



GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Rule: No Hat – Shade Play 17 September 2009 Term 3 Week 8, 2009

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL took place last week at Campbelltown Performing Arts Centre. Our school performed on this occasion under the guidance of Miss Siobhan Mc Bride. As always, their entry was of a very high standard, as were the other items. Congratulations to everyone on this effort.

GILLAWARNA FESTIVAL:

This week, the Gillawarna Festival took place. The Georges Hall DANCE Group performed beautifully, as always. Our school choir was part of the massed choir, who singing was excellent. Congratulations to Adam Saker who was the compere for several of the performances. He acquitted himself extremely well. Congratulations to all who were involved: special thanks to Miss Madden, Miss McBride, Miss Hume, Mrs Costello, Mrs Roncevich, Mrs Ollett, Mrs Christoforou and Mrs Crawley.

NAPLAN:

We have received our results from the NAPLAN testing. Georges Hall achieved a very high standard, being above the district and state average in all areas. Congratulations to all the teachers who have taught our students over the years since Kindergarten, as well as their current teachers.

BUILDINGS:

In the near future, our building program will begin. All classrooms will be refurbished. Parents of students in 5P, 5C, 5/6G, 6D, 3H, 4P, 3W and 4W need to be aware that their

classrooms will be the first to be refurbished. Unfortunately, building regulations state that when any part of a building is being refurbished, all other parts must be vacated. This means that all of the classes listed will be moved out of their classrooms and into demountable classes for the duration of the refurbishment. This will take place in the middle of next term, term 4. I will keep parents informed as each stage of this major operation approaches.

COMING EVENTS:

Thursday 17/09/09:

School Parliament

Friday 18/09/09:

10:40am – 3-6 Assembly

11:40am – K-2 Assembly

Tuesday 22/09/09:

P & C meeting @ 6:30pm in staff room

23/09/09: District Athletics Carnival.

24/09/09: Life Education (Kindergarten)

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CHESS: last game for the year.

28/09/09: Sports Photographs

30/09/09: Creative Arts Performance: food from 5.00pm, performance 6.00pm.

2/10/09: School finishes.

Iris Rittau
Principal



EdAlive SOFTWARE

Our school is participating in the CSP (Community Software Plan) featuring the Australian-Made Maths Made Easy series along with all the regular EdAlive favourites. **This will be the only CSP for 2009, so don't miss out!** As well as the CSP saving, all titles are

also eligible for the new 50% Education Tax Refund.

Please consider making an investment. As part of the CSP our school will receive a **FREE School version of the Computer Classroom title of our choice**. Return your orders to the school by *Friday 18 September 2009*.

Visit www.edalive.com to download a demo.

CORRECTION

Please **DO NOT** send **cash**. Credit card money orders, and cheques are acceptable. Please refer to edalive brochure.

PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE

Last Thursday Georges Hall competed against Beverly Hills North Public School in the quarter finals of the Premiers Debating Challenge. Congratulations to Tom Nassif, Emma Birrell, Tammy Cai and Joe Hooper who won and will be going on to the semi finals.

PUBLIC SPEAKING – Stage 3

On Tuesday 22 September 2009 the Bankstown/East Hills Public Speaking Competition will be held in the hall. Each class will be represented by two students. They will present a prepared and impromptu speech. Parents are invited to attend the prepared speeches which commence at 9:30am until 11:00am. From this competition two students will be selected to go to the local heat at Hannan's Road Public School.



NAPLAN

On Monday year 3 and 5 parents will have received their child's NAPLAN report. This is the second year of testing using the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

NAPLAN measures all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 using common tests nationwide. Student performance can also be shown on a single scale that continues from year 3 to year 9.

From next year, the NAPLAN will be able to provide individual students' progress over time,

with the students who were first tested in 2009, undertaking the testing under the NAPLAN for the second time in 2010.

Copies of the *2009 NAPLAN Summary Report, Achievement in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy* and more information about the national literacy and numeracy assessments can be found at www.naplan.edu.au

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday students from Georges Hall competed at the Bankstown District Athletics Carnival at The Crest. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Wilmshurst and Mr Probert for your assistance with the coordination, your help was invaluable. Thank you also, to Mrs Moss for coordinating the athletics singlets.

Congratulations to all these students.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to these students who will be going on to the Regional Carnival next Wednesday 23 September at the Crest.

NAME	AGE	EVENT
BOYS		
James Karantz	8 years	100m
Jake Averillo	9 years	100m
Luke Parmaxidis	11 years	200m
Mortaza Safdari	11 years	200m
James Temelkovski	11 years	High Jump
Luke Parmaxidis	11 years	Discus
Adam Saker	SENIOR	800m
James Temelkovski	11 years	800m
GIRLS		
Shenais Moss	11 years	100m
Katelyn Hancock	11 years	100m
Shenais Moss	11 years	200m
Katelyn Hancock	11 years	200m
Shenais Moss	11 years	Long Jump
Shenais Moss	11 years	High Jump
Carley Parmaxidis	Junior Discus	
Dimity Antonis	JUNIOR	800m
Shenais Moss	11 years	800m
RECORD BREAKERS		
Luke Paramaxidis	11 years	Discus
Shenais Moss	11 years	200m

HOME SCHOOL SPORT

School sport commences this Friday. The organisation will be the same as in term 1 for those students who participate in home school sport. The activities will be interest groups, aerobics and the Actif-School Sport Program. Please ensure you send back the permission note and money back as soon as possible, as we do have to pay the coaches. The cost for summer season is \$18.50.

Sue Barrington
Relieving Deputy Principal

DEBATING CAMP THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Rittau for once again allowing the Regional Debating Camp to be held at Georges Hall Public School and to the teachers for their flexibility in accommodating the camp.

