



SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Extra Ordinary P&C Meeting:

We had a positive response to the Extra Ordinary Meeting called to elect P&C office bearers for 2010 last Tuesday night with approximately 30 parents in attendance and a number of others submitting nomination forms in advance. I would like to once again thank the out going P&C Executive and members of the subcommittees - Band, Canteen and Uniform Shop - for your commitment and support of the school. In particular I would like to thank Mr Allan White for his leadership of the P&C Committee over the past two years.

Without the tireless behind the scenes work of the P&C members and volunteers, many programs, resources, improvements and community events would not be possible!

Election of 2010 P&C Office Bearers:

Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Committee for 2010.

- **P&C Office Bearers -**

President: Mr Ian Wright

Vice Presidents (2): Mr John Doherty & Mr Duncan Guy

Secretary: Mrs Karen Romano

Treasurer: Mr Adrian Wilson

Executive Committee (6): Ms Carlijn Van Baal, Mrs Cathrine Sigmann, Mrs Lisa Woods,
Mr Rodney Vardanega & Mr Allan White

- **Band Committee -**

President: Mrs Wendy Heinrich *Treasurer:* Mrs Alison Rylance

The Band Committee members were endorsed at the P&C meeting. The responsibility of Treasurer will be taken to the next Band Committee meeting.

- **Canteen Committee -**

Coordinator: Mrs Leisa Whiteside *Secretary:* Mrs Nicole Turner *Treasurer:* Mrs Wendy Speechly

- **Uniform Shop Committee -**

Coordinator: Mrs Leisa Whiteside *General Positions (2):* Mrs Sally Birthisel & vacant.

Congratulations to all newly elected Office Bearers and I look forward to working with you throughout 2010. The new P&C Committee's first meeting will be on **Tuesday, 8th December** in the school staffroom - hope to see you there!

Ray White Works

with Samuel Gilbert Public School

Kellie McKenzie 0416 328 677

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).

Platinum Sponsors of the 2009 Fete

Smoking is not permitted on school grounds



Interactive White Board Installations:

There was much excitement this week with the installation of three new interactive white boards into three of our fixed classrooms. These interactive white boards have been purchased by the 2009 P&C Committee on behalf of all the families and community members.

On behalf of all of the students of Samuel Gilbert School I would like to thank the P&C and the wider school community for all your hard work fundraising to make the installation of these boards possible!

Once the new classrooms have been completed the P&C will fulfill their commitment to have interactive white boards in all classrooms.

Captains' Speeches:

I had the very enjoyable and somewhat challenging task of listening to the Captain candidates make their speeches to the school community. All candidates represented themselves well, displaying all the qualities of leadership desired for the Samuel Gilbert Captains for 2010. All of the candidates will make excellent school leaders and the school will be well represented by all students as they make up the new leadership team.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea:

Next Tuesday, 1st December, staff and students will have the opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the parent helpers who give up their time throughout the year to assist teachers and students in and outside the classroom.

Parent Surveys:

Please look out for these surveys as they will be sent home with students in the next few days. Surveys will also be displayed on the school website for your convenience. I would like to encourage all families to take the time to have their say and provide the school with feedback on what is done well and to assist in identifying areas for further development.

Swim School:

Over the past two weeks our Year 2, 3 and 4 students have been involved in the Department of Education Swimming Scheme. From all reports both teachers and students have found this to be a valuable but exhausting activity.

Formation of Classes for 2010:

It is the intention of both Mr Bowmer and myself to start students in their new classes with their new teacher from the start of the 2010 school year. **Please note** though, there may still need to be some rearrangement of classes depending on the number of students returning after the holidays. If this change is required I will ensure that the disruption is kept to a minimum.

Student Safety:

I am regularly contacted by concerned parents about the behaviour of parents collecting and/or delivering their children to school each day. These concerns range from not complying with the parking signage, encouraging students to cross a busy road unsafely (not using the crossing), to driving at an unsafe speed through a school zone. The safety of our students is the concern of the whole Samuel Gilbert school community and I encourage all parents to take the few extra minutes to ensure that we demonstrate safe road behaviour at all times. Please be aware the Council Compliance Officers regularly patrol the school zone at the front of the school.

Year 6 Gift:

By now I am sure that everyone has seen and admired the new sign at the Ridgescrop Drive entrance to the school. This sign is the current Year 6 students' gift to the school. **Thank you Year 6 and to Mrs Hart for the behind the scenes organisation.**

I am looking forward to the next exciting Samuel Gilbert community event - **the 2009 Carols under the COLA!** All the students are busy rehearsing their Christmas carols during their choir time and having listened to the K-2 students last week at



assembly we are all in for a wonderful treat. I encourage all families to take the time to join in this final community celebration of what has been a very busy and successful year. I do hope to see you there!

