Happy New Year and welcome back everyone! I would like to warmly welcome all our new students and their families to our school. Our Kindergarten classes began yesterday. Kindergarten students completed their Best Start Assessment this week to prepare their learning program for their first year of primary school.

I would like to welcome our new staff members; Miss Buttigeg KB, Miss Hewa-Gamage KT, Miss Khun 1K, Miss Lewis 1L, Miss Yuen 1Y, Miss Atkins 3A, Miss Holm 5H. These teachers will make a significant contribution to our school.

A big thank you to those parents who have been 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.

I encourage all parents to attend our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 17 February to support the school and ensure the services we have provided in the past continue this year for our students and families.

Girraween P.S. has a long tradition of providing high quality education programs with high expectations and high achievement. We all need to work together to ensure our school maintains high academic standards and continues to offer a well rounded education including academic, creative arts, sports, respect and responsibility as well as maintaining a happy and safe learning environment.

At present we have formed temporary classes while our school enrolment numbers are to be confirmed. If the school requires forming a new class or reorganising students into different classes parents of those students affected will be informed. Our class organisation is based on the most appropriate placement for students within our school staffing allocation.

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

Tuesday 16th February    Yrs 3-6 Swimming Carnival @ Wentworthville pool
Thursday 18th February   Yrs 2-6 School  Leaders Induction Ceremony @ Hall

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Girraween Public School P&C Association will be held on 17 February 2016.

Meeting Details:
Date: Wednesday 17 February 2016
Time: 7.00 pm
Place: Staff room

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.

Jane Kelly
Secretary

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 COMMITTEES

The Annual General Meeting will on Wednesday 17 February 2016.

Nominations are called for the following positions in the 2016 Executive Committee of the P&C:

- President
- Vice-President (2 positions)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

Nominations must be submitted to the Principal of Girraween Public School, who will act as the returning officer.

Jane Kelly
Secretary P&C

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NOMINATION FORM 2016

Position Nominated: ________________________________________________________________
Name of the Nominee: ______________________________________________________________
Name of the Proposer: _________________________________  Signature: ____________________
Name of the Seconder: _________________________________  Signature: ___________________
I accept the nomination to the above position:
Signature of the Nominee: __________________________________  Date: ___________________

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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

Get involved in the School Banking Program

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access.

Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. This will recommence on Thursday 11th February.
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SCHOOL CAR PARK

Under NO circumstances should parents be using the school car park on Bando Road. The car park is only for school staff. This includes OshClub parents, as per the OshClub policy no cars are to be driven into the car park to pick up or drop off your child.

As a school we want to keep all our students safe and protect them for any incidents that may occur with unauthorised vehicles in the car park.

Thank you for adhering to the rules and co-operating with us.

Glenn Walker
Principal
2.2.16

Club 2000 Seven Hills

Physie & Dance

Classes start on Monday 1st February, 2016.
Come along for your free first lesson!!

MONDAYS:
Vardy's Road Public School
Seniors:  13, 14 & 15 yrs 5.00 - 6.00pm
1st, 2nd yr & Novice Seniors  6.00 - 7.00pm
Open Seniors  6.30 - 7.30 pm
Ladies:  All Ladies  7.30 - 8.30pm

WEDNESDAYS:
Vardy's Road Public School
Pre-schoolers: 3 & 4 Years 4.00 - 4.30pm
Juniors: 5 & 6 Years 4.30 - 5.30pm
7 & 8 Years 5.30 - 6.30pm
9, 10, 11 & 12 Years 6.30 - 7.45pm

Enquiries please contact:
Robin: 0414 983 169
Lynda: 0478 648 434
Naomi: 0433 255 949
Pam: 9631 1068
Email: club2000sevenhillsgphyie@hotmaiil.com
Website: www.club2000.weebly.com

Come along and discover the fun of Physie!
Physie is a form of dance, incorporating marching, exercises, jazz, dance, ballet and gymnastic movements. It supports core strength, flexibility, posture and co-ordination. It is a wonderful recreation choice girls and ladies aged 3 and up. It is a fantastic way to keep fit and make new friends or bring along your friends too!

Your first lesson is free!!

Toongabbie Girl Guides invite you to

Come and Try Guides!

Monday 22 February 6-7.30pm For girls aged 7 – 9 years
Friday 26 February 7-9.00pm For girls aged 10-13 years

Toongabbie Guide Hall Junia Ave Toongabbie
Please call Tracey 0425 205 024 or TraceyBrydon@optusnet.com.au
to register for this free event.
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".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

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

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
HAS ANYTHING CHANGED FOR 2016?

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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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.

“Precious”
BMS Multicultural Carer Support Group
A project of Boronia Multicultural Services in partnership with The Meadows SaCC

Are you caring for a child living with a disability?
Concerned about the changes to the disability services?
Want to know how can other services support your role as a Carer?

