



SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Zone Swimming Carnival:

Well done to our wonderful swimmers, who completed so brilliantly at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Samuel Gilbert won the Carnival. A special thank you to the many parents who braved rain and blackouts to support the students and all the teachers who organised the Carnival or helped on the Finals Night.

Life Education:

The Life Education program finished last Friday. Thank you for your support of this program.

Special Canteen Day:

What a wonderfully green St Patrick's Day! Lots of lovely food at the Canteen! Thank you to the Canteen and their helpers for a terrific Treat Day.

Harmony Day:

We celebrated Harmony Day yesterday. It was terrific to see all the orange around our playground. Students worked in class groups to produce a harmony collage of a dove. These will be displayed in the hall.

Parent/Teacher Interviews/Discussions:

Thank you to the Kindergarten parents who attended our Parent/Teacher Discussion last week. For Years 1 to 6 students these will be held in two weeks time. Request for interview/discussion times should be returned by now. Confirmation notes will (if not already) be sent home next week. We look forward to meeting with you.

Cross Country/Run-A-Thon:

Our School Cross Country runs will be held in approximately 2 weeks time:

Kinder and Year 1 - Friday, 3rd April at 11.15am

Years 2 to 6 - Monday, 6th April at 9.15am

The P&C are having a fundraiser in conjunction with these cross country runs. A Golden Circle Run-A-Thon. The students will not be doing a second run/race. The Cross Country is the Run-A-Thon.

The P&C are encouraging students to gain sponsorship for being involved in the Cross Country. More money raised the larger the prize. Details and sponsorship forms should have been sent home today.

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

Read for Life Reminder:

Just a reminder that we are collecting books (in good condition) for 'Read For Life'. Literacy is one of the greatest gifts that we can give. To support underprivileged children with their reading helps to empower them to make life choices that can change their circumstances and future prospects. For many children the lack of outside reading material is one of their major hurdles. We will be distributing these books in partnership with Stewart House.

Please send suitable picture books to early teen books to the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Vocal Ensemble:

It was my very great pleasure to accompany the Vocal Ensemble and C and L to Hopetoun Retirement Village yesterday. The students performed for the retirees and enjoyed lunch and some activities. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in some community service and help celebrate both Harmony Day and Seniors Week.

Thank you Irene for coordinating the day.

Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done!

Working Bee:

Date - Sunday, 29th March

Time - 9.00am to approximately 12 noon.

Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help. We are looking forward to a great mornings work.

Calendar:

WEEK 9

Stage 3 Camp and Excursion -

Year 5 students will be enjoying three fantastic days at The Great Aussie Bush Camp next Wednesday to Friday.

At the same time Year 6 will be enjoying three very educational days in Canberra. I will be attending the Year 6 excursion to Canberra. I am sure that both activities will be a huge success.

SUNDAY, 29/3 - WORKING BEE

WEEK 10

Monday, 30/3 - Years 1/2 Parent/Teacher

Discussion 1.30-5.00pm

Tuesday, 31/3 - Years 3/4 Parent/Teacher

Discussion 1.30-5.00pm

Wednesday, 1/4 - Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher

Discussion 3.30-7.30pm

Thursday, 2/4 - Years 5/6 Parent/Teacher

Discussion 1.30-5.00pm

Friday, 3/4 - Winter PSSA Tryouts

- K/1 Cross Country Carnival

- Band Workshop 3.00pm

WEEK 11

Monday, 6/4 - Year 2-6 Cross Country

Tuesday, 7/4 - Easter Hat Parade

Wednesday, 8/4 - Year 1 Excursion

Thursday, 9/4 - ANZAC Service

- Easter Scripture Service

Friday, 10/4 - Good Friday - School Holidays

Term 2 Dates:

Please note -

- Monday, 27th April is scheduled as an ANZAC Day school holiday. This is not a public holiday but is a school holiday.
- Tuesday, 28th April - Teachers only return as Staff Development Day.
- Wednesday, 29th April - Students return to school.

Andrew Bowmer

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

School Attendance:

Last week the Home School Liaison Officer (H.S.L.O.) checked all school rolls and expressed concern regarding the number of students regularly 5-10 minutes late to school.

If your child is late for school you need to accompany them to the office to explain their absence.



Although sometimes unavoidable, lateness due to sleeping in or traffic congestion is not considered an acceptable reason for a partial absence.

The roll, as a legal document, will reflect this!

If your child is absent, you are required to write a note within 7 days explaining why your child missed school on a specific day. If your child is going to be away for more than 3 days, please call the school to let the class teacher know. You will still need to provide a written explanation once your child returns to school.

