



GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Rule: Reporting Playground Incidents Term 1 Week 2, 4th February 2009

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

CLASSES: All classes have now been established, and will hopefully remain as they are now until the end of the year. Our Kindergarten students settled in remarkably well. There was hardly a tear to be seen, except for one or two parents who found the experience a bit overwhelming!

IT'S ACADEMIC

Our school competed in "It's Academic" on Wednesday this week at the Channel Seven studios. They performed extremely well, and more importantly, their behaviour was exemplary.

FEDERATION MEETING will go ahead tomorrow. Seven teachers will attend. Kindergarten students will have their normal classroom teachers. All other students who attend will be supervised. The meeting will conclude by 10:30am.

CAR PARKING

I hate to mention this matter once again, but new parents to the school have expressed their concern at the number of cars incorrectly parked on Pennington Avenue. Please, parents, park within the legal requirements. Bankstown Police have already been contacted and will be patrolling the area randomly.

PARKING OR DROPPING CHILDREN OFF IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARKS:

The school car parks are for staff and tradespersons **only**. No parents are permitted to

park in the school car park unless they have a permit, signed by me, displayed on their dash board, for the year 2009. If you do not have a 2009 parking permit, please contact me. Permits are issued purely on the basis of disability, or in transporting groups of students from school to after-school care.

THANK YOU

A **BIG** thank you to Karen and Peter Nunan for their generous donation of the supply and laying of turf in the school's demountable area.

Iris Rittau
Principal

IT'S ACADEMIC

Congratulations to our team of Year six students who spent the day at the Channel 7 studios taping 5 episodes of 'It's Academic', against two other schools. The competition was fierce and the pressure of being in the spotlight of the cameras intense, but our students performed magnificently and the behaviour of our audience was exemplary. Well done to all who took part, especially the five teams of three students. The shows will go to air on Channel 7, in about six weeks.

TEXT BOOK DAY

By now you should have received your text book note for 2009. All students will need to bring in their money, (with any cheques made out to L.J. Harper), on **Wednesday 11 February**. Spare notes are available through the office. Books will be held aside for any students who do not remember to bring their money on the day.

Please check the notes to be sure that you send the correct amount for your child's grade.

John baker
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL SCRIPTURE

Scripture will begin on Thursday next week. Classes offered include Anglican/Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic Council, Islamic Charities and Buddhist. We are not sure how many teachers will be available at this stage, but children will attend classes according to the religion you nominated on the enrolment form for each child, if the class is available for that grade.

John Baker, Sonja Slavovski
Scripture coordinators K - 6



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year's swimming carnival will be held at the Whitlam Leisure Centre on the 17 February, 2009. All students from years 3-6 will be expected to attend. Year 2 students have the option of competing if they turn 8 years old this year. There will be some fun novelty events for the non swimmers. In line with the Department of Education all students who are identified as non swimmers will wear coloured wrist bands; these will be provided by the school. Students who are competing in the freestyle 100m open will be leaving on the first bus at approximately 8:35am, all other students will need to be at school for an 8:30am assembly.

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered their time to assist at the carnival.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop can only operate with the help of volunteers. We are currently looking for more parents or grandparents who can help us; please see below for more information.

Stock Report

*If you have been waiting on sports polo tops, they will be back in stock next week.

*Medium School Backpacks (the smaller size) are back in stock.

*Parents still waiting on Bomber Jackets should have them by week 4 of term 1.

Thanks

Thank you again to Wafica, Kerry and Rachel who have been helping to serve the long queues of parents.

If you see lots of parents waiting to be served an offer of help is always appreciated!

Opening Hours

The uniform shop will be open:

**Tuesday 9 February from 3:00pm – 3.30pm
and**

Wednesday 10 February from 9.15am – 9.45am

The canteen staff are not able to sell uniforms. If you can't come to the uniform shop during these hours, please fill out an order form and leave it at the front office with full payment. Your order will then be sent to your child's classroom. Order forms are available from the front office or the Uniform Shop.

Deb Bennetts

Relieving Uniform Shop Coordinator

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!!

Do you have a little bit of spare time each week?

Would you like to get to know other parents from school?

Can you help raise valuable \$\$ for our school?

Don't miss this chance....

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in our uniform shop.

No experience is necessary, you can choose the hours that suit you, work in a team and receive full training.

This is a great chance to meet other parents, have fun and contribute to your child's school.

Please contact Deb Bennetts on 043 2383 043 if you are able to help.

Deb Bennetts

P & C NEWS

The next meeting of the P & C will be held on Thursday 19 February at 9:30am. Please come along and meet some new friends or come with your old friends. Hope to see you there.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 19 March at 9:30am.

I am asking you to think about taking an active roll as a member of the Parent and Citizens Association (P & C). Many of the parents who have been active members have now left the school in 2008 so all positions are now open for **you** to take up.

I will explain these positions:

President:

Chairs meetings and speaks on behalf of Georges Hall P & C.

2 Vice Presidents:

Stands in President's role should President not be available.

Treasurer:

Ensures all banking is done and books audited.

Minutes Secretary:

Takes minutes at meetings, types them up and photocopies them for the next meeting.

Correspondence Secretary:

Collects mail to bring to meetings and sends out mail.

Canteen Committee:

(Five people) These five people will elect a convenor and treasurer; they also steer the operation of the canteen.

Uniform Committee:

(Five people) – As above

Fundraising Committee:

(Two people) They coordinate fund raising activities for the P & C.

As you can see many people are needed if you feel you are capable of taking up any position, go ahead. You may hold more than one position.

e.g. Hold an executive position and be on the Canteen Committee or any other committee.

I am thanking you in advance because I know you will help for your child's sake.

Estelle Abbott
P & C President