Please assist us in our preparation for the end of year procedures by paying all outstanding invoices.

Donna Harris

FROM THE RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Parent Helper Morning Tea:

Next Tuesday we will be holding a morning tea to thank all the wonderful helpers who have assisted us both in and out of the classroom over the year. The education of children is a partnership between school and families and without your support it would not be possible to maximise the learning opportunities for our students. Whether you have assisted in the classroom or by driving to a sporting event, sewn costumes for an item or helped coach a PSSA team, shelved books or served morning tea on Grandparents' Day, your help has been greatly valued and appreciated.

However, as our "courier" system is often not as reliable as *Fedex*, and your invitation may now be crumpled up with a left over sandwich in the bottom of a school bag or lying forlornly on a classroom floor, please join us if you have helped out in any way at the school this year, even if you did not receive your invitation. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, between 10:50 and 11:20am.

Band News:

This morning the Concert Band headed off to Warrina at the Anglican Retirement Village. This is always a highlight of the Band's calendar as the pleasure the children bring to the elderly residents of Warrina is so very evident. The residents particularly enjoyed chatting with the children after they played and the children are to be commended on the confident and friendly manner in which they conducted themselves.

Next Thursday, the Training Band will have their opportunity to perform for the wider community as they travel to Karonga Special School. Earlier this year our Band donated a drum kit to Karonga which has brought their students many hours of pleasure. We are back by special request and I know the children will both give and derive much pleasure from this performance.

The Concert Band has also recently performed for McHappy Day and although the majority of the audience was Samuel Gilbert families we all enjoyed the performance immensely! As you know McHappy Day supports Ronald McDonald House so it is greatly appreciated that families give time from their busy weekends to support this worthwhile charity.

Presentation Assembly:

As the end of the year continues to draw rapidly to a close I would like to remind parents that it is important that Presentation Day information notes be returned to class teachers as quickly as possible. Please ensure that all information at the bottom of these sheets is completed to facilitate organisation for this day. We will be unable to allow children to leave the centre with parents unless this permission section has been completed. Tickets for the Presentation Assembly are now on sale at the office.

Enrichment Activities:

Over the last two weeks 8 students have enjoyed SmartArtz - a two day workshop at Chifley College - exploring a variety of visual arts. Jocelyn, Lily, Alannah, Janelle, Cameron, Genevieve, Lara and Sally had a wonderful time creating in clay, paint and mixed media. Thanks to Nicole who transported the children on both occasions.

Special Interest and Sporting Photos:

These are now on display in a folder at the School Office and may be ordered up until Friday, 27th November.

Talent Quest:

Next Tuesday is the Talent Quest for Years K-6. Children performing are responsible for providing their own costumes, props, music etc. This event is specifically for children, with K-2 performing from 9:30-10:30am, Years 3-4 from 11:30-12:30 and Years 5-6 between 2:00-2:55pm. Please understand that it is not possible to call home for forgotten items so it is important that the children come prepared.

Cathie Barclay

P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An Extra Ordinary P&C meeting was held on Tuesday night to elect the incoming committee. I am extremely pleased to report that this meeting was very well attended and all positions on the new committee have been filled, in fact for the

first time in a long while a secret ballot was required for two of the positions.

I would like to congratulate all of the new committee on behalf of the school community and thank them for putting up their hands to continue the important work of the P&C. To our new P&C President, Ian Wright, I would personally like to thank you for coming forward and wish you well with your new, enthusiastic and talented team.

The full Committee is as follows:

President - Ian Wright

Vice Presidents - John Doherty and Duncan Guy

Secretary - Karen Romano

Treasurer - Adrian Wilson

Uniform Shop Coordinator - Leisa Whiteside

Executive Committee - Carlijn Van Baal, Cathrine Sigmann, Lisa Woods, Rodney Vardanega and Allan White.

The Band, Uniform Shop and Canteen subcommittees were also filled at this meeting.

Finally I would like to thank all members of the school community for the help and support given to me during my term as P&C President. I urge everybody to get behind our new committee and help them continue to provide valuable and much needed resources for our children's education.

Allan White

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Trading Hours 2009:

Please note that on Monday, 14th December and Tuesday, 15th December the Uniform Shop will be **closed** for stocktake. Our last day for trading for 2009 will be Tuesday, 8th December.

Lost Property:

In the Uniform Shop we have a black bag which contains some personal items. It was left on the park bench out the front of the Uniform Shop late in Term 3. If you are the owner please come and see us.

Enjoy the last few weeks of school.

Leisa Whiteside & Sally Birthisel

Uniform Shop Coordinators

SAMUEL GILBERT BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OOSH)

Vacation Care:

Samuel Gilbert OOSH (recently accredited with High Quality in all areas) will only be operating

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during the school holidays from Monday, 18th to Friday, 22nd January, 2010.

