



# SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Week 8 already!!

**Grandparents' Day** was a great success. Thank you to all the grandmothers, grandfathers and other family members who took the time to enjoy the student performances. Our students, with the help of their teachers, thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their many talents.

Special thank you to the many community members who assisted in providing such a scrumptious morning tea for our special visitors. A wonderful team effort!

Another example of a school community working together was the highly successful **Fathers' Day Stall**. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time either on each of the stall days as well as helping to coordinate the great range of gifts prior to the stall. I am sure there were lots of very happy Dads and many excited children.

Building the Education Revolution has now begun at S.G.P.S. You will have noticed that the construction compounds have been set up in readiness for the relocation of the 3C and 3J demountables and for the construction of the 4 outdoor learning areas near the oval.

**Access into the school grounds** is available from the main gate on Ridgescrop Drive, lower gate on Gilbert Road (near Year 2 classrooms) and the back gate at the back of the oval.

With a large amount of construction activity across the school site it is essential that all students (and parents) remain **'within bounds' prior to school** as these areas are supervised by duty staff from 8.30am each morning. Students who are out of bounds at this time are unsupervised and unsafe. Parents, I ask for your support with this matter.

# 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).



**Ray White**

At last Thursday's assembly I reminded all students about the **importance of wearing the correct school uniform**. As we are still in Term 3 the winter school uniform is to be worn by all students unless it is their designated sports day. The winter uniform is:

#### **Boys**

Shirt Long and short sleeve lemon polo shirt with navy and white trim

Trouser Plain navy gabardine trousers (not tracksuit pants)

Socks Plain navy and above ankle socks

#### **Girls**

Skirt Two tone, blue check with fine yellow stripe. No bib.

Blouse Long or short sleeve lemon over blouse with navy piping

Socks Plain lemon above ankle socks

Tights Navy stockings or tights (not to be worn with socks or summer uniform)

There is the opportunity for students to revert to wearing their summer uniform at the start of next week if the weather suddenly turns very warm. I would again appreciate the support of parents with this matter - especially with our senior students who should be setting an example for the junior students.

Thank you to Mrs Birthisel and Mrs Loynes who sorted through the huge bundles of **lost property** last week to reunite many items of clothing with their owners. Any item of lost property with a name on it has been returned. If you are still missing some items please take the time to call in and check the lost property containers.

It was lovely to see so many "athletic" mums and dads joining in at last Wednesday's **K-1 Spring Carnival**. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.

I have included information received from the RTA this week re parking around schools for your information.

Dates for your calendar:

Yr 4 Camp	22/23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Teddy Bears' Picnic	23 <sup>rd</sup> September
Kinder Transition	
Evening	29 <sup>th</sup> September
End of Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> October

*Donna Harris*

#### **FROM THE RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

Next week we wish a number of students success as they head off to represent Samuel Gilbert in a wide variety of activities. Regional Athletics, Regional Debating and the Regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee will be challenging our students physically and mentally. We congratulate them on reaching this stage of their relative competitions and wish all thirteen of them the very best of luck.

#### **Year 4 Camp**

For the first time Year 4 is heading off to Camp Yarramundi for a one night stay next Tuesday and Wednesday. This will be a "gentle" introduction to the more extended overnight excursions undertaken in Years 5 and 6. We are looking forward to participating in a variety of self challenges and team building activities.

#### **Spelling Bee**

The K-2 Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September during lunchtime, in the school hall. Two students from each class will be selected to participate. Parents are most welcome to attend.

#### **Grandparents' Day**

The weather was sunny and a lovely time was had by all. Grandparents enjoyed the opportunity to share some time at school with their grandchildren, who in turn sang, played and danced proudly for these special family members. Thank you to the wonderful members of the P&C who provided and served morning tea.

#### **Naplan**

The results of the 2009 were sent out on Monday to all parents with students in Years 3 and 5. If you did not receive these please notify the school. As a staff we look forward to analysing the results so that we can address specific needs and refine our teaching and learning programs to best meet the needs of all of our students.

*Cathie Barclay*



### Hills Network Public Speaking Competition 2009

At Samuel Gilbert we are committed to providing our students with enrichment opportunities in the wider community. All students in Years 3-6 were encouraged to participate in the Hills Network Public Speaking Competition along with 14 other schools in this region.

The topics for this year are:-

- Year 3 - A topic starting with the letter "S"
- Year 4 - The most precious thing in the world
- Year 5 - I have a dream.....
- Year 6 - Own choice

Class finals were held and a winner chosen to represent their class at the Grade Final. Here are the results of the Grade Finals:-

<u>Year 3</u> - Lia	3/4T
<u>Year 4</u> - Chase	4W
<u>Year 5</u> - Deveree	5M
<u>Year 6</u> - Rebecca	6H

These students will now compete against other school finalists at the Grand Final to be held at Murray Farm Public School on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Good Luck!

