COMING EVENTS
Please be aware of the following dates further details will be outlined about each event. Also note that events may be added to this list weekly.

DATES FOR TERM 3 – 2012
Monday 13/8/12) Bathurst Excursion
Tuesday 14/8/12) P & C MEETING @6:30PM
Wednesday 15/8/12) Stage 1 – Aquarium Excursion
Tuesday 21/8/12) Father’s Day Stall
Monday 27/8/12) Father’s Day Stall
Wednesday 12/9/12 Regional Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 18/9/12) P & C MEETING @6:30PM
Tuesday 28/8/12) PDHPE Incursion
Tuesday 28/8/12) District Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 11/9/12) Talent Quest
Saturday 29/9/12 LAST DAY TERM 3

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Dear Parents and Caregivers

THE SCHOOL HAT SURVEY
Dear Parents,

Last week a survey was sent out to parents regarding the issue of school hats. We received 230 returns from parents. On this basis we intend to adopt the preferences stated by parents and students after collating the responses. The outcomes are as follows:

*all three type hats named will be available: parents should choose which hat they prefer;

*the three hats named are the bucket hat, the legionnaire’s hat and the baseball cap;

*the baseball cap is NOT Cancer Council approved. It is important that parents be aware of this so that they are making an informed decision;

*the hats will be gold, as this was the majority vote.

The hats will be available later this year.

Coles Sports for Schools Program

Thank you to everyone collecting Coles Vouchers for our school. Vouchers will be collected until Tuesday 14 August. We will count the vouchers and then redeem the points for sporting equipment for our school. Thank you again for supporting our school.
K-2 Public Speaking

It’s public speaking time again! We encourage all students to participate in the K-2 Public Speaking Competition this year and have a go. Students must present a speech to the class on a topic of their choice between one minute and no longer than two minutes.

Students will present their speeches to class in the next few weeks. The class teacher will then choose two students to represent the class at the grade final.

The grade finals will be held in the school hall in Week 8 – Monday 3 September 2012. Stage One will be at 9:30am and Kindergarten will be at 11:45am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this event. Please see your class teacher if you have any further questions.

Sonja Slavkovski
Assistant Principal

WAKAKIRRI NEWS

This week we received information regarding our performance in the heat. We were awarded silver medals for dancing, story, music, sets, props and costumes and a gold medal for recycling. The judge’s feedback was also very positive and included the following comments.

“There were many beautiful moments in what was a very touching Story-Dance. The choreography was effective and the students looked comfortable on stage. The way humans and nature came to cohabitate our planet was very well done. I loved seeing boys participating with such enthusiasm and clearly thought was put into creating moves they would enjoy learning and excelling at. You thought about environmentally friendly and cost effective ways of creating what you needed, it really did look wonderful under lights.”

Congratulations once again to all the students involved for an outstanding performance.

On the evening of the heat photos of the students were taken. To place an order, go to www.photosales.com.au. Pre orders are currently being taken at a discounted price. Once the photos are ready for viewing on the website the school will be issued with a code.

As soon as we have this code we will let you know.

Sharon Costello

P&C News

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 21st August

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st August in the staffroom at 6.30pm. If you would like to add any items to the discussion for our general business please email ghpsparents@gmail.com

70th Anniversary Cookbook – Recipes needed by next week 16th August

Help make our cookbook beautiful – we would love to receive drawings of food and cooking that may be used in our cook book. Drawings should be A5 size or smaller and in full colour. Please put your child’s name and class on the back and put it into the P&C letterbox by the 20th August.

Recipes need to be submitted by next week, the 16th August. Just go to the Published Authors website (www.publishedauthors.com.au) and submit your recipe using their simple template. This process is really very easy and takes only minutes to do. If you don’t have access to a computer, you can submit a recipe on paper – pick up a recipe card from the office.

This is a great way to join in our 70th celebrations and will provide your child with a keepsake that not only contains your family recipe, but gives your family a lasting memory of your time at Georges Hall. If you haven’t received this information, or would like to find out more please email ghpsparents@gmail.com or come into the front office.

Pre-order your school cookbook now at the special price of $20.00 each or 2 for $36.00. Please use the order form at the back of the newsletter.
BREAKING NEWS – SCHOOL BUILDING FUND – DONATE NOW
For every classroom paid for by parent donations, the school will match with air conditioning for another classroom! DONATE NOW

We would like to thank the school community for their generosity in donating to the school building fund. A donation form is included at the back of the newsletter if you would like to make a donation.

As of Wednesday 1st August we have received $14216.82 in donations.
We will be looking at finalizing quotes for the library and hopefully some of our upstairs classrooms in the next week, please consider if you are able to make a donation at this time as this will enable us to air-condition more of our children’s classes immediately.

We would like to thank the following people for their contributions (as at 1st August)

Gold Donors
Daniel and Zane Heilweh

We hope to raise $150,000 which will enable us to air-condition the library, all classrooms and the school hall. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

All families should have now received an information pack detailing how you can contribute to our school building fund. All donations above $2 are tax deductible. If you haven’t yet received a pack, or would like more copies for other family members please pick one up from the front office, or email ghpsparents@gmail.com.

If you know of any local businesses who may also wish to contribute, please contact the school building fund administrator at ghpsparents@gmail.com and we will send you a prospectus.

Father’s Day Stall
Our annual Father’s Day Stall will be held on Monday 27th August from 11am – 3pm and Tuesday 28th August 9am -11am.

We need parents to help sell gifts to the children. If you are able to help for an hour or two on either of these days, please email ghpsparents@gmail.com.au. This is a lovely way to help out at school - your children love seeing you at the stall and you get to know other GHPS parents.

