Dear parents,

This week we have held a number of annual events for our school.

Tuesday our annual swimming carnival was held at Wentworthville Pool. It was a very pleasant day with warm weather and some enthusiastic swimmers. Our school has a very small number of students who are able to swim 50 meters. Students who did compete enjoyed their races. Our Learn to Swim Scheme students enjoyed fun water activities in the wading pool with Mr Marscham.

Swimming is an important life skill for all Australians. While our school offers Learn to Swim Scheme lessons each year, confidence in the water and swimming skills require students to practice regularly. I encourage all parents to make sure your children are able to swim with some confidence. Swimming skills save lives.

Our School Leaders Induction assembly was held today. Captains, prefects, SRC, library monitors and sport team captains were presented with their badges at today’s ceremony. Our school leaders have been selected by students for their positions. They will be role models for the school student population and representatives of our school for 2016. I am sure the school leaders will make a positive contribution to our school. They are part of a long tradition of high achieving school community members that have made our school such a cohesive and positive place for learning.

Bad luck to our senior cricket team who played a very exciting match against Caddies Creek in the NSW Knockout. The team was beaten by one run with the last ball hit for 4, just short of a six. Well played boys!

Enjoy the weekend everyone,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18th February  
School leaders induction assembly 12.20pm. School Hall.

Tuesday 23rd February  
K-2 Parent Info Session—4pm

Wednesday 24th February  
Scripture classes begin

Yrs 3-6 Parent Info Session—4pm

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Well done to the following students who today have been inducted as 2016 School Leaders for Girraween Public School.

**Girls Captain & Vice:**
Elise Kelly—Captain
Baventhini Subakaran—Vice Captain

**Boys Captain & Vice:**
Pavethen Krishnakumaran—Captain
Abishek Sudharshanan—Vice Captain

**Perfектs:**
Girls
Khushi Bangur-Kabra
Nishani Balaruban
Pritika Paramaguru
Sharanya Adaikalavan

Boys
Anunaya Rai
Smaran Pillai
Sarnyan Nanthakopan
Kane Brown

**House Captains & Vice Captains:**
Bradman Captains
Kalyan Anderson-Prasad, Rishona Johnwilfred

Cuthbert Captains
Janel Cervantes, Kiriltikan Thavarajah

Gould Captains
Rakshaaiyan Somasundaram, Shreya Tiwavi

Newcombe Captains
Liam Edgar, Rithvika Mekala

Vice Captains
Yuju Nishchay, Aharthy Thavarajasingham
Harine Kesavan, Jason Lao
Ansh Patel, Kkasumbee Patel
Ronit Kulkarni, Jazmine Curmi

**Library Monitors**
Theja Thevathasan, Dhaiyra Bhatt, Addison Xu, Neerav Hemadri, Parmitha Thiravengadam, Sahana Balasubramanian, Anoosha Moharanaj, Anandikaa Ramesh, Dhruvi Budhbhatti, Maya Nair, Harini Patel, Shahana Sarvananda

**SRC Members**

**Year 2**
Darryl Liongson, Jaunita Sooriyakumar, Wasim Albarbari, Arya Patel, Harsh Patel, Vicki Saba, Seth Murray, Dishita Kothari, Anshul Patel, Vipra Patel, Om Dave, Ramamrutha Karunaiventhth

**Year 3**
Finn Rapmund, Kulanin Nanthakumar, Urimil Patel, Nicole Josephthasan, Jairajsinh Zala, Tharini Gopal, Yash Dongre, Mridulla Anantha Padmanabhan, Ajay Sudharshanan, Prem Patel

**Year 4**
Ruhan Ramsundar, Vithuja Arunmolethyever, Sachit Kashoji, Bina Ilanchezhian, Dinesh Sasikaran, Lalya Gray, Janeiro Kesari, Nidhi Chithapalli, Chariv Patel

**Year 5**
Vikesh Vanam, Caron Cyril, Akinash Vickneswaran, Aishwarya Muthukumar, Aadesh Ramraj, Venya Versin, Aryan Dhangade, Jessica Edgar, Riya Jani, Christopher Tenemas