I would like to extend my thanks to the teachers who facilitated the two day camp: Mrs Barrington, Mrs Websdale, Mrs Hunt and Ms Ansari. Their hard work with preparation and during the camp made it very successful and lots of fun for the students. Thanks also to Mrs Eurell, Mrs Woods and Mrs Tarmo who helped out. Mr Corey and the office staff, thank you for assisting with the logistics.

I would also like to thank Tom Nassif, Adam Saker, Tammy Cai and Sylvia Lieu, who assisted greatly in preparation of the camp. Tom and Adam also assisted during the camp. Tom was excellent being one step ahead of me with organisation.

Thank you to the school canteen for food preparation, we appreciate the extra pressure to cater for another 150 students. Thank you also to Michelle Moss who organised the embroidery for the hats. A special thank you to the reliable Ernie Lee, who supplies the camp each year with fruit at no charge, his generosity is greatly appreciated.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten acceptance forms went out this week. The Playgroup and K orientation is approaching with Playgroup commencing next week. A reminder for those who have students

that will be starting Kinder next year to please get enrolment forms completed as soon as possible, to allow your child to be involved in the preparation programs.

Genelle Goldfinch
Deputy Principal

MUSICA VIVA

There appears to be some confusion with the reading of the Musica Viva permission note and costing. The first and second child in each family will pay \$6 each and the subsequent students may attend at no further cost. Apologies for any confusion regarding payment.

Frances Hume - Organiser

REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the Drama group led by Miss Siobhan McBride who were chosen to perform at the South Western Sydney Regional Drama Festival held last week at Campbelltown Performing Arts Centre. The group of 24, stage three students performed the play "The Jappen" at evening and matinee performances last Wednesday and Friday. A group of 30 students from stage three and Stage Two attended the Arts centre on Friday for the matinee performance. Mrs Goldfinch, who also attended the matinee, was very impressed by our talented students.

A huge thank you to Miss McBride for her tireless efforts in rehearsing the Drama Group, and for her impressive organisational skills in coordinating this event. Thanks also to Mrs Kelly Crawley for assisting at the evening performances and helping with transportation of students. Many thanks to the parents who drove all the way out to Campbelltown to watch the performances and to pick up their children on both evenings. The Drama group will be performing their play at the Performing Arts Showcase which will be held on Wednesday 30th September. Tickets are on sale now and order forms can be obtained from the office.

Sharon Costello & Sian Websdale
Performing Arts Committee



TALENT QUEST

The Georges Hall talent quest will be held on Thursday 24 September in the school hall. There will be two concerts during the day. The first will be performed for the K-2 students from 11.50am. The second concert will be held for 3-6 students after lunch at 2:00pm. All performers are required to bring their costumes, music and props for this day.

Each act will be judged by a panel of teachers and the school captains. The top three acts will perform at the Creative Arts performance night on 30 September, 2009.

The concerts are the same performance held twice throughout the day. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to attend either of the concerts. The talent quest is also serving as a fundraiser and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will be collected in the morning.

Frances Hume and Julia Georgievska

WINTER PSSA NETBALL NEWS

Congratulations to all four netball teams who played in this years winter PSSA competition. You all played exceptionally well, improved you skill levels considerably and upheld Georges Hall Public School's great name in the district.

Well done to the Junior A team on making the semi final this year. They were unlucky though, being knocked out in this round by Birrong Public School who went on to win the junior competition.

The Senior A team had another fantastic year. They won their grand final in a thrilling, and at times stressful, match against St Euphemia. Our girls fought back well and stole the game in the dying moments, 15 goals to 13.

All the girls played exceptionally well and deserve special mention. Adjani, our fit and agile centre, Pele and Taylor for outstanding defence, Nadine and Daina for their fabulous goal shooting, Kristie for her intercepts and phenomenal passing into the goal circle, Tina

for her determination, returning to the game after injury, Anisah for great defence on the wings and Ashley for her reliability and versatility.

Well done girls and thanks also to the supportive parents who come to the games and cheer the girls on.

Thank you all for another great season!

Jodee Wilmshurst
Netball A's Coach

CALENDAR/CARD ORDERS

The closing date for Calendar/Card orders will be Friday 25 September. If you have lost your order form you can obtain a new one from the office. The cost is \$11.00 for the calendars and \$11.00 for the Cards.



Estelle Abbott
P & C President

FATHERS DAY

Thank you to all our wonderful mums for helping with our fathers day stall. Thank you to Mrs Prue Matthews, Mrs Kerry Saridar, Mrs Ghada Derbas, Mrs Pam Koks, Ms Sharon Baker and Mrs Chrissa Karabellas-Pereira. We could not have done this without you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Fundraiser Committee



STATE DANCE CAMP

On Wednesday the 2 September I attended State Dance Camp at the Sydney Dance Company in the city for 3 days. During the 3 days, I went to classes in Contemporary, Stomp, Hip Hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre and stretching. In one of our contemporary classes we learnt how to do a roll sequence without using your arms. It was tricky at the beginning but once you got the hang of it, it was cool. My favourite part of dance camp was on the first day in the Stomp class. I had never done this style before, but I can't wait to do it again. Attending this camp has really changed the way I dance.

I would like to give Miss Madden a big thank you for nominating me for dance camp and to Mrs Rittau for allowing me to attend.

Thank you

Emily Crawley

UNIFORM NEWS

Hats have arrived, but unfortunately stock is limited to 80 hats due to a problem at the factory. Sizes available are XS, S, M and XL. To all those who ordered and prepaid thank you for your patience. All hats (except the **large** size) should have been delivered to your child's class.

Janene Morrin
Uniform Coordinator