*Helen Eldridge*  
*Public Speaking Coordinator*

### Debating News:

This year Samuel Gilbert entered two competition teams in the Northern Sydney Region Premier's Debating Challenge. We have had a very exciting debating season with the teams winning 5 out of 7 debates in a very competitive zone.

The (A) team consisting of Sarah, Rebecca, Hollie and Dunya is undefeated and have officially won the Zone competition.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September they will debate in the Northern Sydney Regional finals at The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy. If they are undefeated at the end of the day they will return on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September for the semi final.

The Regional Grand Final will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September to determine a winning team from 100 teams from 84 schools in our region.

Currently, our (A) team is placed 14<sup>th</sup> overall which is an amazing effort. Our (B) team consisting of Jay, Megan, Chloe and Harrison are to be congratulated also for their efforts and particularly for their sportsmanship when debating our (A) team. They are to be commended for beating a very strong North Rocks team recently.  
Good luck to the (A) team in the Regional Finals next week.

### Debating Camp:

Next week some year 5 students will be attending the Northern Sydney Region debating camp at The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy. The positions for this camp are highly sought after with some 150 students unable to gain entry each year due to restricted numbers. Congratulations to Harrison, Chris, Daniel, Rachael and Renee for their selection. If Samuel Gilbert's (A) debating Team make the semi finals on Wednesday next week, these students will be able to support them as attendance at the finals is an integral part of the debating camp. Good luck to all the campers.

*Helen Eldridge*  
*Debating Coach*

### NAP Science and Literacy

Students in 6H have been selected to take part in the National Assessment Program - Science Literacy Trial in October 2009. This is a trial of the assessment items and procedures that will be used for the assessment of Science Literacy in 2010. The assessment will include multiple choice, short response and extended response items. It will also include a short survey collecting information about attitudes and beliefs. An information brochure will be sent home. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Lynnea Hart, the program coordinator.



**HAIRHOUSE WAREHOUSE**

**Shop 208, Castle Towers Shopping**

**Centre, Castle Hill, Phone - 9234 1277**

## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **PSSA**

Congratulations to our Senior Rugby League, Senior AFL and Junior Yellow Netball teams who played the Semi Finals last Friday. Unfortunately they were defeated but they all tried their best and had fun. Better luck next year!

A special thank you to all the Castle Hill High School students who acted as our referees during the winter PSSA program.

### **School Sports Jerseys**

Where a special school sports jersey has been worn we ask that it be laundered and returned to your sports teacher as soon as possible, as these are costly to replace.

Week 1 Term 4 will see the second half of the Summer competition begin. If your child was selected in a Softball, T-Ball, Cricket or Touch Football team in Term 1 it is expected he/she will continue to finish the competition in Term 4.

Children in Years 3 to 6 who are not in PSSA team will continue to participate in Fundamental Sports Skills on Friday afternoons. This involves the teaching of skills followed by modified games. It is always encouraging to see all children out and having a go and enjoying sport. Many thanks to Jutta Smith for organising this program.

### **Gymnastics Display:**

Our Term 3 Enrichment Gymnastic students have been working toward a short gymnastics display. They will perform a short 8-10 minute routine next Monday at 1.50pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Parents of these students are welcome to attend.

*Eileen Tudor*

*PSSA Sports Coordinator*

## **FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

We apologise for the late notice of our closure on Monday afternoon. Unfortunately we both had sick kids at home.

For those people who took up the 2 part payment option on our Pre-paid Summer Uniform Order Form, please note that the 2nd payment will be deducted over the coming 2 weeks. When payment has been finalised, the stock will be issued. If you paid cash / cheque, we will contact you next week to organise final payment.

Due to high demand, we currently have the following lines out of stock:

- \* Girls Shorts in sizes 4, 6, 10 and 12
  - \* Girls Summer Dress in sizes 6 and 8
  - \* Boys Short Sleeve Polo Shirt in sizes 10 & 12
  - \* Girls Lemon Socks in shoe sizes 5-8 and 13-3.
- As soon as stock arrives, any backorders will be filled.

**DID YOU KNOW???** The Uniform Shop sells sunglasses for \$9.50 a pair and they are available in medium and large sizes. These sunglasses comply with the Australia/New Zealand Sunglasses Standard 1067:2003 Category 3 and have 100% UV protection. We currently have stock so if you would like to order a pair, please complete a Term 3 Order Form which can be downloaded off the schools website.

Thank you to everyone who has supported Dr Shoe this term. At the time of printing this newsletter, we haven't had confirmation of his dates for Term 4. As soon as we know, we'll pass the details on. Remember that a percentage of his shoe sales go back to the school. He's also available anytime for free home fitting.

*Leisa Whiteside & Sally Birthisel*  
*Uniform Shop Coordinators*

## **BAND REPORT**

The grandparents and band musicians both equally enjoyed Grandparents' Day. The band children love playing to an audience and there is no better audience than doting grandparents! It's wonderful to see music bringing people of all ages together.