Precious BMS Multicultural Carer Support Group can assist in trying to find the right support for your needs

Information sessions presented by various Guest Speakers to discuss needs/concerns of Carers and share information.
Activities organised for Carers to relax and have a good time

The support group can offer Carers:
- Confidential listening and support
- Help to access existing services, activities and resources

When: Fortnight from 10am – 12pm
Meetings dates for 2016 Term 1 — 1st, 15th & 29th February and 14th March 2016
Where: Toongabbie Community Centre.
244 Targo Road, Toongabbie, NSW 2146
Contact: Molika

R.S.V.P is essential on (02) 9631 2777

Morning Tea provided

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS 2016

The uniform shop hours and days for 2016 are:

- 8.30am to 12.30pm on
- Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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Dear Parent/Caregiver

Over the past several years Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has been implementing a Gifted and Talented Academic Program, the entry to which has become extremely competitive.

Selection into this academic program is based on an entrance examination. This year, for the 2017 placement, we will be conducting a Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST). Please note that this program is for selection to the academic program, rather than the Creative and Performing Arts stream. However, the two streams are not necessarily mutually exclusive. The cost to parents for this examination is $65.00 payable on application (non-refundable).

Testing will occur on Thursday 24th March 2016 from 9.00am to 1.00pm at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School in the library. There will be Four (4) tests which will include:

- Reading Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning

There will be a short break between tests.

Candidates who arrive late for the first test will be admitted only at the discretion of the supervisor, and additional time will not be allowed.

Parents who are interested in applying for a placement in this class should in the first instance contact the school for further details and ask to speak to Michelle Vallejo or the Principal, Narelle Vazquez or the Head Teacher, Gifted and Talented, Katarina Parry.

Yours faithfully

K Parry
Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

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GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

HIGHER ABILITY SELECTION TEST

(Please note this test is for admission to the gifted and talented academic stream)

Thursday 24 March 2016

To register your child for the higher ability selection test, would you please complete the following:

Name of Student: ..............................................................................................................
Date of Birth: ....................................................................................................................
Primary School: ..............................................................................................................
Name of Parent: ................................................................................................................
Address: ............................................................................................................................
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Phone Number: ................................................................................................................
Email: .................................................................................................................................

Please indicate payment:

- Cheque
- Credit Card
- Cash

NB: Payment must be received before your child is registered for the examination.

Mail Order Authorisation

NAME: Northmead High School
ADDRESS: Campbell Street, Northmead 2152

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS/SERVICES: ..............................................................................
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Amount in figures: ................................................

Authority to raise voucher - "Please debit my Bankcard, MasterCard, Visa":

(Please circle relevant card)

Cardholder Account Number: .........................................................................................
Expiry Date: ......................................................................................................................
CCV (3 digits on back of card): ........................................
Signature: ........................................................................................................................
Name: ..............................................................................................................................

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BLOCK LETTERS

Address: ............................................................................................................................

Telephone Number: .........................................................................................................

Please return form to Mrs Vallejo in front office by Tuesday 16 March with payment

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From the Staff at OSH Club Girraween Happy 2016 and welcome back.

As we continue to grow and maintain quality care we would like to inform parents/carers and the school community of some key changes. Last year we farewelled Maryam as well as Stacie as they moved on to pursue future endeavours.

This year we would like to welcome Zoe and Troy (Co-ordinators) and Tina (Assistant) to the team. We still have our other wonderful assistants on board; Courtney, Miriam and Julie who will continue to uphold our strong community ties and strong centre values.

For families that are looking for care, please see our website www.oshclub.com.au. Here you can sign up for free and get your child booked in whether it is on a casual or permanent basis.

Parents please be advised as per our policies and procedures we require all children to be signed in and signed out by the primary carer or emergency contact that is over the age of 18 years of age.

Thanking you for your understanding and commitment to OSH Club.

 Regards,
OSH Club staff.
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SANDWICHES
- Egg or Egg & Lettuce (G, V, H) $2.00
- Ham or Devon or Chicken Salad add 80c (G, H) $2.70
- Tuna Salad 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) $2.50
- Caesar Wrap, Lettuce, Bacon, Egg & Caesar (G) $3.50
- Chicken Caesar Wrap, Lettuce, Bacon, Egg & Caesar (G) $4.50
- Salad Wrap, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beet, Carrot (G, H) $3.50
- Chicken Salad Wrap, Lettuce, Tom, Cuc, Beet, Carrot (G, H) $4.50
- Chicken Breast Schnitzel Wrap, Lettuce & Mayo (G, H) $4.20
- Hawaiian Wrap, Chicken, Lett, F/Apple, Mayo (G, H) $4.50
- Sweet Chilli Wrap, Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (A, H) $4.20

