



GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Rule: Take Pride in Our School **Term 1 Week 4, 19th February 2009**

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRE APPEAL.....Our school community raised \$1586.00 to support those in need following the Victorian bushfires. This is a wonderful effort. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity and your community spirit.

THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL was a great success yesterday, even though it rained. Many thanks to Mrs Barrington for her wonderful organisation, and also to the teachers and parents who assisted throughout the day.

There was a minor hitch on the way to the carnival when one of our buses collided with a truck. Thankfully, no-one was injured and the students and teachers proceeded to the carnival as planned.

STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL

CONDITIONS: It's that time of year again! I need to update all medical plans from last year. It is a requirement that all plans be updated annually. Parents who completed health-care plans in 2008 must now ask their doctors for updated plans, then bring the plan to me with a new photograph. Please do this as soon as possible.

NEW STUDENTS who have a medical condition **MUST** have a health care plan in place. Such conditions include asthma, allergies, diabetes or any chronic condition.

Students who take medication must also have a health care plan in place. Please contact me to discuss this matter, as students' health is of the highest importance.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in their school contributions. So far, we have had an excellent response. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any issues regarding fees.

Iris Rittau
Principal

TEXT BOOK RECEIPTS

The receipts for the text books were not sent home this week, as the company was not able to process them all on the day. They will send them through to us and we will pass them on to the children to go home at that time. Thank you for your patience.

John Baker
Relieving Deputy Principal

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Georges Hall Public School has made a smooth transition from SRC to Student Parliament. Congratulations to all the children elected to represent their class and to the year 5 students who were elected as shadow ministers. All members of the Student Parliament are expected to maintain a high standard of behaviour and citizenship. This should be demonstrated in their daily relationships and interactions with both students and staff. Parliament will meet fortnightly for Ministers and shadow ministers and monthly for classroom ministers.

All members of Parliament will be involved in a training day on **Thursday 26 February, 2009**. Students will wear mufti clothing and be provided with a pizza lunch.

<i>Ministers</i>	<i>Shadow Ministers Yr 5</i>
Adam Saker 6M	Ismail Adra 5C
Emma Birrell 6M	Jayden Hall 5P
Savannah Lind 6M	Joseph Le Tran 5P
Tammy Cai 5/6L	James Nguyen 5/6G
Serena Luong 5/6/L	Arthur Georgas 5/6G
Bosco Tran 5/6L	Joshua Stone 5H
Jaiden Flemming 6M	Paul Tokalidis 5H
Ghadir Safwan 6D	Megan Liu 5/6L
Nicholas Fabian 6D	Shenais Moss 5C
Tom Nassif 6M	CJ Williams 5C
Silvana Lim 5/6G	Jasmine Derbas 5/6G
Natasha Parasiris 5/6G	Daniella Popovic 5/6G
Ayden Rowley 6M	Jeanette Nguyen 5P
Lachlan Farmer 6B	Rachel La 5H

<i>Classroom Ministers</i>		
1W	Hanin Alkahled	William Cheng
1B	Sarah Hussan	George Antonis
1K	Saffron Vo	Emmanuel Zervas
1M	Alyssa Ribarovski	Adrian Safi
1S	Angel Taz	Dylan Ngo
2C	Josie Seeto	Sulaiman Norisham
2E	Joshua Chieng	Rana Fatallah
2W	Daniel Termprayoon	Melissa Avarillo
2H	Juan Lai	Kellie Graham
3/4B	Steven Vu	Natasha Gerolimatos
3W	Kim Tran	Terry Zervas
3M	Sarah Najjar	Nabil Elwazze
3H	Alex Papas	Sophie Lam
4P	Matthew Tahere	Amy D'Sousa
4J	Alana Kidd	Alec Bennetts
4W	Jin Lee	Ali Omais
4S	Mimi Troung	Lachlan Moss
5H	Melodie Wright	
5C	Daniel Melham	
5P	Sarah Baddah	
6B	Alyssa Dimitrovski	
6M	Mera Dabbagh	
6D	Jimmy Nguyen	
5/6G	Tina Nguyen	
5/6L	Hannah Leang	

Julia Georgievska
SRC Coordinator

Italiano News....

