



GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Rule: Respect School Property

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

EDUCATION TAX REFUND: TECHNOLOGY PROBLEMS ON THE MEND:

Last week I wrote to parents mentioning that we were having problems with technology. After much hard work and a large amount of creativity and lateral thinking, all systems are operating again. Students' reports will be sent out next week and parent teacher interviews will go ahead as planned. A separate sheet will be sent home about this week.

WRAP WITH LOVE:

Each year at this time I ask our school community to assist in supporting those less fortunate by providing knitted squares to make blankets which are the donated to "Wrap with Love".

Wrap with love is a non-political, non-religious charity whose purpose is to provide practical assistance to those in need. Each year Georges Hall community supports this charity by sending in squares, or even completed rugs which are collated and sent to the central point, either at the ABC building in Ultimo or the collection depot at Alexandria. So far, we have completed twelve rugs, ready for dispatch. Squares sent in are sewn into rugs by the congregation of Ashfield Uniting Church.

The directions are listed below. Please help if you can.

A GENTLE REMINDER:

Invoices were sent home recently regarding voluntary contributions. Please assist with your voluntary contribution: thank you to those who have already sent their contribution to the school.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 2861.

Remember, you need to keep all receipt for expenses you claim.

WRAP WITH LOVE – Instructions for Making Squares

Squares for Wraps

Squares for Wraps are to measure 10inches x 10inches (25cm x 25cm)

Knitted Squares

To knit a 10inch x 10inch square use 8 (4mm) needles, 8 ply yarn, cast on 50-55 stitches and knit each row plain (i.e. garter stitch)

Note

Test your tension to measure 10inches

Do Not Knit

Do not knit one row plain, one row purl (i.e. stocking stitch) as your square will curl up.

No Knots

Start each ball of yarn at the beginning of a row and sew in ends. Do not cut ends off short as your square will unravel. When starting or finishing a square, sew in all ends.

Click the print icon for printer friendly instructions.

Completed Wraps are Preferred

They are made up of 28 squares as per diagram

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PARENT TEACH INTERVIEW

Parent teacher interview notes went out on Monday. Parent teacher interviews will be conducted in Week 11.

Please ensure students bring in their progress folders, as the reports will be sent home in these next week.

Progress folders can be purchased from the office for \$3.00.

Sue Barrington
Relieving Deputy Principal

P & C NEWS

Parent Survey:

Thank you to all parents who responded to our P & C parent survey. A review of all responses was conducted at last week's P & C meeting. Some parents seem keen to see meetings continue in the day time, whilst others would like to see meetings held at 6:30pm. In order to give parents the opportunity to discuss this and other matters further we will be holding our next two meetings at the following times. Our August meeting will be held on Thursday 20 August at 9:30am in the staffroom. Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 September at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

School Hats

Our school hats were discussed at last week's P & C meeting and it was found that the current range of school hats available for sale do not meet cancer council sun safe standards. After consultation with the P & C and also some of our students, it has been decided that our current hat range will not be reordered. We will replace the current hats with a "bucket" hat that meets all of the cancer council recommendations. Please read the uniform shop news in the newsletter to find out more.

Diary Date

The next "1st Mondays" parent morning tea will be on Monday 6 July in the staffroom. More details to follow next week.

Estelle Abbott

P & C President

UNIFORM NEWS

I know we are in the middle of winter but, now that we are past the shortest day of the year, we can start to look forward to the long days of summer. Are you ready?

Try this quick Quiz:

Tick the correct statements

- we only need sun protection when it is hot and sunny
- only sunburn is a cause for a concern

- the sun is only harmful in the middle of the day
- sunscreen is adequate protection on its own

ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE WRONG

Did you know that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer with 1600 deaths in 2005.

Non melanoma is the most commonly diagnosed form of skin cancer and fortunately the death rate is low but, while melanoma is less common, it is the most life threatening form of skin cancer. Australia and New Zealand have the highest incidence rates of melanoma in the world and it is the most common form of cancer in the 15-24 age group.

(information taken from www.skincancer.gov.au)

WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH UNIFORMS?

We are introducing a hat that complies with the Cancer Council's sunsmart policy. Our current baseball cap offers no protection to the ears or the back of the neck (both common sites for skin cancers). The legionnaire cap does offer protection but the flap is often tucked underneath making it more like a baseball cap. The cricket hats offer good protection but do not fit easily into a school bag.

The solution is to offer a bucket hat that meets the requirements of a sunsmart hat and also folds to a pocket size.

The baseball and legionnaire caps will not be re ordered. Unfortunately the new hats will be a little more expensive in the short term but could save you thousands on medical expenses and it could even save a life. Prevention is better than cure.

The new hats will retail at \$14 but as a special introductory offer we will be selling them for \$12. The hats will be available mid August and we will be taking prepaid orders from

now until then. As an added incentive to make it easier to be sun smart this year we are also offering a sunglasses special. If you order a hat for just an extra \$8 you can also have a pair of sunglasses that is a saving of \$7 for the sunglasses. This offer is only available until mid August and must be pre paid. (hats and glasses will be delivered together)

Hats are available in small (52-53cm), medium (54-55cm), large (56-57cm) and extra large (58-59cm). Samples should be available to view next week and will be left at the office when the uniform shop is closed.

Next week the uniform shop will be open on Tuesday morning only. Orders will be filled on Friday as usual.

(Order form attached)

HAT AND GLASSES ORDER FORM

Name _____ Class _____

Note: Hat Only (\$12), Hat and Glasses (\$20)

	S	M	L	XL	Total
Hat					
Glasses					