Principal's Message

This week all children from K-6 have special homework to do from the Cultural Action Team. This homework is finding out how well we are, or are not, communicating with you, and what things you would like us to do next year in this area. If you are reading this, then at least something is working for you - but what more can we do, and how can we reach those who are NOT reading this? We encourage you to complete the survey, which is anonymous, and give us your ideas. Thank you.

The Tell them from me survey is also available until the end of this week, so please go online and complete that too. You can do this at school in our computer room, or you can do it yourselves anywhere online. The link is: www.tellthemfromme.com

username: parent18163
Password: Par2843

Thank you for your input, we will report the results to you, and use them in our planning for next year. The more responses we get, the better and more representative our information will be.

Miss Langhans will be returning part time this week, although Miss Stocks will be remaining on 2A. We welcome her back. She will be acting in a support role; so will be working in many of our classrooms this term working with teachers and children.

Art Show

Yes, we are one week away! Teachers will be at school on Sunday afternoon setting it all up, so try to be at school next Monday morning for the grand opening at 9am! This year there will be a gold coin donation to see the artworks, and all artworks will be sent home at the conclusion. You may come along to see the show from 8.30am - 8.50am on Tuesday - Thursday. Afternoon times are 3pm - 3.30pm Monday - Wednesday.

Reading in Years 4-6

Do your children read novels and longer books, or are they still stuck on shorter books, looking at the pictures? Do you have to tell your child to read / or do you have to tell them to stop and go to sleep? Do you know the impact of reading on educational outcomes?

Student A reads 20 minutes five night of every week;
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night ... or not at all!

By the end of Year 5 if Student A and Student B maintain these reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

Do you know how to get your child "hooked" on reading? If you believe that reading is important, you want to help your child and you are available on Monday afternoon, come along to the library from 2.15 and meet with Mrs Sell and other parents - it will be fun and worthwhile!

Have a good week,
Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

KA        Anisha, Ayaan        KB        Ayush, Jenil
KD        Jaap, Kahllo        KN        Naina, Birrani
KR        Sereen, Sherva        KS        Isabel, Panav
1F        Claire, Nony        1L        Sayana, Bahar        1M        Shervin, Isaak
1N        Nedal, Bella        2A        Majd, Sheraz
2F        Mustafa, Sharleen    2G        Naomi, Murtaza
2L        Aya, Aysha        2/3J    Ashoi, Bhumi
3B        Mehak, Tarasah        3H        Roya, Stephahine
3/4S    Rishi, Letitia        4A        Shaanveer, Crystal
4H        Angelina, Amir        5C        Jessy, Cornulius
5M        Shruti, Kiriday        5/6R    Ryan, Ben
6M        Danielle, Meete        6S        Simar, Irem
K-2G    Buvi                1-4G    Ronak
3-5H    Megan

P & C News

P & C meeting tomorrow morning Tuesday 13th October. Please come and see what's happening.

HOME READING - Starts today so please come and help as reading always helps our children.

Canteen News

Tabbouleh is this week's special.
Stage News

Kindergarten

This term we will be busy learning about Cultures and how they relate to the students. It is a great chance for you to talk to your children about your own family culture and traditions, so they can share them with their class.

This week Kindergarten students will have their first opportunity to go and play at the field at lunch time. This is an exciting time for them and a new learning experience.

We have rescheduled our excursion to Blaxland Riverside park to Wednesday the 28th of October (Week 4). The new blue permission notes need to be returned to classroom teachers.

This Friday is KD’s turn to present the assembly. Mrs Knedl will let you know if your child is helping to present the assembly. It begins after recess at 11:15, parents welcome!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

Our wonderful art show opens next week. Teachers have been working hard to have everything ready for our grand opening on Monday. Everyone is welcome to attend and see the artworks each student has created. Don’t forget to bring a gold coin donation!

Thank you to Mrs Negi and Mrs Donaldson for supporting the Stage 1 team in my absence. It is wonderful to be back and see the progress all the children in year 1 and 2 have made.

