



SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2010

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to the last term of what has been a very busy and somewhat changeable year!! I have attached a copy of the Term Planner. It is up to date at the time of printing but there may be some unavoidable changes as the term progresses. Please keep a close eye on the newsletter and the school website for up to date information and calendar changes.

Staffing Update: This term we welcome Mrs Karen Burgess to the Kindergarten team. We also welcome Miss Elaine Cater back three days a week. Miss Cater will provide additional support across the Stage 2 classes and Mrs Patti will continue to teach the students of 3C.

B.E.R. Update: There was much excitement and activity in the school grounds on Saturday morning with the arrival of one of Australia's largest cranes. The demountable classrooms were moved each as a whole unit in two stages firstly from their original location to behind the Kindergarten rooms and then to their new location for the next 6-8 months. The site manager informs me that there will be a regular newsletter distributed keeping the school community fully informed of the construction progress.



Special thanks to Ms Mannile and Mrs Bridie for vacating their classrooms to enable the students of 3J & 3C to start the term with minimal disruption.

Ray White Works

with Samuel Gilbert Public School

Kellie McKenzie 0416 328 677
Andrew McDermott 0410 598 397

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Ray White

Smoking is not permitted on school grounds

Connected Classroom:

The AV room has been painted and fitted with an Interactive Whiteboard and video conferencing facilities. This will enable our students to connect via direct video link with students across the state and allow for online field trips (eg to the State Library, The Great Barrier Reef).

Kindergarten Transition:

Our 2010 Kindergarten students have completed two out of the three transitions. We have experienced a significant increase in our Kindergarten enrolments for the start of 2010 - and at this stage we are expecting to start with 5 Kindergarten classes. I welcome these new and existing families to the school. If you know of families with Kindergarten children in our area who may not have contact with the school, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Student Audit:

A note requesting information from families who intend to or might be leaving the school at the end of 2009 was sent home to each family. This information is **vital** to assist with the planning of classes for the start of 2010.

This information will be treated **confidentially** and will only be known by **myself** until the last week of the school year. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Please note as a matter of urgency that the Fire Trail at the end of the staff car park is the main access route for the contractors working on the B.E.R. This access needs to be kept clear at all times! There have been a number of incidents already this term when this access has been blocked - PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE FIRE TRAIL OR IN THE CAR PARK.

P&C Annual General Meeting:

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th November at 7:30pm.

Donna Harris

FROM THE RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Kindergarten Transition to School Program:

An Information Evening for parents and two school visits have now been completed for our Kindergarten families of 2010. We conclude our Transition Program next Thursday with a Sausage Sizzle for Kindergarten 2009 and 2010 between 11:30 and 12:30pm. The Band will also be playing on this occasion and will be provided with a sausage sandwich and drink, so along with Kindergarten, they may leave their lunchbox at home that day. Please inform Kindergarten teachers of any food allergies.

A particular thank you to Sally, Leisa and Michael who spoke at this week's session sharing information about uniform, canteen and life at Samuel Gilbert from a parent's perspective. It is always wonderful to have our families gather together and share the excitement of becoming a part of the Samuel Gilbert community.

Galston District Eisteddfod:

This week our Vocal Ensemble and Band Groups headed off with much excitement to the Galston Eisteddfod. We were delighted to win both the K-2 and Primary Choral sections. A wonderful achievement by all students and teachers involved in the preparation of this performance. Well done! Mrs Davis accompanied the Training Band on Wednesday and I believe they played exceptionally, however we are still awaiting the results of this and the Concert Band sections.

NSW Mathematics Competition:

This year 109 students participated in the Mathematics Competition. Helen was awarded a High Distinction and is to be congratulated on this most excellent result. Breanna, Jack (Y3), Adam, Lachlan, Jack (Y4), Richard, Alexander (Y5), Cuan and Jeffrey (Y6) achieved Distinctions. Particular congratulations to these students but also to the 45 students receiving Credits and the 54 who achieved awards of Participation.



Active Boost:

This program runs after school each Thursday providing active games such as Oz Tag, Hockey, Cricket and Dodge Ball for students in Years 3-6. Costs are \$15.00 each week or \$70.00 for the term which will commence this week and conclude in Week 7. Please ring Anthony 0421 496 790 or visit activeboost.com.au for further information.

Enrichment:

On Wednesday, 4th November 6 students from Stage 3 will be participating in the North Sydney Region Day for Gifted and Talented students. Places for these courses are always heavily contested so not all of our nominations are offered places. We hope Harrison, Dylan, Zach, Sarah, Sam and Chris have a stimulating day.

Congratulations to Cloe of 1S who recently placed third in the Novice Section of the Junior Music Festival at Burwood. Cloe competed against 17 other pianists. Well done Cloe!

