



SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Education Week - Open Day:

We were very grateful that the rain held off for us last Friday. Thank you to the many parents who joined us to celebrate Education Week at Samuel Gilbert Public School. The boys and girls performed wonderfully. I hope you enjoyed the morning's activities and had an opportunity to visit both classrooms and Book Fair.

Thank you to all the work done by teachers to make this such a success and special thanks to the Canteen for organising a fantastic morning tea.

Book Fair:

Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who used this opportunity to purchase some quality books for your children. A large amount of books were sold. Thank you Mrs Bridie for all your work and to the parents that helped with the Book Fair. Also a special thank you to the 47 families that purchased a book or books and donated it back to our school Library. 63 books were donated to the Library. This is a wonderful gesture - thank you.

Fete Mufti Day:

We all enjoyed the Mufti Day yesterday. A large number of items were donated for our school Fete, they filled 4 large moving boxes. This is a wonderful start to our Fete organisations. The SRC met yesterday to discuss themes for our coming two mufti days.

Read for Life:

Thank you again to the many families that donated preloved books for this wonderful cause. Your donated books have been delivered to Stewart House and are now being distributed to children right across the State. Thank you again.

P&C Trivia Night:

We enjoyed a terrific night of fun and frivolity on Saturday night. It may have been cold and wet but the school hall was full of laughter and very noisy parents, teachers and friends. Well done to the 'Pirates' who beat the teachers by half a point to be champions for 2009. Thank you Tracy Imber and team for organising such a great night.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE HELPERS: Nicole Clifford will be organising the chocolates for the Chocolate Drive on Friday. She would really appreciate a few helpers from 12.00noon in Burragalii.

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).



Smoking is not permitted on school grounds

Area Cross Country Carnival:

All the very best to the students from Samuel Gilbert representing us as part of the Castle Hill Zone Team next Wednesday.

School Athletics Carnival - Years 2 to 6:

This carnival is quickly approaching. Notes and information should be sent home today. Please keep an eye out -

Date: **Monday, 22nd June**

Venue: Alfred Whaling Reserve, Roxborough Park, Baulkham Hills.

Traffic Concerns:

(1) **Kiss & Drop** - On a fairly regular basis I am receiving complaints from the residents of Knightsbridge Estate who find it difficult, if not impossible, to drive on Ridgescrop Drive in the afternoon. Parents, I ask that when queuing for the Kiss & Drop that you stop short of the school driveway and crossing to allow traffic in and out of the school and through the crossing.

(2) **Parking** - I have also received complaints from the Castle Glen Preschool about parents who park in the Preschool car park at the beginning and end of the day and during special events at the school. Please remember that this is a private parking area for the clients of the Preschool.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Assembly Performances:

Week 7 - Thursday, 11th June - 1D and 5J

Week 9 - Thursday, 28th June - KS and 5S

Calendar:

WEEK 7

Monday, 8/6 - Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

Tuesday, 9/6 - Year 6 Digi Ed

Wednesday, 10/6 - Area Cross Country
- UNSW Science Test

WEEK 8

Monday, 15/6 - P&C 5 cent Collection Day

Tuesday, 16/6 - School Photos

Wednesday, 17/6 - Year 1 Excursion

Thursday, 18/6 - Planetarium

Friday, 19/6 - Planetarium

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

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

Friday, 10/7 - last day of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday, 27/7 - Staff Development Day

Tuesday, 28/7 - Students return.

Working Bee:

I have decided to postpone the Term 2 Working Bee. I am anticipating considerable building and maintenance work around the school over the coming months and can't guarantee which part of the school may be 'affected' by workmen. Once things have settled down we will reschedule another working bee.

In its place we are asking for any parents (adults only) with a gurney who could come and support the school with some cleaning of paths and bricks for an hour or so.

Date: **Sunday, 28th June**

Time: 9.00am

A note will be sent home closer to the date.

Supervision of Stages:

Mrs Hart, Relieving Assistant Principal, will be supervising Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) in Ms Spencer's absence.

Mrs Evans, Relieving Assistant Principal, will be supervising Kindergarten until the end of the term.



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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.

P&C Meeting:

Tuesday, 9th June in the Staffroom
Starting 7.30pm
All welcome.

Wishing all families a wonderful long weekend.

