



Samuel Gilbert Public School Community Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 3 - Issue 1

Calendar

Week 3

Friday 10/3

Kindergarten Parent Information 5pm

Kindergarten Welcome BBQ 6pm

Week 4

Monday 13/3

Year 6 Leadership Day

Term 1 Gymnastics Day

Tuesday, 14/3

Term 1 Dance lessons start

P & C Meeting 7.30pm

Stage 2 Parent Information 3.30pm

Wednesday, 15/3

'It's Academic' filming

Stage 1 Parent Information 3.30pm

Thursday, 16/3

Stage 3 Parent Information 3.30pm

Friday, 17/3

PSSA starts

Week 5

Wednesday, 22/3

Castle Hill High School - Open Day for Year 6

Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were struggling through seven days of 40 degree temperatures, this year school has started with record rainfall and continuous wet weather that plays havoc with the organisation of PSSA Sport and Swimming Carnivals.

Newsletters

The first newsletter each year is sent home in both forms - as a paper copy and emailed. Please complete the return slip if:

1. You require a paper copy instead of electronic copy
2. Your email address/addresses have changed and we need to update your details.

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to the many parent helpers and supporters at the swimming carnival on Tuesday. The conditions were not perfect but the carnival had to go ahead, as pools are booked solidly at this time of the year.

'It's Academic'

A group of Year 6 students will be competing in the heats of the TV show 'It's Academic' next Wednesday. I wish those students every success and a great day of filming.

Parent/Teacher Information Afternoons - "Meet the Teacher"

Informal information afternoons will be held over the next two weeks

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| Kindergarten | Friday, 10th February from 5.00pm |
| Year 3 and 4 | Tuesday, 14th February from 3.30pm |
| Year 1 and 2 | Wednesday, 15th February from 3.30pm |
| Year 5 and 6 | Thursday, 16th February from 3.30pm |

Please note that a school map and staff list is attached to the newsletter.

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your local agent just got
a new name. **belle.**

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Kellie McKenzie
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Andrew McDermott
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Sell your home with us and \$500.00 will be donated to Samuel Gilbert P&C.
Sponsors of the SGPS Great Fete.

Kindergarten Family BBQ

With the support of the P & C, we hold a sausage sizzle for our kindergarten families on Friday, 10th February at 6.00pm (straight after the Teacher Information sessions).

I look forward to seeing you on these days.

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C meeting for 2012 will be held next Tuesday, 14th February at 7.30pm in the staff room.

Calendar

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar with the terms activities. It is correct as at the time of printing. I will update events in the side column of the front page of the newsletter on a fortnightly basis.

Twitter Feed

Mrs Sue Bell has organised a twitter feed for the front page of the website. Please note the little blue bird on the right hand side of the page. I will endeavour to use this to update information regarding events (ie. status of events due to weather etc).

Chess

The Sydney Academy of Chess offer chess lessons at the school on a Wednesday afternoon. Please see the school website for details.

Chess starts next Wednesday afternoon 15th February.

Andrew Bowmer**Message From The Deputy Principal**

Welcome back to the new school year with a particular welcome to all our new families.

Dance Auditions

Over this week we have held auditions for Miss Cassie's Before School Groups. The groups will be finalised next week and students informed. Please understand that well over 100 students audition for one of the 22 places available so unfortunately many children will be disappointed. Group lessons will start on Tuesday 21st – Stage 3, Thursday 23rd – Stage 1 and Friday 24th – Stage 2. Lessons commence at 8:00am.

Training Band 2012

Tomorrow instruments will be issued to students according to preference and Blow Test auditions. Due to an overwhelming number of applicants for our Training Band not all students who auditioned can be allocated an instrument at this time. These students will be placed on a waiting list and informed of instruments as they become available. We hope that it will not be too long before all children who wish to be in the band can be accommodated.