The hard working band students enjoyed a mystery breakfast as a small token of appreciation for all their hard work during the year. Thanks to Jenny McNaughton for organizing this event.

Please watch out for upcoming notes for the Galston District Eisteddford and return them as soon as possible. Training Band compete on Wednesday, 28th October and Concert Band on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Next Band Committee Meeting is Thursday, 17 September at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

*Sue Lack*  
*Band Committee*

## CANTEEN NEWS

We wanted to say an enormous thank you for all the support we have been shown lately. To everyone who helped with the Fathers' Day Stall and then turned up or baked only a day later for Grandparents' Day, we really appreciate you and the time that you volunteered to us.

Return of the SLUSHY. As most of you will already be aware, we have plugged in the slushy machine...very popular. We think that you should also know though that Whittys have modified the ingredients used in their slushy liquids.

**"SLUSHA"** (they have a new name) now contain no artificial colours or flavours and have no added sugar. Please come and see us if you have any concerns.

**SLUSHA'S ARE NOW \$1.50**



## **Red Food Day - 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Twice a term the canteen are allowed to sell items that don't normally fit within our guidelines - lollies, cakes, etc.-foods that are too high in sugars or too low in fibre. We have only had time for one so far this year, so due to student demand we will be having a

**"PARTY EXTRAVAGANZA"**

on

**TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER**

- bring along some small change.

Finally, please remember that the **CANTEEN IS CLOSED FOR CLEANING** on the last day of term.

*Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey*  
*Canteen Supervisors*

## **SAMUEL GILBERT AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OOSH)**

Vacation Care will be operating during the next school holidays from Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Activities include movies, bowling, bushwalking, technology and drama. The cost is \$30 per day plus excursion costs. For bookings please contact the Centre on 9899 2729.

*Lesley Soper*  
*OOSH Coordinator*

## **MISS CASSIE'S DANCE CAMP**

Miss Cassie is running  
a Dance Camp  
at her newly built dance studios



The Camp will run on  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**October**  
from 9.00am to 5.00pm

Classes include  
Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Acrobatics, Drama/Singing,  
Modern/Contemporary, Musical Theatre,  
Breakdance, stretching and strengthening

All this for only **\$30 per day**

Venue address is  
Unit 10, 155 Glendenning Road, Glendenning.  
Only 12 minutes from Castle Hill just off the M7.

Please book your position now by ringing  
Cassie on 0412 929 924.

## **OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- **Castle Hill Softball Club** is still taking registrations for summer **Softball**. Come and play and with a friendly locally based club this summer. We need a few more girls and boys for tee-ball aged 6-9 years old and boys aged 10-15 years old for softball. All games played at the same time, same location every week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October. For more information contact **Natalie Blanning** on 0411 286 308, [castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au](mailto:castlehillsoftball@yahoo.com.au)
- **Gazelles Netball Club's** registration day is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Now is the time to start thinking about getting some friends together for the 2010 season! We train at the netball courts in Coolong Street (off Parsonage Rd) in Castle Hill. All games are played out at the netball complex in Wellgate Ave, Kellyville on Saturday mornings during the season. Please see our website for further information, including Fun Net for 5-7 year olds. Registrations will only be taken after 24 October to fill any vacancies so please register on time if you are interested in playing in 2010. We have many players from Samuel Gilbert Public School and surrounding schools and welcome players with or without experience. Please call Leanne Marcer on 9659 0967, email [registra@gazellenetballclub.org.au](mailto:registra@gazellenetballclub.org.au) or visit our website [www.gazellenetballclub.org.au](http://www.gazellenetballclub.org.au) for further information.

- **Hills Touch** - Get fit and play Touch at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills. Boys, Girls and Mixed from U8 to U16 years. Juniors start 24<sup>th</sup> September - Seniors start 22-24 September. To register call 0433 766 655 or register online at [www.touchfootball.com.au](http://www.touchfootball.com.au)
- **Northern District Cricket Club and Sportspro** are holding a Cricket Clinic from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October at Waitara Oval for 6-13 year olds from 9.00-3.00 at \$255 for 3 days or \$105 per day. For more information ring Sportspro office on 9453 1451 or [info@sportspro.com.au](mailto:info@sportspro.com.au)
- **Single With Children** is a non-profit social group that provides fun and exciting social activities every week specifically for single parents and their children. It is a great way to meet or make new friends in your area. For your free copy of our social calendar contact us on 1300 300 496 or check out the website at [www.singlewithchildren.com.au](http://www.singlewithchildren.com.au)
- **North West Community College and Baulkham Hills Holroyd Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre** is holding a free workshop for skilled migrants to Develop Your Skills in Resume Preparation, Interview Presentation and Getting Local Work Experience. The workshop is being held at Castle Glen Community Centre, Ridgecrop Drive, Castle Hill on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 10.00-2.00pm. For more information ring 9899 5163.



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