Andrew Bowmer

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Education Week 2009 - thank you to all parents and grandparents who took the time to visit the school last Friday, the students enjoyed displaying their work and musical talents. I would like to acknowledge the talented students who volunteered to perform musical solos - Cameron, Sebastian, Jack, Brooke, Sam H., Sam L. and Georgia .

Special thank you to the Canteen staff and all the helpers for providing the warm coffee on such a cold and wet day.

School Photos - will be taken on Tuesday, 16th June. A note is coming home today detailing all the arrangements, which are the same as last year. For any inquiries please contact me at the school.

UNSW Competitions - next Wednesday, 10th June, we will be holding the Science Competition between 3:15 and 4:00pm. It is important for parents to let After School Care know if their child is attending the competition. If your child catches the bus please ensure that alternative arrangements are in place for collection after the competition is over.

Channel 9 Weather Cadets - Samuel Gilbert Public School has been approached to send in a class photo for the Channel 9 Weather Cadet segment on the 6:00pm evening news. The date for your calendar will be Monday, 22nd June.

Donna Harris



HAIRHOUSE WAREHOUSE

Shop 208, Castle Towers Shopping

Centre, Castle Hill, Phone - 9234 1277

STUDENT INJURY INSURANCE

Unfortunately accidents occur to our children despite the best efforts of the school. To assist parents with the associated costs of an injury the P&C has organised Student Injury Insurance for 2009 to cover parents for out of pocket expenses not covered by Medicare and private health insurance.

The insurance covers students while they are at school or outside school on excursions organized by the school. The policy offers a lump sum benefit for most injuries and covers reimbursement of other expenses. The cover includes dental and non medical expenses such as emergency transport, bed care, tuition costs, clothing and sporting equipment.

A brochure, Product Disclosure Statement and Application form are located on the school website for parents wishing to make a claim.

Allan White & Jackie Coleman
P&C Committee

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

We are still out of stock of a few items. We have placed orders with the suppliers, however they are experiencing some delays. As the stock arrives, backorders will be filled accordingly.

The Uniform Shop will be trialling a new service system from next week. If you could please take a number from the corkboard at the front door you will be served accordingly.

Leisa Whiteside & Sally Birthisel
Uniform Shop Coordinators

FROM THE CANTEEN

An enormous thank you to everyone, particularly the Canteen Committee, who helped with the Education Week morning tea last week. I know everyone on the day appreciated being able to get a hot cuppa and something delicious to eat.

As many of you know Knightsbridge IGA allow the Canteen to use our FREQUENT SHOPPER VOUCHERS on fresh fruit, veggies and deli items. Anyone may use our number, 3058, and the points simply accumulate on our account.

All vouchers should be held at IGA for either Jenelle or myself to collect, if however you are given one please bring it into the Canteen.

Finally the Canteen has been asked to cater for the Regional Cross Country so if anyone could lend a hand for an hour or so to help make lunches on the morning of Wednesday, 10th June we would really appreciate it.

Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey
Canteen Supervisors

FROM THE LIBRARY

First of all I would like to thank all the teachers and parents for their help and support last week during our **Jurassic Book Fair**. Over \$13,500 of books were sold altogether, a very good result for both Scholastic Australia and Samuel Gilbert Public School. In particular I would like to thank the kind parents and teachers who donated books to our school Library. This year 63 books were donated by SGPS families. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and I've had many queries from little people already, as to when these books will be ready for borrowing!!

Special thanks must go to the following parents who gave time to come and assist with the Book Fair: Andra, Imhal, Barbara, Julie, Sherrina, Cheryl, Wendy, Leisanne, Maria, Moira, Antonia, Lauren, Diane, Clara, Karen, Karen, and Kim. These parents did a tremendous job and their help was invaluable. Thank you again, ladies. I couldn't have done it without you!

Heartfelt appreciation goes to the following Staff members for assisting with the setting up, the sales and the packing up of the Book Fair: Sue Bell, Barbara Campbell, Lyn Elliott, Elizabeth Evans, Donna Harris, Liz Mannile, Karen Marcolin, Louise McLeod, Cheryl Nelson, Rachael Patti, Katrina Richmond, Ingrid Samuels, Brigida Smith, Monica Van Loon and Mark Yendle. A very special thank you goes to Grace who accompanied her Mum and helped with the big job of packing up on Friday afternoon.