**Year 6**
Akshit Parekh, Manan Jaiswal, Rohini Settigari, Nishad Modi, Johanna Jacob, Harsh Desai, Dhanvi Patel, Mustafa Sazak, Edita Ibitsam

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Swimming Carnival

Yet again another successful swimming carnival, we had 16 students who will be participating in the Zone Carnival for 2016.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Caron Cyril
- Ria Kapadia
- Rahul Puvanarajah
- Alejdnro Gacis-Cusay
- Elise Kelly
- Jessica Edgar
- Kevin Chen
- Akinash Vickneswaran

- Vaideki Jegendran
- Mannen Zaveri
- Vishal Puvanarajah
- Cassandra Manners
- Finn Kelly
- Yash Patil
- Lauren Gafa
- Anvesha Bhushan

Mr Marscham and Mrs Tracey provided an action packed experience for all the students who participated in the Learn to Swim Program during 2015. We encourage all students to participate in the Learn to Swim Program for 2016 as the benefits for the students far outweigh the cost.

A fun time was had by all, especially when the teachers had the 50 metre teacher freestyle race.

We look forward to seeing you all participate at the next swimming carnival for 2017.
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**Studying**
During a rainy day in the holidays, I decide to do some studying to get ready for Year 4. I walk to my brother’s room and retrieve my stolen books and start studying. I begin to write random maths questions for me to figure out. Soon, the numbers and symbols start taking over the page like a battlefield. I look at the question and start figuring out the answers. My brain fills with power and takes control. The hordes of questions are defeated by correct answers. After a short thirty minutes, the war is over.

*Kaizer Abalos 3/4C*

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**Flying**
As I started jumping on the trampoline, I jumped high into the clouds a few times, and they felt as soft as feathers, and then I jumped above them. When I was above the clouds I saw a secret paradise with millions of birds paired up with colourful butterflies as if they were dancing. There were flamingos flying high in the sky and a kookaburra singing a merry song. The scorching hot sun was shining brightly at me and I smelt the scent of perfume. Soon I was back on the trampoline with the breeze brushing against my body. I thought that the secret paradise was still a dream but I told no one about it.

*Ria Kapadia 3/4C*

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**3/4C Self-Portraits**

Self-portraits by Ajay, Sophia, Anirban, Dinovmi, Anvesha and Mokshaj. Can you tell which is which?
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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.

Any enquires please email the school banking address: gpsschoolbanking@gmail.com

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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.

Parent Name: __________________________________________

Date: __________

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.

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**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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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).
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 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 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 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Date: Wednesday 24 February 2016

Time: 11am until 2.00pm (Year 6 students)

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

STUDENTS: BBQ Lunch – 11.20 to 12.00pm
Taster Lessons – 12.00 to 2.00PM

PARENTS: 6.00 to 7.00pm Information Session for interested parents of Years 5 & 6

www.greystaneshighschool.org
greystanesh.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 9631 9144  Fax: 9896 3087
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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 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) $2.90
- 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, Pap, 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
- Vegie 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**
- 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
- Mini Spring Rolls - Vegetarian (A, H, V) $0.70
- Hash Brown (A, H, V) $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
- JF's Chicken Crackers (A) $1.10
- Brownie (A, H) $1.00
- Jammies (A, H) $1.20
- Assorted Chips - Honey Soy, Plain, Salt & Vinegar (A, H) $1.50

**MILK DRINKS**
- 300ml Choc / Strwbr/ Vanilla Oak Fresh (G, H) $2.20
- Up & Go Choc / Strwbr/ 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
- Orchi 350ml 100% Juice Apple or Orange $2.30
- Apple & Peps 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99c (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
- Fruit Ice (A) $0.50
- Sour Snap Apart (A) $1.00
- Ice Mony (A) $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

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**ONLINE ORDERING**
- Online ordering for your child's lunch
- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents - Free Registration
- Removes paper orders and cash

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- 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

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(G) Green - (A) Amber - (V) Vegetarian - (H) Halal