Textbooks

Textbooks were successfully issued to all students last Friday enabling classes to utilise these without delay into their teaching programs. I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents for settling these accounts so quickly. Reminder notes have been issued to families with outstanding accounts. Once these have been finalised we will issue receipts to all families over the next two weeks.

Cathie Barclay - Relieving Deputy Principal



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Sport Report

PSSA trials are underway and will be completed by the end of the week, weather permitting. PSSA notes will come out early next week. Despite the weather, we had a very successful Swimming Carnival this week. Thank you to all our parent volunteers for their invaluable assistance on the day.

The Hills Swimming and Life Saving Club Carnival is being run on Saturday 25th February. The carnival is for Primary School children and a note will go home next week with interested students. Thank you to Mrs Irving who has volunteered to oversee the Samuel Gilbert students at this event.

Lynnea Hart
Sport Coordinator

From the Library

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and a very warm welcome to new parents of Samuel Gilbert students. Many exciting things happen in our school Library and some great events will take place over the year, like our annual Book Fair.

Parents are encouraged to drop in to see me in the mornings if they have a query about a book or they would like to volunteer some time to assist with shelving or other Library jobs. I will give you some more information about this at a later date.

Student class lists and barcodes for book borrowing are now ready and all students may borrow books from the Library.

It is a requirement at SGPS that all students from Kindy to Year 4 have their own personal Library Bag, which they then bring to their class Library lessons. I have only a limited number of Library Bags which belong to the school Library. I am happy to loan these to children who may forget their own but some students expect to borrow one from me every time. Please would you buy your child a suitable Library Bag with their name and class clearly marked on it. This would be greatly appreciated!

I would also like to remind students from previous years that some of them still have overdue loans, books that were due back last December before the school holidays. Unfortunately some Year 6 children from last year fall into this category. If this is the case and siblings are enrolled at Samuel Gilbert, then I will be approaching them about returning the missing items.

I would greatly appreciate your support in these matters. I look forward to meeting new parents. Feel free just to pop in and say "Hi" and introduce yourself in the morning after 8:25am. The Library is open to students from this time on before school every day except Tuesday and Wednesday, until the bell rings at 8:50am. The Library is closed on these two mornings due to Staff Meetings.

Very soon parents will receive information about the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) which operates every year for students, from March to the end of August. Last year a record number of students, state wide, participated in this wonderful event. It would be great if even more students could participate in the Challenge this year. Please support your child/children in this important and beneficial activity.

Deidre Bridie-Teacher Librarian



Uniform Shop

Firstly, a big welcome to all our new Kindy's and any new families to our SGPS family. I know your children will love their time at SGPS.

Thanks to everyone for your patience over the last few weeks. The Uniform Shop has been extremely busy and your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

At time of writing, I am still currently out of stock of the following items:

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| Boys Short Sleeve Polo Shirts | Size 6 and 8 | stock due in approx 2 weeks |
| Sports Shirts | Size 6 and 8 | stock due this week |
| Sports Shorts | Size 14 | stock due this week |
| Tracksuit Pants | Size 4 and 10 | stock due mid March |
| Hat | Size Medium | stock due in approx 2 weeks |
| Socks - Navy | Size 13 - 3 | stock due this week |
| Backpacks | Large | unsure of delivery date at this time |

I apologise for these out of stocks. If you wish to order these items, please continue to do so (either via MunchMonitor or thru the shop) and as soon as stock is available, the items will be sent to your child's class. If you have already ordered, thank you for your patience.

A HUGE thanks to Nicole Brooke, Jenelle Lockrey and Jenny McCarthy who have helped me out immensely over the last 2 weeks. I couldn't have done it without you girls.

Attached to this Newsletter is also information on how to sign up for MunchMonitor (on line ordering). The parents who are currently using this system have found it very easy and convenient and it saves time standing in a queue at the Uniform Shop.

Remember to "Like" our page on Facebook (Samuel Gilbert Public School Uniform Shop). I find this a very useful way to keep everyone informed of out of stocks, trading hours, etc.