Supervision of students:

We have an increasing number of students arriving at school well before 8:25am and being collected well after the 2:55pm end of the school day. It is important for parents to understand that playground supervision doesn't commence until 8:25am each morning and although there are usually teachers at school they are attending meetings or preparing for the day and are not actively on duty.

If children are attending Band or Dance lessons it is important for parents to wait with their child until their instructor arrives.

Expression of Interest forms for placement into Year 7 in 2010:

These forms were distributed to all Year 6 students last week. These forms need to be completed and returned on or before Friday, 27th March. Please be aware that Year 6 students will be away on their Canberra excursion on that day, so please ensure that the completed forms have been returned prior to the students leaving for their excursion.

Parent/Teacher Sessions:

Just a reminder that all requests for Parent/Teacher sessions are due by Friday, 20th March (that is this coming Friday).

UNSW Competition:

These notes went out to all students in Years 3-6 earlier this week. Although these competitions do not take place until next term, student details need to be entered by the end of Term 1. Your prompt response to the notes would be appreciated as no late entries can be taken.

Volunteers Required:

Throughout the year the school is planning to implement a range of social skills programs. If you are interested in assisting and have a little spare time, please contact me at the school. Some training will be provided.

Donna Harris

SPORTS REPORT

Samuel Gilbert Public School Swim Team wins the Zone Carnival!

Zone Swimming Carnival:

Congratulations to all Swim Team members for winning the Castle Hill Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival.

Last Monday and Tuesday night saw many Samuel Gilbert students represent us at the Zone Carnival. All students swam very well with many swimming personal bests. A special thank you to Mrs Hart who was our Team Manager at this Carnival.

Zone Representation:

Congratulations to the students who represented the school in the Castle Hill Zone for Swimming, Basketball, Cricket and Rugby League (12 years)

Area Representation:

Some students have now gone one step further and will represent the Sydney West Area. We congratulate them and wish them well as they compete against children in the other 12 Regions in NSW at State Carnivals.



HAIRHOUSE WAREHOUSE

Shop 208, Castle Towers Shopping

Centre, Castle Hill, Phone - 9234 1277

Winter PSSA Sports:

Winter PSSA trials will be held on Friday of week 9. This is the first of two trials held for Winter PSSA sport.

Winter sports are Netball, Newcombe Ball, Rugby League, Soccer and AFL. All sports are open to both boys and girls in Years 3 to 6.

Unfortunately it is not possible to accommodate all children who wish to be in a PSSA team. Once again the Year 3 students will be given the opportunity to try out for a PSSA team. Year 3 students who are turning 8 or 9 will be competing for positions in junior teams against students who are turning 10 this year.

It is anticipated that a very small number of Year 3 students, the more gifted sportspersons, would make a team.

Cross Country Carnivals:

The Kinder and Year 1 Carnival will be held on the school oval and students will compete on a modified course. This carnival will be coordinated by Mrs McLeod.

The Year 3-6 Cross Country Carnival will be held on the school oval and Castle Glen oval on the last Monday of Term 1, 9th April. Years 3-6 as well as Year 2 students who are turning 7 years old this year will be competing on this course. Juniors - Year 2 who are 7 and 8, 9 and 10 year olds will run the 2.5km course.

Seniors - 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run the 3.5km course.

This Carnival will be organised by Mrs Johnson and Mrs Marcolin.

Eileen Tudor, Sports Coordinator

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Our first major fundraiser of the year has begun. Attached to the end of this newsletter is a note regarding the Entertainment Books. For those who have used these voucher books before you will know the great value and savings contained in them. For those of you who have not tried these books previously I urge you to consider purchasing one. I know that many of you will be thinking that money is tight at the moment, but that is exactly why you should invest in a book, you will find it to be a great investment, which pays for itself many times over. I know that we never go out without ours, and our savings over the year would be at

least \$1,000. So, to invest in your Entertainment Book contact Emily at kollers@bigpond.com.

Don't forget that we have scheduled the first 2009 **Working Bee on Sunday, 29th March**. Many hands make light work and if you could please spare a few hours from 9.00am onwards, together we can really make a difference to the school grounds. It would be nice to see some new faces this time to help out the regulars; it's a rewarding morning's work and a good opportunity to also meet other families within the school.

Allan White

FROM THE CANTEEN

Thank you so much to everyone who showed an interest in our St Patrick's Day Special Food Day. Whether you helped with cooking, volunteered on the day or simply sent in some extra coins for your children to spend, we appreciate everyone's continued support.

Judy Naudi and Jenelle Lockrey

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

At the beginning of next term we will be holding one of our nicest fundraisers for the year, the Mothers' Day Stall. Each year a lot of work goes into the preparation for this event and so we are calling for anyone who would like to become involved.