All gifts will be $5.00 and detailed information about the gifts we are selling will be sent home in a few

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion ends this week, Sunday 12 August. Please return all stickers and cards to the front office by Friday 17 August. Our current points tally is 90 000. Happy shopping this week – let’s see if we can reach 100 000 points.

Remember – one sticker per square.

Kindergarten 2013
We are currently accepting enrolments for children who are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten 2013. Children must turn five by 31 July 2013 to enrol. Kindergarten Orientation will begin early term 4. Enrolment forms are available from the front office or online at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/enrolment/index.php

Glass Bottles
Please do not send glass bottles to school with your child. They break easily, are dangerous and are difficult to clean up.

Tracey Madden
Rel. Deputy Principal
School Ambassador Day
On the 2nd of August, I attended another School Ambassadors’ Program, but this time, it was at the University of Western Sydney, and Revesby’s Workers Club. It was an early start, I had to be at the bus stop at 8am, and there were over 100 students attending from many regions, including Bankstown, Ingleburn, Campbelltown and many more.

When I arrived at the University, everyone was escorted to a lecture theatre; everyone was then greeted by many special guests, like a 2011 regional ambassador, Mr Murat Dizdar the regional director and a UWS representative. They all talked to us about what an ambassador was, and what qualities they had to have, some were courage, responsibility, resilience, and integrity. After the talk, everyone gathered outside for a group photo, we had a quick snack, and then all the activities commenced.

First my group, group 3 headed to a practice court room to see how a case operates with some uni students. Everyone learnt all of the roles, and we were taught how a decision is made at court. The next activity was one of my favourites; it was plaster making. There were some medical students that taught us how to make a plaster, we could even get one ourselves! I wanted to get one to scare my mum, my friends, and my teachers. After this, it was lunch time. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. When lunch finished, my group went to the reptile show and tell. We were taught more about snakes, and lizards. Normally, I’m terrified of reptiles, but I still managed to hold one. Everyone also had the chance to participate in the ‘Campus Amazing Race’ This helped everyone work together as a team.

When we had to leave, everyone was very disappointed, but we had to leave for the Revesby’s Worker’s Club for the awards presentation. When we got there, everyone enjoyed an amazing dinner. It was then time for the awards presentation. Throughout the night, there were wonderful performances, and speeches given. The day and night as one of the best experiences that I’d ever participated in, and it also helped me gain more leaderships skills, teamwork skills, and I also made a lot of new friends. I cannot express how much I loved the day.

Van Thai
School Ambassador

East Hills High School
Academic Scholarships 2013

At East Hills Boys High School we firmly believe that learning should be the number one priority of all students. The school offers a number of academic scholarships for students who display outstanding attributes in academic achievement, leadership and school and community involvement.

Applications for Academic Scholarships for Year 7 students in 2013 are now available. Application packages are available from the school website; http://www.easthillsb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Applications close Friday 21 September 2012
70th Anniversary COOKBOOK
Pre-ORDER FORM

Georges Hall Public School P&C is now accepting advance orders for its much anticipated 70th Anniversary cookbook at a special early-bird price of $20 each or $18 each for 2 or more copies.

Only limited quantities of this professionally published cookbook will be available for sale once printed.

Order your copies now

Place your order by returning this Order Form with your payment in an envelope clearly marked "COOKBOOK" to the front office by 30th August.

Why not order extra copies as they will make beautiful gifts for your family & friends

Cookbook ORDER FORM

Child’s Name:__________________________

Class:_____

Number of Cookbooks Required:__________

The cookbooks are only $20, or just $18 if you order 2 or more copies.

TOTAL Enclosed: $_________ cash, cheque or credit card

Payment in full is required with your order.

Cheques: Please make payable to: Georges Hall Public School P&C Association

Credit Card: Name on card: ____________________________

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Expiry Date: ___ ___ / ___ ___

VISA / Mastercard

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GHPS School Building Fund Response Form

How to make a contribution:

**Step 1:** Fill out the following details:

Eldest Child’s Name: ___________________ Class: _________________

Amount Donating (please tick): $10  $20  $50  Other: $________

Name of the person, company or trust to whom the receipt should be made: ____________________________

**Step 2:** Choose one of the following options - direct deposit/ cheque/ cash

**Option 1 - By Direct Deposit to the Georges Hall Public School P & C Association School Building Fund Account** (please tick)

Direct Credit the amount you are donating using the following details:

Bank: Westpac  BSB:  Account Number: ____________________________

Account name: Georges Hall Public School P&C Association School Building Fund

Reference: Eldest Child Surname

Once you’ve made your payment online please place this form into an envelope and drop it into the payments box in the office foyer. A receipt will be sent home with your eldest child in a sealed envelope.

**Option 2 – By Cheque (please tick)**

Simply enclose a cheque for the amount you wish to donate to made out to “Georges Hall Public School P&C Association School Building Fund”, put it into an envelope marked “school building fund” together with this form and send it into the school office. A receipt will be sent home with your eldest child in a sealed envelope.

**Option 2 – By Cash (please tick)**

Any cash donations should be placed in an envelope, clearly marked with “school building fund” and your eldest child’s name. Please include this form with your cash donation. Please send this form to the school office. A receipt will be sent home with your eldest child in a sealed envelope.

**Step 3:**

I am happy to be acknowledged in the school newsletter and on the Donor Board in the school hall (please tick)

Please use my family name / company name or other: ____________________________

I would like my donation to remain anonymous (please tick)

All enquiries or requests for further information regarding the Georges Hall Public School Building Fund should be directed to ghpparents@gmail.com or contact the School Building Fund Administrator by leaving a contact phone number in the P&C letterbox outside the front office.

I am happy to be put onto the P&C mailing list, to be contacted about issues relating to Georges Hall Public School and its School Building Fund.

My email is: ____________________________