.

Must still have the tag and be unwashed.

No exchange for Socks, Hats and Bags. No Refunds
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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 Margharita (A) - $3.80

**RECESS SNACKS OVER THE COUNTER ONLY**
- Potato Skins Melted Cheese or Salsa (G, H, V) - $1.20
- Mini Muffins Homememade 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 Flavoured (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 / Strawberry / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) - $2.20
- 600ml Choc / Strawberry / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) - $3.50
- Up & Go Choc / Strawberry / 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 99c% (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
- Fruite Ice (A) - $0.50
- Zooper Dooper (A, H) - $0.80
- Sour Snap Apart (A) - $1.00
- Ice Momy (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

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