If you are interested please ring either (or come and see me in the Canteen) or Donna

BAND REPORT

Band Camp - Wednesday, 6th May to Thursday, 7th May:

Thank you to all band families who have returned their band camp forms so promptly. There are a few outstanding forms which need to be returned as soon as possible. Camp preparations are well under way. The camp promises to be two days filled with lots of music and fun.

Term 1 Workshop - Friday, 3rd April 3-6pm:

Notes for the Term 1 Workshop on Friday, 3rd April will be distributed soon. The Workshop will commence with a delicious afternoon tea. This will be followed by tutorial and band sessions. The Workshop will finish with an instrument maintenance lecture to show all families how to care for their instruments.

Keep practicing your band music at home. The bands are sounding great!

The next band meeting will be on Thursday, 2nd April at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Sue Lack

Band Committee

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- **Baulkham Hills AFL Falcons** - are running some free after school Footy Clinics at Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Baulkham Hills on Thursday nights from 4-5.30pm on 19/3, 26/3 and 5/4. For more information contact Greg Nance on 0431 288 980.
- **Baulkham Hills Sporting Club Netball** - is trying to fill vacancies in 8, 9, 10 & 11 years. Training at Ted Horwood Reserve and Saturday games at Kellyville Netball Complex (competition starts 28th March). For more information ring Vivienne on 9620 4645.
- **Castle Hill United Soccer Club** - is looking for girls under 10, 12, 14 and 16 years to play Soccer in the Winter competition. Training is at Fred Caterson Reserve and games played on a Sunday. For further information please contact Colin McGowan on 0407 218 970.
- **Ladies Netball** - Social, friendly netball is played by ladies of all abilities at Gooden Reserve Baulkham Hill on Saturday afternoons commencing 28th March. For further information please contact Deanna Moore 9896 3631.
- **Oakhill College 1984 Reunion** - A reunion has been planned for former Oakhill College students 'Class of 1984' to be held in the Centenary Sports Centre, Oakhill College at Castle Hill on 4th April at 7.00pm. Please contact Kerrie O'Leary at koleary@oakhill.nsw.edu.au for information.



Guardian

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\$55

Dear Parents,

16th March, 2009

Early next term the P&C will be sending home an Entertainment Book to each family at Samuel Gilbert. These books contain vouchers for restaurants, accommodation, entertainment and sporting activities, and so much more. The Parramatta books are \$55 and the Sydney and Sydney North Editions are \$65 each. \$11 of each book goes to the school to raise funds for us to make improvements within the school.

At the moment I am taking pre-orders for the Entertainment Books. These pre-ordered books will be picked up on the 8th of April and hopefully sent home on the 9th of April. If you would like to pre-order a book you will also get a bonus certificate. These **pre-ordered books** will need to be **paid for by Tuesday the 7th April**. An order form is below. Please send it in to the school with payment before 7th April.

If you do not pre-order the book, it will be sent home early next term. We ask that you look through the book and if you would like to purchase it that you send payment in to the school as soon as possible. If you do not want the book, we kindly ask that you send the book back to school. If you do not want the book, maybe you know someone who **would** like it. Asking family and friends is a good way to sell the book for the school to help us raise much needed funds.

This year we are asking that if you **do not** want the Entertainment Book sent home, that you return the slip below. If the slip is not returned a book **will** be sent home and either payment of the book or return of the book will be required.

Thank you for considering purchasing an Entertainment Book. They are worth the money and if you only use 2 or 3 of the vouchers in the book it would be worthwhile. There are big savings to be had.

Thank you,
Emily Koller, Samuel Gilbert Public School P&C

ORDERS RECEIVED BEFORE 31st MARCH RECEIVE A BONUS OFFER CERTIFICATE WORTH OVER \$150
To order send in the slip below or contact: Emily Koller Phone: 0412 162672 or Email: kollers@bigpond.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Childs Name: _____ Childs Class: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ P/Code: _____

Email address: _____

I would like to order: ___ x Parramatta/Hills/Blue Mtns/Macarthur @ \$55 each (GST incl) = \$ _____
 ___ x Sydney North @ \$65 each (GST incl) = \$ _____
 ___ x Sydney @ \$65 each (GST incl) = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: = \$ _____

I would like to pay by: Cash Cheque madeout to '*Entertainment Publications*' _____
Or please charge my: Visa MasterCard

Credit Card No: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date: ____/____/____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

*Bonus Offer Certificates are subject to availability *Entertainment Books will be sent home on 9th April 2009

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class: _____

I **DO NOT** want an Entertainment Book sent home this year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____