



# SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Education Week Open Day:

It is wonderful that we can celebrate Education Week in Public Schools around the State.

Samuel Gilbert Public School will be celebrating with an open morning and grade performances next **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May.**

An invitation has been sent home today with all students outlining our program. Come along and join in the celebration.

#### State Representatives:

Congratulations to Jay who will be representing our State later this year as part of the State PSSA Basketball team playing in the National Championships.

This is a great achievement! Thank you families for supporting Jay in this endeavour through the Mufti Day today.

#### Zone Cross Country:

It was terrific being present at the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday. Our students performed wonderfully coming second overall to a very strong Castle Hill Public School team. Well done all runners for the exceptional efforts you put in on the gruelling run.

Thank you Mrs Marcolin and Mrs Johnson for your organisation and training of our team. Also thank you to the many parents who supported on the day.

#### Disco:

A wonderful night at our 3 Discos was had by all students last Friday night. Special thank you to the Year 6 Organising Committee and Mrs Smith and Mrs Hart for a terrific event.

#### Library Position:

Mrs Deidre Bridie was successful in gaining the position of Teacher Librarian at Samuel Gilbert Public School. Congratulations Mrs Bridie.

# 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**

### National Assessment Program (NAP):

The NAP testing for Years 3 and 5 was completed last week. This was a very large task for both teachers and students. Well done to all involved. Results should be available late Term 3.

### Workmen - Maintenance Programs:

Over the last week and into next week the teachers and students have hosted many workmen - painters, plumbers, builders etc. who have been busy undertaking various minor repair jobs.

### Assembly Performances:

Week 7 - 11<sup>th</sup> June - 1D and 5J

Week 9 - 25<sup>th</sup> June - KS and 5S

### Calendar:

#### **WEEK 5 - EDUCATION WEEK**

Wednesday, 27/5 - UNSW Computer Skills Test

Friday, 29/5 - Open Day and Performances  
- Book Fair - final day.

#### **WEEK 6**

Tuesday, 2/6 - Fete Meeting - briefing for all  
Stall Coordinators

Wednesday, 3/6 - Fete Mufti Day  
(State of Origin)

#### **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**

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

Sunday, 28/6 - Working Bee

*Andrew Bowmer*

### **MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY**

**Education Week 2009** will be celebrated across NSW from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Samuel Gilbert Public School will celebrate Education Week on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May with a concert, a book fair and open classrooms. More information is contained in this newsletter and invitations will be coming home at the end of the week. Please take the time to join with your child and celebrate their achievements.

**Lost Property** - The Duplicating Room is overflowing with jackets, hats and other items of school uniform that students have misplaced over the past weeks. If your child has misplaced or lost an item of clothing please encourage them to visit the lost property boxes and see whether any of the items belong to them.

Unfortunately many items do not have names so unless they are claimed by the end of Term 1 these items will be given to the Uniform Shop for resale. With the very changeable weather we are experiencing at the moment it is timely to remind all families to ensure that they have their names on all articles of uniform.

**Northern Sydney Enrichment Day** - On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May a number of very talented Year 3 & Year 4 students participated in enrichment activities across the Region. The workshops offered to the students included Technology, Track & Field, Art, Mathematics, Science, Philosophy, Dance, Cartooning and Biodiversity. From all reports the day was extremely enjoyable and provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to explore their particular interests and talents.

**Staff Carpark** - May I please remind and encourage all parents to use the Kiss & Drop area provided at the front of the school. As you may be aware there are many trade vehicles entering and exiting from the school car park throughout the day which poses a safety concern for students if they walking from the car park.



**MindQuest 2009** - Brochures for the MindQuest program 2009 can be collected from my office, information about the MindQuest program is contained in the newsletter.

*Donna Harris*

#### **EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY 2009**

The Principal, staff and students of Samuel Gilbert Public School are delighted to invite all parents to Education Week Open Day - Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and for students to showcase their work.

Open Day Concert commences in the lower courtyard at 8.50am. Classrooms will be open between 9.30-11.00am. Tea and coffee will be available from the Canteen (gold coin donation).

Parents can order lunches through the Canteen - orders need to be placed by 9.00am.

Invitations and further information will be coming home in the next few days.

#### **P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Trivia Night is now only a week away, on Saturday night 30<sup>th</sup> May, so if you haven't yet organised a table, contact Tracy Imber on 0418 477 571 or [tracy311@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tracy311@bigpond.net.au). I am sure she will be able to squeeze another table or two in; it will be a fun night with some great prizes on offer.

As part of bringing the Uniform Shop into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we need to set up a laptop computer with a point of sale system which ties into stock, and customer records. If you are able to help with the supply, or installation, of either of these, please contact Leisa Whiteside in the Uniform Shop, or on 0417 696 673.