Activities include movies, bowling, bushwalking, technology and drama. The cost is \$30 per day plus excursion costs. Please call 9899 2727 to make a booking.

Lesley Soper

OOSH Coordinator

FROM THE CANTEEN

Icecream Day:

On 2nd December we will be having our last Red Food Day for the year. The Canteen will be selling icecream cones and a variety of treats. Prices will range from 20 cents to \$1.00. Normal counter items will still be available.

Icecream day has always been very popular with Samuel Gilbert children so if any parents are able to help on the day from 10.00am, please contact Judy or Jenelle.

Christmas Carols - 4th December:

Please remember that all hot food order forms are due in by 2nd December. The only hot food we will be preparing has to be preordered.

Counter items, drinks and icecreams will be available along with a variety of Christmas novelty items, Glo Sticks, battery candles Please remember that the Canteen would prefer money in smaller denominations on the night.

Chips:

The Canteen has quite a large amount of chips left over from the Fete. As these chips can only be 'deep fried' they are of no use to us and we are happy to see them go to a good home. If you are interested please contact us by 4th December.

Canteen Closed:

We just want to forewarn parents that the Canteen will be **closed for the last week of school.**

NO LUNCH ORDERS on -

Monday, 14th Cleaning day

Tuesday, 15th Presentation Assembly

Wednesday, 16th Committee and volunteer lunch.

Volunteers for 2010:

We would like to say an enormous 'thank you' to everyone who has volunteered in the Canteen over the last year. We know that your children have

loved seeing you there and that your support and assistance has been invaluable. Particular thanks must also go to those volunteers who will be leaving the school, many of whom have supported not only the Canteen but our school throughout their time at Samuel Gilbert. Thank you!

If you are interested in volunteering in the Canteen for 2010 please complete the form below and return to the Canteen before the end of term.

2010 CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS	
Name:	_____
Child's Name:	_____
Child's Class:	_____
Phone No:	_____
Email:	_____
<i>Please circle which shift and day of the month suits you.</i>	
1 st Shift - 9.00am to 11.30am	
2 nd Shift - 11.30am to 2.00pm	
All Day - 9.00am to 2.00pm	
Monday:	1 st in month, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th in month
Tuesday:	1 st in month, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th in month
Wednesday:	1 st in month, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th in month
Thursday:	1 st in month, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th in month
Friday:	1 st in month, 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th in month
Emergency List:	Yes / No

*Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey
Canteen Supervisors*

BAND REPORT

It is with mixed feelings that I write my last Band newsletter report. After 15 very happy years the Lack family's time at Samuel Gilbert Public School is drawing to a close. It has been a very enjoyable and rewarding association with a terrific school.

Thanks to all the band families for their support of the Band Program for 2009. The End of Year Concert highlighted the huge improvement in both

bands throughout the year. This is only possible through dedicated time and effort. Well done to our Band Master, Mr S, and his musicians!

There are a few final performances for 2009. For the Concert Band -

- Thursday, 26th November - Anglican Retirement Village
- Friday, 4th December - Carols Night
- Monday, 14th December - last rehearsal
- Tuesday, 15th December - Presentation Assembly.

For the Training Band -

- Thursday, 26th November - Karonga Special School
- Friday, 4th December - Carols Night
- Tuesday, 8th December - last rehearsal.

Band resumes in 2010 on Monday, 8th February for the Concert Band (this includes all current continuing students in the Training and Concert Bands 2009) and Tuesday, 9th February for the (yet to be established) Training Band.

On that note all prospective students for the Training Band 2010 need to return their Band Application forms as soon as possible so they can be allocated a suitable instrument.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed exams and good luck to those who are still to sit their exams -

Zach	Grade 3	Tenor Saxophone
Maddison	Grade 1	Flute

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all students at the school to make the most of the wonderful opportunities available at Samuel Gilbert School. Our boys have fantastic memories of representing the school in sport and their involvement in music via the band program. The ability to play a musical instrument has enabled them to continue playing in high school bands and community bands, participate in band tours, play in musicals and make many new friends. All these experiences bring great enjoyment to our family. Music is one of life's wonderful pleasures and our journey started in the Samuel Gilbert Band program with Mr S. Thank you also to the fantastic Band Committee members I have worked with over the past 10 years. Thank you and farewell.

Sue Lack, Band Committee

FROM THE LIBRARY

Certificates for the Premier's Reading Challenge and the paper in which they were published will be sent home with students next week.

Deidre Bridie

Teacher/Librarian

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

St Michaels Netball Club needs first time and experienced players for their under 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 year old teams. All are welcome to join the great family club and enjoy lots of fun and fitness. For more information please contact Nicole on 0409 743 614 or Mel on 0405 607 572.

The logo for Guardian, featuring a stylized 'G' with a figure running inside it, followed by the word 'Guardian' in a serif font.

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