Don’t forget there is also some homework to be completed this week from our Cultural Action Team.

Have a fantastic week everyone!

Miss Langhans

Year 4 and Year 5

Selective High Schools: Year 7 placement in 2017

Applications will open on 13 October 2015 and will close on 16 November 2015. Parents will need to go www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement . Applications can only be made online at this time. Information regarding the application process and the parents’ overview is available online and from Mr Clarke.

School Leader Applications

Application forms for school leaders will be sent home this week and must be returned to their class teacher by Thursday 22nd October. All applications will be considered and suitable candidates will then be asked to undertake an interview. We will then create a list of students who will present speeches and be a part of the School Leaders election. Voting will be held later in the term.

Mini Fete

All Year 5 students will be involved in operating a ‘stall’ at the mini fete. Last week the Year 5 and 6 students met with Ms Rhodes and formed groups to begin the planning process. I would encourage you to have a conversation with your child / children as they may need your assistance.

PSSA Sport

Weather permitting Summer PSSA Sport will commence this Friday, with training to be held on Thursdays between 3 - 3.50pm

Enjoy the week,

Mr Clarke

Year 6

Welcome back to Term 4! It was great to see all of our Year 3 students happy to be back at school and keen to get stuck right in to their learning. As the weather gets warmer, please make sure that your child wears a hat each day and has a water bottle with them at school. Please check that their name and class is written clearly on all belongings so they can be returned if they become lost.

Good luck to all of our students who are playing in summer PSSA teams again this term. PSSA starts on Friday, so make sure water bottles and hats are packed.

Next week is our biennial Art Show, which will see our hall transformed into a spectacular art gallery. All students will have an artwork on display in The Gallery and parents and friends are invited to come and view the artworks before or after school from Monday through to Thursday. Entry to the art show is a gold coin donation with monies raised going towards creative arts resources for the school.

Have a wonderful week!

Miss Stuart
opportunity to participate in a range of Chinese cultural activities throughout the day.

The Dancesport Championships are coming on Tuesday 27th October. We have been working with 12 dancers who will compete in this competition. They are extremely dedicated and committed to their training.

" Danielle & Arvin
" Winnie & Rahul
" Mikayla & Tolga
" Jale & Adheem
" Korina & Aro
" Luisa & Harrison

Year 6 students will complete the ‘Tell Them From Me Survey’ this week at school.

Mrs Rhodes

Library News

• We would love to see you at our Parent Workshop on Monday afternoons at 2.15pm.

• Bookclub is due back to school by Tuesday 20th October. Please be prompt to avoid disappointments as late orders can't always be accepted.

• All children should have a library bag to borrow. Please remember they are to protect the books in the children's bags.

• Don't forget we still have access to World books online www.worldbookonline.com
User name: Parrawest
Password: Student

This is a great place to begin any research projects, stories or activities.

Stewart House

Last day to donate any unwanted clothes is Thursday 22nd October. This is a fantastic charity and all donations is greatly appreciated.

School Disco

School Disco is on in week 4.

K - 2 session from 4:30pm and Yrs 3 - 6 from 6pm

Glow products available on the night to purchase. Entry charge will include refreshments. Notes going home soon.

Sports News

Welcome back to a very busy Term 4. Sport began last week with K-2 enjoying a variety of games and skills over the week. 3-6 sport began with Mrs George battling our tricky sound system so she could lead us in an aerobics/Bollywood dance session. Then we went to the field for a variety of skills and games while our PSSA teams went to Jones Park for training.

PSSA Teams remember you have training for summer teams this week after school and the second half of the summer competition starts on Friday. Don't forget your school hat, safety gear, water .

Mrs Abraham and Mrs Harris have arranged a great rotation of games for school sport. Don't forget your hat, water bottle and sports uniform on Friday.

Remember term 4 sport is in the morning.

Girraween High School

Invitation to Open Night 2015
To Year 5 Students And Their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results.

The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend Open Night 2015 which will be held at the school. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. The Open Night will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers.

Refreshments will be provided

Date: Tuesday, 3rd November 2015
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
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