SALAD BOWLS
- Caesar Salad, Lettuce, Bacon, Egg & Caesar (G) $3.60
- Garden Salad, Lett, Tom, Cuc, Beet, Carrot, Italian (G, V) $3.60
- Add to Salad, Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese (G) $1.00

BURGERS
- Fish Fillet Burger, Lettuce, Mayo (G, H) $3.60
- Vege Burger (G, V) $3.80
- Chicken Burger 100% Breast, Lettuce, Mayo (A, H) $3.90
- Hamburger, Gourmet Beef, Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (G, H) $3.90
- Cheeseburger, Cheese, Tomato Sauce (A, H) $3.90

HOT FAVOURITES
- Fish Finger (G, H) $0.70
- Corn Cob (G, V) $1.00
- Garlic Bread, Large Roll (G, H, V) $2.00
- Cup of Noodles, Chicken Or Beef Or Oriental (G, H, V) $2.80
- Nachos, Tomato Salsa & Cheese (G, H, V) $3.90
- Chicken Nuggets, Premium Chicken (A, H) $0.70
- Min Spring Rolls, Vegetarian (A, H, V) $0.70
- Hash Brown (A, H, V, GF) $1.00
- Potato Wedges, With Sauce (A, H, V) $2.20
- Cheese & Bacon Roll (A) $2.20
- Hot Dog, With Tomato Sauce (A, H) $2.80
- Popcorn Chicken, Premium Chicken (A, H) $3.00
- Nachos, Beef Sauce & Cheese (A, H) $3.90

PIZZA & PASTA
- Macaroni & Cheese (G, H, V) $3.80
- Lasagna (Beef or Vegetarian) (G, H) $3.80
- Spaghetti Bolognese (G, H) $3.80
- Butter Chicken & Rice (G, H) $3.80
- Fried Rice (G, H, V) $3.80
- Stirfry Noodles, Chicken & Carrot (G, H) $3.80
- Pizza Hawaiian OR Bacon & Cheese (A) $2.80
- Cheese Pizza, Homemade with Pizza Sauce (A) $3.50

SUSHI ROLLS
- Chicken With Cucumber (G, H) $3.20
- Tuna With Cucumber (G, H) $3.20
- Vegetable, Assorted Veges (G, H) $3.20

PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL
- Low Fat
  - Party Pie (A, H) $1.00
  - Sausage Roll (A, H) $2.80
  - Meat Pie (A, H) $3.60
  - Potato Pie (A, H) $3.80

FRESH FRUITS
- Apple, Banana, Mandarin (G, V) $1.00
- Watermelon in a Bowl, Regular (G, V) $1.20
- Fruit Salad Bowl, Regular (G, V) $1.60
- Grapes in a Bowl (G, V) $2.00
- Fruit Salad Bowl, Large (G, V) $3.80

SNACKS
- Fruit Nuggets, 60% Fruit, Gluten Free (V) $0.60
- Jelly Bowl, Add Fruit 50c (G, H) $1.20
- Popcorn (G, H) $1.00
- Yoghurt Vanilla, (G, H) $2.40
- Yoghurt, Filled Strawberry Bars (A) $0.30
- J’s Chicken Crackers (A) $1.10
- Brownie (A, H) $1.00
- Jummys (A, H) $1.20
- Assorted Chips, Honey Soy, Plain, Salt, & Vinegar (A, H) $1.50

MILK DRINKS
- 300ml Choc / Strawberry / Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) $2.20
- 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) $1.60
- Water 350ml (G, H) $1.40
- Water, 600ml (G, H) $1.80
- Orchy 350ml, 100% Juice, Apple or Orange (G, H) $2.30
- Apple & Coke, 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99% (G, H) $2.50
- Quench Blue OR Raspberry, Mineral Water 350ml (A, H) $2.20
- Slushie (A, H) $2.00

ICE BLOCKS
- Frozen Fruit Yoghurt (G, H) $2.50
- Jelly Sticks (A) $0.20
- Fruitee Ice (A) $0.50
- Sour Snap Apart (A) $1.00
- Ice Mony (A) $1.50
- Fandangles (A, H) $1.70

CRUNCH & SIP SPECIAL ORDER BEFORE SCHOOL
- Apple, Mandarin or Banana + Bottled Water 350ml (G, H, V) $2.00

EXTRAS
- Tomato, Beetroot, Cucumber, Carrot $0.20
- Sauce Portions (BBQ or Tomato) $0.30
- Cheese, Pineapple $0.40

Online Ordering For Your Child’s Lunch

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or your mobile device!

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER
- Enter your email. You will be emailed an online link
- Click on the link and follow the steps
- Choose a Username & Password & complete the form
- Add each child and their class
- Top up the Account - Visa or Mastercard preferred

Place lunch orders from your iPhone, iPad or mobile device!