



GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Rule: Courtesy to Others

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO ALL

Welcome back after the break and I trust all had an enjoyable time. This term is another 11 week term with many activities planned. The ICAS tests start, public speaking and debating commences, we move into winter sport, there are various excursions, Gillawarna Festival rehearsals begin, there is the cross country sports day, NAPLAN for year 3 and 5, Education Week during week 5, Open Day and the Book Fair on the 26 May 2009, School Photographs and an Aboriginal performance – but to name a few. So please read the newsletters weekly for information or refer to our school website for more details and the term calendar.

STAFF NEWS

Over the recent month two staff members got married. Miss Sally Adamson will now be known as Mrs Ollett, although the class will remain as KA, Miss Sarah Partington will now be known as Mrs Hunt. Both made beautiful brides, of course.

We also welcome Mrs Sarah Borg on KES who will replace Mrs Effie Doulos who received a transfer last term. Mrs Borg will be the only teacher on KES, Mrs Price will take on another role for two days a week, as she will be leaving at the end of term to have her baby.

MINI FAIR THANK YOU

What a fantastic day and what wonderful weather. Thank you to all who attended and to all who contributed to the day in any way. Thank you to the teachers, students and the

community members who also worked on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Barrington and her committee who did such a great job in making a fun day for all and in the meantime managed to raise \$12,270 profit, which is written into the School's Office of Schools Plan to fund programs. Well done!

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT INDEX

The Kindergarten teachers will be taking part in the national implementation of the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI). Schools (government and non-government) across Australian states and territories are completing the AEDI this year. The AEDI is a population measure of important aspects of young children's development based on a teacher completed checklist. It measures five developmental domains: Physical Health and Wellbeing; Social Competence; Emotional Maturity; Language and Cognitive Skills (school based); Communication Skills and General Knowledge.

Teachers complete the AEDI Checklist for each child in their class and enter information into a secure web-based data entry system that protects the privacy of all participants. Children are not required to be present while data is entered.

The AEDI results are reported at the community level, based on the suburb where the children live. Analyses are not reported at the individual level and children are not identifiable in the data sent to the AEDI National Support Centre for analysis. The AEDI results pinpoint strengths in communities as well as what can be improved.

They provide evidence that can be used to support policy, planning and action for health, education and community support. If anyone would like to discuss this matter further please contact me.

STATEWIDE EYESIGHT PRESCHOOLER SCREENING (StEPS)

The StEPS program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4 year old children free vision screening. NSW Health advises that all children have their vision screened before they start school and strongly recommends that all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program.

For a pamphlet about StEPS please come to the front office or contact StEPS Bankstown Community Health Centre phone: 87601300.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Georges Hall Public School would like to invite you to come to our Parent Information Session. Our Community Information Officer, Helen Huynh, will be conducting the session. The details of the session are as followed:

DATE: Tuesday 19 May 2009
TIME: 9.15am to 11.00am
VENUE: Staffroom
TOPIC: Opportunity Class Placement Test (OC Test)

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 15 May 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 19 May at 9.15am to 11.00am

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

Contact phone numbers:.....

Child/Children's

Name:.....

Class:.....

WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE

There were 24 prizes drawn in the Georges Hall Mini Fair raffle and the winners were as follow:
1. BridgeClimb – Betty; 2. Bankstown Sports Club dinner for Two - Kim; 3. Peter Warren - Auto Detail and Paint Glaze - Karen; 4. Tennis Racquet and Hat - Mrs Small; 5. Revesby Workers Club – Mona; 6. Football signed by some Canterbury players – Melissa; 7. Double Hoyts Cinema Passes – Sara; 8. Double Hoyts Cinema Passes - Mr Smith; 9. Double Hoyts Cinema Passes - Ms Rana; 10. Double Hoyts Cinema Passes – Minh; 11. Double Hoyts Cinema Passes - Ms Matar; 12. Zoo Pass for 2 children – Clemencia; 13. Fairfield City Farm Family Pass – Andrew; 14. Captain Cook Coffee Cruise – Rana; 15. Double Pass for the Imax Theatre - Ms Nguyen; 16. Sydney Wildlife World - Mrs Dinh; 17. General Pest Control Treatment – Jade; 18. Chocolate bucket - Ms Kidd; 19. Chocolate bucket – Mikayla; 20. Lolly tree - Chris; 21. Binoculars - Mr Eldan; 22. Mini Flipper – Tarell; 23. Picnic back pack set – Dion; 24. Watch – Yen

Genelle Goldfinch
Relieving Principal

SWINE FLU INFORMATION

We have been advised by the the Director General of Education and Training that there is no need for normal school operations to be affected by the 'swine influenza' outbreak in Mexico and other parts of the world.

He further advises that simple precautions that can be taken to prevent catching and spreading influenza include:

- Washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues etc
- Covering your mouth if you cough
- Advising students to stay home if they are sick

We have been asked to advise the public health unit of any students who have returned from the USA, Mexico and Canada with flu like symptoms, and to advise parents to contact their local GP or Public Health Unit.