If I have accidentally left anyone out, please forgive me. Overall, a very successful Book Fair - the result of a fabulous team effort!

Deidre Bridie
Teacher Librarian

STEWART HOUSE NEWS

Your child has recently brought home a **Stewart House** Bag to be filled with unwanted clothing or

household items; tablecloths, curtains etc, that are not needed anymore. This is the first Clothing Appeal for **Stewart House** for 2009. All bags need to be returned to school by Monday 15th June. Thank you for your support.

Deidre Bridie & Jutta Smith
Charities Committee

BAND REPORT

The Concert Band helped to set the positive and happy atmosphere on Friday last week to launch the Samuel Gilbert School Open Day. It is always nice to listen to our talented band playing their music.

On Saturday, 13th June the Concert Band is entered into the Yamaha Music Festival. It is anticipated that we will have 100% attendance. The band is a team effort and every member is important to the overall sound. Please use the friendship list to share driving if you are finding it difficult to transport your child. We are looking forward to a great performance.

On Tuesday, 16th June the bands are having their school band photos. Please wear correct uniform and bring your instruments. The Training Band photo will be first during the band session and the Concert Band photo will be at 8.20am. Please be here on time.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently passed AMEB exams.

Chris	Grade 2	Clarinet
Rebecca	Grade 2	Flute
Sam H.	Grade 2	Trumpet
Sam L.	Grade 3	Alto Saxophone

Well done!

If there are other students who have completed AMEB exams please let me know via the band box so your achievements can be acknowledged.

The next Band Meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd July at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

Sue Lack
Band Committee



REPORT FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Trivia Night on Saturday night was a great success with the Pirates plundering the mad teachers (aka hatters) by half a point. A great night was had by all and in the process we were able to raise over \$1000. Thanks Tracey Imber and Debbie Vumbaca for organising such a great night! To Mr Yendle who relished in his new role of MC, we greatly appreciate your voluntary contribution and promise to be better behaved next year!!!

We have found a printer for our Fete flyers with Tracy Lowe (a KR mum) from Content Communications kindly offering to donate the printing. Thanks Tracy this has resulted in a huge saving for the Fete and, therefore, additional resources that the P&C is able to provide for the school.

A Fete meeting for Stall Coordinators was held on Tuesday night, and everybody has a very positive outlook towards the Fete. We still need more helpers for the day so if you can volunteer for an hour or two on a stall please talk to one of the Stall Coordinators or contact me, either through the School, or drop me a line at donna@unwired.com.au.

With the upcoming building work likely to damage any working bee improvements it has been decided to change the next working bee into a dads' (or mums') "pressure cleaning day". If you have a pressure cleaner and a couple of hours on Sunday, 28th June please register your availability at the school or drop me a line.

A new innovative 5 cent fundraiser is underway. Children are encouraged to save all your pesky 5 cent pieces and bring them to school on the advertised dates through until the end of the year. The class raising the most will be rewarded with a special treat at the end of the year.

Thanks to 3/4T who raised the most money for the Golden Circle Fun Run (our Cross Country). All of the children were this week rewarded with a special treat from the Canteen in appreciation of their outstanding efforts.

Finally I hope to see you all at next week's P&C meeting on Tuesday, 9th June, 7.30 pm in the Staffroom.

Allan White

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- The Hills Community Aid and Information Service Inc run a support group for grandparents in full-time care of their grandchildren. The group meets in Baulkham Hills every fortnight at 390 Windsor Road. Come and enjoy a relaxed chat and a cuppa with people in the same situation. For more information please ring Christian Tancred on 9639 8620.



Guardian

KNIGHTSBRIDGE PHARMACY

OPEN 7 DAYS
MON-FRI 8:30AM-7:00PM
SATURDAY 8:30AM-4:00PM
SUNDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM
PH: 96803252 FAX: 98948401

KNIGHTSBRIDGE MEDICAL CENTRE
INSIDE THE PHARMACY
"COMPLETE HEALTH SERVICES"
BULK BILLING
OPEN 6 DAYS
MON-FRI 9:00AM-6:30PM
SATURDAY 9:00AM-1:00PM