Don't forget we are still looking for a printer or a company to sponsor the cost of printing the advertising flyers for this year's Fete. Last year's donor has unfortunately left the school, so we are

looking to fill the void. Possibly you may own a business and wish to help or you may work for a business who may like to support our school. In return we will provide recognition on the flyer with a circulation of 7500 homes in the Hills District. If you can help in any way please contact me, either through the School, or drop me a line at [donna@unwired.com.au](mailto:donna@unwired.com.au).

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Trivia Night.

*Allan White*

#### **FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst in the Uniform Shop at the moment. We are still exceptionally busy so your understanding is much appreciated. Remember that you can download the current order form from the schools website and drop it in at the front office if you need anything. Order Forms are also available through the Uniform Shop or from the lovely ladies at the Front Office.

We are still out of stock of a few items and we apologise for any inconvenience. Orders are currently with the suppliers and we should have stock by the end of next week.

We are hoping to have the Jumpers delivered to children by the end of next week. The reason for the hold-up was a supplier issue and we apologise for the delay.

For those who ordered the Tracksuits, we hope you are happy with your purchase. The kids must like them as we have had additional requests for them, however we only have very limited stock. We can't stock this item in the shop so once we have sold the remaining stock on hand, no more tracksuits will be available for purchase until we do another Pre-order Form in Term 1 of 2010.

Thanks to everyone who donated old style uniforms to our Bushfire Appeal. We are hoping to have the stock sent to Victoria by the end of next week.

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



## **HAIRHOUSE WAREHOUSE**

### **Shop 208, Castle Towers Shopping**

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

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you so much to everyone for their continued support of the Mother's Day Stall. We managed to raise approximately \$2,300 this year which was an amazing effort. Thank you to those who helped make, set up and sell on the stall and to all the families who sent money with their children.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Please make sure that you are using your new Winter Menu. A few prices have changed so please check.

We are also now stocking a "Gluten Free" bread so please make sure that you write this very clearly on your lunch order if you would like this option.

Next week is Education Week and morning tea will be available from the Canteen during the Open Day on Friday. Parent lunch orders will be available from the Canteen on the day. Please ensure any orders have been lodged at the Canteen by **9.00am** on Friday morning.

Our next Canteen Committee meeting will be held on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May in the Canteen from 1.00pm for 1.30pm in the Staffroom.

**Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey**  
**Canteen Supervisors**

## JUNK FOOD ADS

Fed up with junk food ads targetting your kids? Children see around 10 food ads on television every day, and almost two-thirds of these are for unhealthy foods. This means children see around 18 hours of junk food ads per year - the equivalent of three full school days! When one in four Australian children are obese or overweight, why do we continue to allow advertising of unhealthy food to children? Add your voice to our campaign - go to [www.burgercorp.com.au](http://www.burgercorp.com.au) and tell Minister Roxon that you, like 9 out of 10 parents, support a ban on advertising of unhealthy foods when children are watching television.

## BAND REPORT

As anticipated the annual Band Camp was a great success. The parents enjoyed a fantastic concert on Thursday night highlighting the music the students had been working on during the camp workshops.

Many thanks to our teachers, Cathie Barclay, Janet Davis, Lyn Elliott and Eileen Tudor and our camp coordinator, Lyn Lambert.

Notes will be coming out next week for an upcoming eisteddfod for the Concert Band. Please return them promptly.

Congratulations to the students who have already passed AMEB exams and good luck to those who will be completing them over the next few weeks. I will list all your successes in the next newsletter - please let me know of your result including your name, instrument and grade via the band box.

The next Band meeting will be Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm.

**Sue Lack**  
**Band Committee**

## FROM THE LIBRARY

**The BOOK FAIR has arrived!!!**

It has a **JURASSIC** theme this year which is sure to capture the attention of many keen readers at Samuel Gilbert.

Our annual Book Fair will be held this year from **Friday, 22nd May** through to **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May**, which is Samuel Gilbert's Open Day to celebrate **Education Week**. The Book Fair will be held in the school **Library**.

Students from all classes will have the opportunity to view and browse through the books available for purchase, during their **Library lessons on Friday of Week 4 and throughout Week 5**.

Students and their parents will be able to purchase quality books from Scholastic Book Fairs at a variety of times.

**A special purchasing time will be held for KE, KM, KR, KS, 1D and 1S after school until 4.00pm on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May** if accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. **Please note that this special purchasing time is only available to those children who have Library classes on this day.**

Students will be able to **buy** from the **Book Fair** at the following times throughout next week- Week 5.