After School Care:

As Headstart will not be servicing Samuel Gilbert in 2010 we thought it may be helpful to parents to know that a new centre, "The Island", will be opening in Kellyville next year. "The Island" is a stand alone Before and After School Care Centre offering places for the Staff Development days at the end of Term 4 and commencement of Term 1, 2010. See advertisement in this newsletter, with leaflets available from the office.

Band Workshop and New Members for 2010:

A reminder that next Friday will be a workshop for both bands commencing at 3:00pm. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle for band members and their families and an evening performance between 6:30 and 7:30pm. All students and families hoping to join the band in 2010 are encouraged to come along and join our current band families for this performance.

School Swimming Scheme:

A reminder to Year 3 and 4 parents that notes to participate in the Swimming Scheme are now due. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older students who are not confident swimmers to develop the skills needed to enjoy water activities safely. Please consider taking advantage of these economical swimming lessons.

Cathie Barclay

SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to another very busy term of sport. The 2nd round of summer PSSA and school sport has started. Good luck to all participating and remember to have fun.

Good luck to Joshua who is representing Sydney West at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival tomorrow in the 9 years 100 metre event. Good luck and run fast!!!!

Congratulations to the following boys who have successfully gained selection into the Sydney West Water Polo team: William, Sam, Tim, Jack, Sam and Lachlan. Well done boys!

Some important sports dates:

Week 1	* PSSA and School Sport starts * Gymnastics Enrichment continues
Week 2	* Trials for Sydney West Boys Water Polo * Josh at State Athletics Carnival
Week 3	Trials for Sydney West Girls Water Polo
Week 5	School Swimming Scheme for Year 2-4 at Riverstone Pool
Week 6	* PSSA Semi-Finals * House Captain elections * School Swimming Scheme continues * Sydney West Water Polo Carnival at Sutherland Pool
Week 7	* PSSA - Finals * Gymnastics Enrichment display at end of lunch in Courtyard 1

Eileen Tudor, PSSA Sports Coordinator

P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General meeting is coming up on Tuesday, 10th November in the School Library at 7.30 pm.

I urge you all to attend and consider running for a position on the committee. All positions will be declared vacant. We have a number of current committee members who will not be continuing in their current role and we need some fresh new faces on the committee to continue the great work that is being undertaken to provide additional resources for the benefit of all students.

The attached nomination form in this newsletter can be filled out and sent into the office prior to

the meeting if you are unable to attend, or alternatively, we will have forms at the meeting.

There are 10 positions to be filled on the Executive Committee and they are as follows: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Shop Coordinator and 4 Executive Members.

Band and Canteen sub-committees will also be filled at the AGM, therefore if you are considering returning to a position or nominating for one of these committees, you will need to attend the AGM on Tuesday, 10th November.

If anyone has any queries as to what a position entails please feel free to contact Allan White on 0412 399 596 and I can explain the position to you.

At the General Meeting to be held immediately prior to the AGM, there will be a presentation by Mrs Donna Harris on this year's NAPLAN results.

We have now ordered enough SmartBoards for every class room in the school, once the 4 new classrooms are completed. To raise in the order of \$180 000 for this project has been a phenomenal effort by the whole school community. As the current President, and on behalf of the P&C and the school, I would like to thank all of you for your support and outstanding commitment to achieve this result in such a short time.

I would like to congratulate the Canteen Committee for their fine efforts in producing a great financial result, by turning around what was predicted to be a difficult financial year. So from myself and the P&C, thank you all! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

There will one more 5 cent fundraiser this term and to make it a little interesting we will be holding back last collection results. I hear some classes have been holding back their 5 cents at home to finish with a surprise result and to also try and give 3J a run and catch them as they have been our outstanding leaders all year. We will announce the date shortly, so in the meantime keep saving those 5 cent pieces.

Allan White

BAND REPORT

The school bands are competing in the Galston District Festival this week. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing how they went.

Next week on Friday, 6th November, the band program is having their End of Year Concert. This is a great opportunity for the parents and families to listen to the bands play their repertoire. Any prospective younger band members for 2010 are encouraged to attend, to see if they are interested in joining the band next year. The concert is starting at 6.30pm with the Training Band and concluding with the Concert band by 7.30pm.

Also on Friday, 6th November, directly after school, both bands will be having their final workshop for the year. This will be preceded by a delicious afternoon tea. Between the workshop and the concert all band families are invited to join the musicians for a sausage sizzle and drink. This is usually a very enjoyable evening. Please complete permission notes as soon as possible so tutors and food can be organised.

Good luck to all our students who are sitting AMEB exams over the next few weeks. We look forward to congratulating you via the newsletter.

