



SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Athletics Carnival:

Next Monday, 22nd June is our Athletics Carnival for Years 2-6. The weather forecast between now and then does not look overly promising. We will be sending more information home tomorrow but will probably be unable to make a final decision until Sunday afternoon or even Monday morning. We will endeavour to have information on the **school's website on Sunday evening**. It is our hope that we will be able to proceed with the day.

Area Cross Country Carnival:

A very well done to all our students who ran superbly on a very cold Tuesday at the Area Cross Country Carnival. Jacqueline, Sophie, Josh, Lachlan, Jacob, Jordan and Jay all have progressed to the State Cross Country Carnival next term. Well done, a fantastic result!

School Photos:

Tuesday was a terribly busy day coordinating school photos. Unfortunately due to threatening rain the photos needed to be taken in the hall.

If you have not or missed ordering a class photo please contact the office immediately.

The Whole School Photo was unable to be taken due to the weather. We will reschedule this as soon as possible.

Uniforms:

It was wonderful to see almost 100% of students in full school uniform on Tuesday for the school photos. Thank you to all families for making the effort. The students looked very smart in their black shoes. I ask that families continue to encourage the wearing of black shoes and for girls lemon socks or navy stockings or tights.

Just a reminder about Tracksuit tops. They should be worn as part of the Sports uniform on designated sport days, not on other days.

The navy fleecy zipper jacket with logo, the navy woolen V-neck jumper with logo and the navy fleece-lined spray jacket are all options to wear with the everyday school uniform to keep students warm on these cold days.

Ray White Works

with Samuel Gilbert Public School

Kellie McKenzie 0416 238 677
Andrew McDermott 0410 598 397

Sell your home with us and 10% of selling fee will be donated to Samuel Gilbert P&C (conditions apply).



Planetarium:

Ms Mannile has coordinated a wonderful incursion for all students, Kindergarten to Year 6. The Planetarium is a large inflated dome which will be situated in the school hall, 2 days this week and 2 days in Week 10. The instructor projects different constellations and star formations on the ceiling of the dome. This is a most fascinating activity.

Pressure Cleaning Day:

Date - Sunday, 28th June

Time - 9.00am

We are hoping to give the school's outside surface a general clean. If you have a gurney and can spend an hour or so cleaning paths or bricks, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please see the accompanying note.

Canteen - IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If the Athletics Carnival goes ahead on Monday, the Canteen will not be open. Students needed to have pre-ordered their lunches by Thursday, 18th June.

Kindergarten and Year 1 lunches will be delivered to school, while Year 2 to 6 lunches will be delivered to the Carnival.

In the event of wet weather or the oval being closed, the Canteen will be open as normal. Pre-ordered lunches will be delivered to classes.

Yamaha Band Festival:

Congratulations to our Performance Band who competed at the Yamaha Band Festival on Saturday night. The band received a Gold Award. Well done! Thank you to Mr S and all the parents who support this wonderful program.

Assembly Performances:

Week 9 - Thursday, 25th June - KS and 5S

Calendar:

WEEK 9

Monday, 22/6 - Y2-6 Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 23/6 - Year 2 Excursion

- UNSW Spelling/Writing Test

Wednesday, 24/6 - Kindergarten Excursion

Thursday, 25/6 - Boys Dance Workshop

Sunday, 28/6 - Cleaning Working Bee

WEEK 10 - Library Stocktake

Monday, 29/6 - P&C 5 cent Collection Day

Wednesday, 1/7 - Planetarium

Thursday, 2/7 - Planetarium

- Canteen Special Food Day

- Astronomy Night

WEEK 11

Tuesday, 7/7 - Kindy 100 Days Celebration

Wednesday, 8/7 - Dance Celebration Night

- Year 6 Rainforest excursion

- Reports home

Thursday, 9/7 - Fete Mufti Day

Friday, 10/7 - last day of Term 2

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Monday, 27/7 - Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 28/7 - Students return.

Grandparents' Day:

Advanced Notice - we have had numerous requests for the date of Grandparents' Day. So that families can organise their events, Grandparents' Day will be held on Friday, 4th September.

Andrew Bowmer

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Just a couple of reminders from me this week.

UNSW Competitions - Next Tuesday, 23rd June, we will be holding the Spelling and Writing Competitions between 3:05 and 4:15pm. Each of these competitions is about 30minutes in duration and will be administered consecutively, starting with Spelling. To eliminate disruptions and to save time, all students will remain in the rooms for the duration of both competitions. Students are encouraged to bring a book to read for when they are finished. Most students have chosen to complete both competitions.

Channel 9 Weather Cadets - Mrs Solly's Year 2 class will be the Channel 9 weather Cadets this coming Monday, 22nd June. The class photo will be displayed during the weather segment towards the end of the 6:00pm News.

Year 1 Excursion - I have just returned to school this afternoon from a very exciting day out with the students and staff of Year 1. We went into the Sydney Aquarium and the Wildlife Park. We were very excited as we walked through the underwater tunnel and the Dugongs swam above us.