- Before school from **8:25-9:30am**
- During their **allocated Library time**
- At lunch time
- After school on **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>** until **4:00pm**
- After school on **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>** until **4:30pm**
- After school on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>** until **6:00pm**
- After school on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>** until **4:00pm**
- After school on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup>** until **3:30pm**

Thank you to all helpers who kindly volunteered their assistance during the Fair. I look forward to working with you at our **Jurassic Book Fair!**

*Deidre Bridie, Teacher Librarian*

### **SPORTS REPORT**

Congratulations to all the students that represented Samuel Gilbert at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. Unfortunately we didn't win the carnival this year but we did have some excellent results. Well done to all! The Zone team won the Handicap Trophy for the Carnival.

Congratulations to Jay for being selected into the NSW PSSA Basketball Team. This is the highest level of representation a student can reach in school sport. Jay will now attend the National Championships to be held at Newcastle later this year. Thank you to all the parents who supported the mufti day in aid of raising funds towards Jay's expenses.

Also congratulations to Jack who captained the Sydney West PSSA AFL Team at Broken Hill last week.

### **Athletics Carnival**

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. During class sport this term, Years 2 to 6 will be learning and practicing skills for the different track and field events. Towards the end of the term a number of children from each class group will qualify for the field events finals to be held at school in Week 10.

### **Rugby League Knockout**

Thank you to all the dads and mums who supported our team at the Parramatta Knockout Carnival. Under difficult circumstances the teams did us proud. Well done boys! Thank you to Ms Barclay for coordinating the day.

*Eileen Tudor*

*PSSA Sports Coordinator*

### **ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

On Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May our Zone Cross Country team competed at Masonic Oval. The results were as follows:

8/9 Boys Team	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
10 Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
11 Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

Overall we were placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The following competitors achieved these results:

8/9 Girls	Jacqueline	3 <sup>rd</sup>
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8/9 Boys	Josh	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Lachlan	5 <sup>th</sup>
10 Girls	Ally	4 <sup>th</sup>
10 Boys	Jordan	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Jacob	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Chase	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Jack	7 <sup>th</sup>
11 Girls	Sophie	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Jessica	4 <sup>th</sup>
12 Boys	Jay	2 <sup>nd</sup>

These children will compete at the Area Carnival at Castle Hill Showground on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

*Karen Marcolin & Marion Johnson*

*Cross Country Coordinators*

### **MINDQUEST 2009**

Quakers Hill High School, Lalor Road, Quakers Hill.

On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 the fiftieth *MindQuest* program will be held for gifted and talented primary students from Years 1-6 at Quakers Hill High School. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with well above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Most of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students' evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is \$150 (including GST).

Please call in to the school for a brochure of ring Shelagh Poray on 0245 731 139.

Closing date is Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

### **OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- Redcoats and Convicts - Hyde Park Barracks will once again ring to the sound of convict boots, red-coated guards and the firing of muskets as we bring to life some of its many characters. There will be free live demonstrations and activities in the Museum. Come and join us at the Hyde Park Barracks Museum at Queens Square, Macquarie Street, Sydney with general admission at \$10, children \$5 and family \$20.
- The Hills Community Aid and Information Service are running an introduction to Volunteering course which will help you to do effective community work and enjoy volunteering. The course is free on 28<sup>th</sup> May at Learning in the Hills. For more information please call 9639 8620.

- Learning in the Hills is conducting Yoga classes every Tuesday and Wednesday - 10-11.30am at Turner Buildings (4,5) Balcombe Heights Community Buildings, Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills. This is a gentle approach to Hatha Yoga with an accent on breath awareness and relaxation techniques. It costs \$60 per term. For further enquiries ring 9639 7918.
- 1-2-3 Magic (3-12 years old) presented by The Hills Family Centre - 5 weeks program to help children understand their emotions and behaviour to discipline without arguing. Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July from 10-12.00 at the Hills Family Centre, Showground Road, Castle Hill - cost \$60 - ring 9899 2944



The logo for Guardian Knightsbridge Pharmacy. It features a large, stylized "G" with a silhouette of a person running inside it, followed by the word "Guardian" in a large, serif font. Below this is the text "KNIGHTSBRIDGE PHARMACY" in a bold, sans-serif font. Further down, it lists "OPEN 7 DAYS" and the hours: "MON-FRI 8:30AM-7:00PM", "SATURDAY 8:30AM-4:00PM", and "SUNDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM". It also includes the phone number "PH: 96803252" and fax number "FAX: 98948401". Below that, it says "KNIGHTSBRIDGE MEDICAL CENTRE" and "INSIDE THE PHARMACY" in bold, sans-serif font, followed by "COMPLETE HEALTH SERVICES" in quotes, "BULK BILLING", "OPEN 6 DAYS", and the hours: "MON-FRI 9:00AM-6:30PM" and "SATURDAY 9:00AM-1:00PM". The entire advertisement is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.