The next Band meeting will be Thursday, 29th October at 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

Sue Lack, Band Committee

FROM THE CANTEEN

Welcome back everyone! Only one more term to go! The Canteen Committee would like to celebrate a successful year with all our volunteers at a Christmas lunch at Greenshades on Wednesday, 16th December. Details of cost, time etc. are available from the Canteen. Please let us know if you are intending to come as soon as possible.

We would also like to remind everyone that the new Summer Menu is now in use. Please throw away last term's Winter menu. Copies were attached to the last newsletter but if you don't have one they are available in the Canteen or on the school's website.

*Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey
Canteen Supervisors*

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- **Mount St Benedict Netball Club's** grading and registration day is Sunday, 9th November at Pennant Hills Park from 8.00am. For further information please contact Rodney Smith on 0438 162 697 or r.smith@bigpond.net.au
- **Castle Hill RSL Cricket Club** has limited opportunities in the Under 10's and Under 11's to play cricket this season. For more information please ring the Registrar on 9634 1347 or go to www.castlehillrsl.com.au.
- **Baulkham Hills Girl Guides** (opp. the Library in Railway Street) has vacancies for 5 year olds and limited vacancies for other ages. For more information cant Linda Martin 'Waratah' on 0438 248 172.
- **Newcomers Club** is much more than just another Women's Social Club. We have coffee mornings, girls night out, family get togethers, a baby sitting co-op and more! For more information call 0412 768 609 or go to www.sydneynewcomers.com.au.
- **St Michaels Netball Club** is holding a registration day on 30th October at St Michaels Parish and grading day on 14th November. For questions phone Nicole on 0409 743 614.



- **1st Castle Hill Cubs** welcomes children 8-11 years old to join the cubs on Monday nights between 7-8.30pm at 1 Rowallan Avenue, Castle Hill. For more details call Tracey Hourd on 0418 228 173.
- **Hall for Hire** - 1st Castle Hill Scout Group hire out their scout hall for kids birthday parties. There is parking at the front of the hall, a modest kitchen and toilets. For more information please call Tracey Hourd on 0418 228 173.
- **Baulkham Hills Family Day Care** is holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday, 1st November from 11.30 to 2.30pm at the St Michael's Family Centre next to St Michael's School. For further information please ring 9639 1346.
- **Interrelate Family Centre** is holding a seminar on Challenge of Disciplining Your Children at Learn2 premises in Rouse Hill Town Centre on 18th November from 6-9pm. For further information and enrolment please call Interrelate on 9653 9533.



KNIGHTSBRIDGE PHARMACY

OPEN 7 DAYS
MON-FRI 8:30AM-7:00PM
SATURDAY 8:30AM-4:00PM
SUNDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM
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MON-FRI 9:00AM-6:30PM
SATURDAY 9:00AM-1:00PM

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TERM 4, 2009 CALENDAR - Parents

WK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	October 19 Gym starts	October 20 *Kinder Transition *P&C Meeting	October 21 Year 6 NAP - Science	October 22 J/S Assembly	October 23
2	October 26 Vocal Ensemble Galston Eisteddfod 9.30	October 27	October 28 *Kinder Transition *Training Band Galston Eisteddfod 9.15am	October 29 *Concert Band Galston Eisteddfod 2:15pm *J/S Assembly	October 30
3	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5 *Kinder Transition BBQ *Whole School Assembly 2:00pm	November 6 Band Workshop & performances
4	November 9	November 10 P&C - AGM	November 11 *Sports Photos *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews *Remembrance day	November 12 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews *J/S Assembly	November 13 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews
5 Year 2-4 Intensive Swimming	November 16 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews	November 17 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews	November 18 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews	November 19 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews *J/S Assembly	November 20 *Yr 6-7 Transition Interviews
6 Year 2-4 Intensive Swimming	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26 J/S Assembly	November 27 P.S.S.A. Semi Finals
7	November 30 Gym Finishes	December 1 Parent Helper's Morning Tea	December 2 Talent Quest	December 3 High School Orientation	December 4 *P.S.S.A. Finals *P&C Carols
8	December 7 *Kindy & Yr6 Special Day *Presentation Ass Practice *Yr6 Assembly Practice	December 8 *Presentation Ass Practice *Yr6 Assembly Practice *Stage 2 Lessons Afloat Excursion	December 9 Year 6 Farewell Assembly	December 10 *Year 6 Fun Day *Kindy Beach Day	December 11 *Year 6 Dinner *Class Parties
9	December 14 Reports Home	December 15 Presentation Assembly	December 16 Students' last day	December 17 Staff Development Day	December 18 Holidays

SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2009/2010 P&C EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I wish to nominate: _____

For the position of: _____

Sign and Print Names:

Proposer: _____ **Nominee:** _____

Address: _____ **Address:** _____

Signed: _____ **Signed:** _____

Date: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this to the school Principal