



# *Samuel Gilbert Public School*

## **END OF TERM INFORMATION**

Dear Parents,

9<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

We have finally come to the end of a very bush and long term. Various colds and flues have taken their toll on both staff and students. I think we all are grateful for 2 weeks to recharge our batteries.

### **Reports:**

Student Reports were sent home yesterday. I hope parents have received these. In the case of a child being absent we will endeavour to send it home with a sibling. In the event of families who are away or sick, reports will be posted prior to the holidays.

### **Kindergarten 100 Day Celebration:**

Congratulations to our wonderful Kindergarten students who enjoyed their 100 Day Party on Tuesday. Well done!

### **Athletics Field Events:**

We held finals on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for the various Field Events. These will be completed, weather permitting, Week 1 of next term.

Seniors – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00-3.00pm

Juniors – Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00-3.00pm.

### **Mufti Day:**

Thank you to all those families that supported the 'Fete Mufti Day' today. Our final Mufti Day will be held in **Week 3 – Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> August**. More information will be sent home in Week 1.

### **Fete Information:**

As of next term we are down to the business end in terms of the Fete. Much information will be coming home regarding the Fete.

- Notes and tickets for Gourmet Hamper
- Rides Note
- Information on Cake Stall
- Volunteer information
- Mufti Day notes.

Please keep on top of all of this. We are looking forward to another fantastic Samuel Gilbert Public School Fete.

### **National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee – NAIDOC:**

This week 5-12<sup>th</sup> July celebrates NAIDOC Week around Australia. We will be holding our NAIDOC activities a little later on – 5<sup>th</sup> August, Week 2 next term. We have some special performers visiting our school on the day. More information regarding this activity will be sent home early next term.

**Maths Extension Day:**

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July four Year 5 students, Matthew, Daniel, Tim and Kyle, attended a Primary School Maths Extension Day at Castle Hill High School. Five Primary Schools attended and were taken on a wonderful Mathematical journey with the guidance of the Head Teacher Maths and five Year 10 students.

**Northern Sydney Region Debating Workshop:**

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July a number of students from Years 5 and 6 attended the Northern Sydney Regional Debating Workshop at Narrabeen High School. It gave our students the opportunity to work amongst some 100 students from within the region. Many aspects of debating were discussed in detail and students were given opportunities to prepare and deliver mini debates. It was a most informative day.

The students who attended were Sarah, Megan, Dunya, Chloe, Jay, Harrison, Chris and Daniel. Special thank you to Michelle, Karen and Jacqui for transporting students to the venue.

**Dance Celebration Night:**

Last night Castle Hill High School, Castle Hill Public School and Samuel Gilbert joined together for a wonderful night of Dance Celebration.

Dance groups from the 3 schools performed as did a Combined Boys Hip Hop Dance Group. Our students all performed wonderfully.

**Mr Yendle:**

Mr Yendle is on long service leave for all of Term 3 and part of Term 4. Mrs Robyn Miller will be teaching 1Y. I wish Mr Yendle a very safe and enjoyable European adventure.

**Gymnastic Display:**

Special well done to the students of the Term 1 Enrichment Gymnastics. They have worked at lunchtimes all term. On Tuesday these students with the help of coach, Mr V put on a wonderful display.

**Calendar:**

**WEEK 1**

- Monday, 27/7 - Staff Development Day
- Tuesday, 28/7 - Students Return
- Wednesday, 29/7 - Field Events – Seniors
- Thursday, 30/7 - Field Events – Juniors
- Friday, 31/7 - K-2 Save the Whale Disco
- PSSA continues
- National Tree Day

**WEEK 2**

- Monday, 3/8 - Gym Starts for 4B, 2N, 1L, 1Y, 5S
- Tuesday, 4/8 - Dance Starts for KE, KM, KS, KR, 6S, 6H, 5M
- UNSW English Competition
- P&C meeting
- Wednesday, 5/8 - NAIDOC Day and visiting performer
- OC Placement Test
- Thursday, 6/8 - Fete Mufti Day – Gourmet Food Hamper

**WEEK 3**

Wednesday, 12/8 - UNSW Maths Competition  
- Book Week performance

**WEEK 4**

Tuesday, 18/8 - Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod  
Wednesday, 19/8 - Zone Athletics – Track  
Friday, 21/8 - Zone Athletics – Field

SUNDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST – FETE

**Staff Development Day – Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July:**

On the pupil free, Staff Development Day next term all staff from Samuel Gilbert will be attending Technology Conferences. The teaching staff at Castle Hill Primary and office staff at Hornsby.

Please leave any enquiries until day 1 – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**Final Message:**

Thank you to the many parents who have expressed their congratulations and disappointment about my secondment for Terms 3 and 4. I certainly hope that I will not be a stranger as I plan to stay involved in numerous aspects of Samuel Gilbert Public School, especially the Fete.

I know that Mrs Harris, the Executive team and staff will continue to strive to provide the best possible education opportunities for the students of Samuel Gilbert Public School.

Enjoy a terrific school holiday.

**Andrew Bowmer**  
**Principal**