We will have pump soap and **antibacterial hand gel** available in classrooms for children to use. If any parents would like to donate some pump soap and hand gel to their child's class, it would be appreciated. These gels are **ethanol based**. If you would not like your child to use these products, please complete the section below and the class teacher will try to be sure that your child doesn't use it.

John Baker
Acting Deputy Principal

I wish to advise that I do not want my child:

.....
of class: to use the ethanol based
antibacterial hand gel in the classrooms.

Signed:
.....(Parent/ Carer)

KINDERGARTEN LIBRARY TERM 2

As part of the school's program each Kindergarten class visits the school library weekly. Commencing in term 2, students will be encouraged to borrow a book, which can be read at home.

To help protect the book, **students will need a library bag**. School library bags can be purchased from the Canteen Uniform Shop for \$5.00, however all children received a bag at Kinder Orientation. So that your child can make maximum use of the library, please remind your child to have their book ready to return on the correct day.

Listed below are the days that kindergarten visit the library:

- KR - Tuesday
- KH - Tuesday
- KD - Tuesday
- KA - Wednesday
- KT - Wednesday
- KES - Friday

Thanking you for your support,

Mrs S Hunt
Mrs M. Hamilton
Mrs J. Tarmo
Teacher Librarians

Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder for those students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. 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 Hunt (teacher librarian).



ANNUAL BOOK FAIR - Carnival Books

Our Book Fair, supplied by Carnival Books this year, will be held in Week 5 of Term 2, on **Tuesday May 26** from 9:30am. This is to coincide with Education Week and our Open Day. Students and teachers will again be given the opportunity to browse the latest releases and create a "Wish List" in the week leading up to the Fair.

More information will be posted in the next few weeks.

We look forward to seeing friends and family at the book fair, supporting our students' reading journey! Please consider donating a book to our library or your child's classroom.

Sarah Hunt/Margaret Hamilton
Teacher Librarians



**"First Mondays"
-Morning
Tea for
Parents**

You are warmly invited to join with other GHPS parents for a morning tea on Monday 4th May At 9.30am In the staffroom.

We hope this morning tea will be a chance to meet other parents, find out what is happening in our school, and talk with each other in a relaxed and informal setting.

"First Mondays" parent morning teas will be held on the first Monday of every month during term time.

Morning Tea will be provided, please bring \$2.00 to cover costs. Preschoolers are very welcome - toys will be provided.

"First Mondays" morning teas will also be held on June 1st and July 6th in term 2.

NEWS FLASH

Mothers' Day is just around the corner Sunday 10 May. Yes it almost May.

The P & C will be once again holding a Mothers' Day stall. The price per gift will remain at \$5.00. This has been the same price for the past seven years.

This year Elise Kroon and myself have gone out hunting for that special gift for your child to select with their Mum in mind. Some will save the gift for Sunday whilst others will be too excited to wait and give it immediately.

I hope all mothers have a wonderful day and enjoy the gifts chosen by your child.

Mother's Day stall will be held on 6 and 7 May. Help with the stall would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please leave your name and contact number at the office.

Many thanks
Estelle Abbott

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS STOP PRESS: Don't forget that as of this week we have a NEW uniform shop price list. We have included it with today's newsletter. Please come into the office if you need another copy.

Welcome back to term 2. All children wear our winter uniform in terms 2 & 3. The winter uniform is as follows;

WINTER UNIFORM

- * White long sleeve polo shirt with school crest,
- * Bottle green track pants and sloppy-joe with school crest and/or;
- * Bottle green bomber jacket with school crest,
- * White socks, black school shoes, gold printed school hat

Most uniform items are now back in stock.

Come into the uniform shop and see our new straight legged tracksuit pants, now only \$20.00. This is great value for such good quality.

Girls tights are now available in all sizes and are only \$12.00 per pair.

PSSA sports socks are for sale in the uniform shop and are only \$10.00

Opening Hours

The uniform shop will be open next

Tuesday 5 May from **9.15am -10.00am**
3pm – 3.30pm
and

Wednesday 6 May from **9.15am – 9.45am**

Uniform Shop Orders

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 be processed on Friday morning and will be sent to your child's classroom. Order forms are available from the front office or the Uniform Shop.

Janene Morrin

Uniform Shop Coordinator

SPORT

PSSA sport will not commence until Week 2, however school sport will begin this week on Friday. This term the students will be participating in dance activities with the

Dance2Bfit company, developing their skills in throwing, catching and striking skills and playing team sports such as t-ball, soccer, basketball and parachute games. PSSA teams will be training with their coaches at school on Friday.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Next Tuesday the students will be participating in Georges Hall's annual cross- country event. Student's from years 3-6 will be competing for a place in the District Cross Country Carnival. Students in years K-2 will be participating in a fun run. All students will be given a sponsorship form and are asked to collect sponsor's donations or pledges.

Although this is a fundraising event for the school there are some wonderful prizes for the highest money earners. For further information about those prizes, please check the sponsorship form.

Sue Barrington

Relieving Deputy Principal