Buongiorno bambini e genitori !!!

The Italian Team is excited to share another busy year at Georges Hall Public School. The children, during Italiano, this term are learning:

Kindergarten – Colori (colours)
Year 1 & 2 – Il tempo (weather)
Year 3 & 4 – Carnevale (Carnevale characters)
Year 5 & 6 – Carnevale (Carnevale fable)

There will be performances by students in their near future so watch this space for more information. The children at Georges Hall are enthusiastic language learners. Keep up the good work bambini!!

A presto,

The Italian Team (Signora Pallotta, Signora Poles, Signora Alvaro)

What advantages do bilingual children have?

- Children, who are exposed to more than one language, have a higher capacity for foreign language learning as teens or adults.
- Bilingual children, have a wide dual vocabulary and understanding of how language is constructed (grammar) in both languages.
- In addition to stretching their minds intellectually, learning two languages allows children to develop their understanding of people beyond their dominant culture.
- Being able to step into another culture through its language is like being able to live a second life.
- Bilingual children not only better appreciate what is human versus what is cultural, but they are also more inclined to have a deeper appreciation of language.

Silvia Pallotta

Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

The Premier's Reading Challenge is run by the Department of Education and Training (DET) and encourages students to log the reading of 20 books (30 books for K-2) during the school year. By completing *The Challenge*, students are eligible for a certificate from the NSW Premier. The student's name will also appear in The Honour Roll of the Sun Herald and online. If a child receives a certificate 4 years in a row, they will receive a gold certificate.

To participate in *The Challenge* in 2009, students and parents need to:

1. Access our Premier's Reading Challenge information site on the school website at: www.georgeshal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc.htm;
2. Read the rules of *The Challenge*;
3. Print a Reading Log from the website above **OR** students can log on to the DET student portal using their DET username and password and electronically enter their reading log;
4. Continually read books from the online booklists (30 for K-2, 20 for 3-6);
5. Have a parent's signature and the date when each book is completed, and;
6. Submit the completed reading log, signed, to the school library by August 14 2009.

The reading log is kept for school records. For any further information, please contact Sarah Partington (teacher librarian).

Sarah Partington
Teacher librarian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Janene Morrin has been appointed as the new Uniform Shop Coordinator, Janene ran the uniform shop as a volunteer for over 7 years when her children were at Georges Hall and it is great to have her as part of the school community again. Janene will be responsible for the ordering and control of stock, banking, bookkeeping and finances and of course the training and support of parent volunteers.

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 are back in stock

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

Thanks

Thank you again to Wafica, Rachel, Linda, Elise and Nadia 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:

Every Tuesday starting from 24 February
9.15am-10.00am and 3:00pm-3.30pm
and

Every Wednesday starting from 25 February
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, place it in an envelope with the correct money enclosed with your child's name and class clearly marked on the front of the envelope 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.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Georges Hall Public School would like to invite you to come to our Parent Information Session on the **NAP plan** that have replaced the **Basic Skills Tests**. Our Community Information Officer, Helen Huynh, will be conducting the session. The details of the session are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday 10 March 2009
TIME: 9.15 am to 11.00 am
VENUE: Staffroom
TOPIC: National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to meet other parents to share ideas and concerns.

Please indicate on the slip below if you are interested in participating in the information session and return the slip to the School Office by Friday 6 March 2009.

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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

I am interested in attending the Parent Information Session being conducted at Georges Hall Public School on Tuesday 10 March at 9.15am - 11.00am

Parent/Caregiver's
Name:.....

Contact phone number:.....

Child/Children's Name:.....

Class:.....
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