Smoking is not permitted on school grounds

A number of very good listeners were able to answer questions at the Kangaroo enclosure and were invited in to pat the Big Red Kangaroos. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day, I hope that you enjoyed the day as much as I did.

Donna Harris

P&C REPORT

Thanks to all the parents and children who have been saving 5 cent coins for the 5c Fundraiser. A total of \$810.25 was raised during our first collection day, last Monday. Special mention to 3J, who are the current leading class, raising just short of \$100. Great effort 3J. Many thanks to the banking ladies, Nicole, Terri and Donna for collating and counting all of those 5c pieces. The next collection day is Monday, 29th June.

It is great weather for eating (and selling) chocolates, so if you have chocolates to sell please try and get your money back soon.

Finally a number of parents have already offered to help on Fete Day, however we are still in need of more volunteers. Even if you can only spare an hour on the day, every little bit helps, drop me a line at donna@unwired.com.au. Remember all money raised goes towards school resources for your children.

Allan White

SYDNEY WEST CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Wednesday, 10th June some of our students competed at the Sydney West Cross Country Championships at Castle Hill Showground. The day was very successful for the Castle Hill District Team, with every age group team placing in the top three. These students will now compete at the State Carnival in July - Jacqueline, 3rd; Sophie, 5th; Josh, 1st; Lachlan, 4th; Jacob, 2nd; Jordan, 3rd; Jay, 6th. Well done to all competitors.

Karen Marcolin, Cross Country Coordinator



HAIRHOUSE WAREHOUSE

Shop 208, Castle Towers Shopping

Centre, Castle Hill, Phone - 9234 1277

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thank you to all the families who have supported the Chocolate Drive. Most of the chocolates went out just before the long weekend. Due to the large response, we have put in a second order. If your child did not receive your chocolates, they will be going home either on Friday, 19th June or Tuesday, 23rd June. **(Chocolates were only distributed to families that returned their form requesting chocolates.)**

All money is due on 26th June, but if you have sold all your chocolates please send the money in as soon as possible.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the mums that helped pack the chocolates last Friday. Thank you to Terri, Tabitha, Janice, Donna, Tania, Danielle and Phillipa.

Nicole Clifford

P&C Committee

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

Thank you to Dr Shoe who cleaned many kids school shoes on photo day. He had kids lining up to have shiny shoes. Please continue to support him by purchasing your shoes through him. He will again be at the school (out the front of the Canteen) on Tuesday, 7th July from 8.30-9.30am. Dr Shoe is also available to come to you at no additional charge with his free home fitting service. Just contact him on 0414 912 838 or at max@drshoes.com.au. Remember that a percentage of his sales go to the school.

Remember our trading hours for Term 2 are Monday from 2.00-3.30pm and Tuesday from 8.30-10.00am. If you can't make these hours, you can download an Order Form from the school website and drop it into the ladies at the front office. When the shop is next open, we'll process your order and have it delivered to your child's class.

We know that some of you are waiting on the girls long sleeved blouses (sizes 10 and 12). We have contacted the supplier and she has assured us that we will have our delivery next week.

If you have a blouse on backorder your child will receive it through their class lunch basket. If you are waiting to come into the shop to try them on and purchase them, please wait until the following week to ensure we have the delivery.

Try and keep warm!

Leisa Whiteside & Sally Birthisel
Uniform Shop Coordinators

BAND REPORT

Well done Concert Band! On Saturday, 13th June at 5.30pm the Concert Band competed in the Dickson's Yamaha Band Festival. The band achieved a **GOLD** award which is an excellent result. A big thank you to all the musicians and their parents for making themselves available on a cool winter weekend.

There are more eisteddfods later this term so keep attending rehearsals and practicing your instrument at home.

There are further band members who have had excellent results at AMEB exams.

Zach	Grade 2	Tenor Sax
Ishan	Grade 2	Trumpet
	and	Grade 1 Piano
Jordan	Grade 2	Trumpet

Well done to these students. Please let me know of any other results via the band box so we can acknowledge your achievements through the newsletter.

The next Committee meeting will be Thursday, 2nd July at 7.30pm.

Sue Lack
Band Committee

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- **Castle Hill Softball Club** is registering now for the summer season. Come and play Softball and Teeball with a friendly locally-based club this summer. There are Softball competitions for girls and boys, ladies, mixed and men's teams and Teeball for girls and boys under 10. For more information contact Natalie Blanning on 0411 286 308 or email castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au Our registration days are on Sunday, 28th June or Sunday, 2nd August, 2009 between 10.00-2.00pm at Crestwood Park near the tennis courts on Peel Road.
- **Sydney Hills Girl Guides** is for girls 5-18 years of age of all cultures, faiths and abilities. Guiding is the largest movement of girls and women in the world and offers challenging, active programs for girls. Guides gives an all round education for girls, building resilience and responsible attitudes. Girls meet weekly as a community based unit and they enjoy the fun, friendship and adventure of Guiding, with support and mentoring from Guide Leaders and Unit Helpers. For more information call Judy Hawes, Division Leader, Sydney Hills on 8850 3927.



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