Welcome back,

Leisa Whiteside
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Canteen:

New Children With Allergies

Please feel free to come in and see us regarding any product / menu concerns or queries. We are more than happy to show you what's available so both you and your child know what they are able to purchase from the canteen.

IGA Frequent Shopper Number 3058

When you purchase items at Knightsbridge IGA, remember to quote the SGPS Canteen number (3058) to the cash register attendant. What happens is that the Canteen then gets points to use at the IGA. We use these points to purchase fresh fruit and veg, as well as deli items that we then sell in the canteen. Because of the Frequent Shopper Number, we can keep our costs quite low so it's beneficial to everyone.

Thanks to everyone who has put their name down on the Canteen Volunteer Roster. A hardcopy of the roster will be sent to everyone as soon as it is finalised. In the meantime, Judy or Jenelle will contact you if you are rostered on. If you haven't yet put your name down and would like to help out, just pop down to the Canteen and see us. Many hands make light work so the more, the merrier!!!

A new Summer Menu was sent home last week. If you didn't receive it, it can also be downloaded via the school's website.

Looking forward to another healthy year.

Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey
Canteen Supervisors

Band Report

Welcome to the 2012 Band Program! Rehearsals commence in Burragali next week, so please remember to get up earlier to make your rehearsal at 7.30am on these days:

Concert Band - Monday, 13 February & Thursday, 16 February

Training Band - Tuesday 14 February

To keep all our musicians safe, could parents please ensure that students are not dropped off in the staff car park, but enter the school grounds via the front gates.

For all Band matters, please refer to the Band Handbook which can be downloaded from the school website under "programs" then "Band / Music".

Lauren Pearce
On behalf of the Band Committee

Student Welfare - Learning Support- Multilit Program

Volunteers Required!!

We are looking for parent volunteers who are willing to be trained in the Multilit program.

Multilit is a special reading program that operates 4 days per week between 9am and 12 noon. It targets students experiencing difficulty in literacy in Years 2 to 6.

Each day students read a book, learn sight words and work through a sequential phonics program.

This year the P & C has again supported the program by funding a tutor to administer the program. The success of the program is dependent upon volunteers from the school parent body.

If you are interested in volunteering please register your interest at the front office. All you need is the time, one morning a week and the willingness to help – we will provide the rest!

Student Welfare - Learning Support- Talking to Learn (TTL)

Volunteers Required!!

We are looking for parent volunteers who are willing to participate in the Talking to Learn program.

Talking to Learn is a Northern Sydney Region Early Language Development initiative, designed to strengthen student outcomes in expressive, receptive and / or pragmatic language

This program is due to commence Week 6 and we need your help in providing daily practice of the language skills being taught in the classrooms. All you need is the time, 1 hour, one morning a week and the willingness to help – we will provide the rest!!

If you are interested in volunteering please register your interest at the front office.

Eileen Tudor
Learning Support Team Coordinator

Of Community Interest

Before and After School Care

Before and after school care provided by a caring and an experienced childcare worker with structured programmes. I am with Family Daycare organisation and I follow their strict rules and regulations. I am fully insured and parents can apply for rebate where applicable. Please phone 9894 2303 for further details.

Impalas Netball Club

LAST CALL for 10/11 year old girls to play netball in the 2012 Winter Season. Impalas Netball Club will be closing registration for this age group very soon, so this is your last chance to register to play with your local club. Contact us at registrar@impalasetball.com.au or visit our website to find out more about us at www.impalasetball.com.au

www.hillshawks.com.au (Rugby League)

The Hills Hawks have teams playing in all ages from Under 6's to Under 15's. Come and try clinic – Registration Day. Sunday, February 12th Free Sausage sizzle for the kids. Galston Recreational Field (adjacent Skate Park), Galston Road, Galston 11.00am start.

Registrations now open for **Northmead Uniting Netball Club** 2012 season. All games held at Gooden Reserve in Baulkham Hills. All ages and skill levels welcome. 2012 Registration fees, Fun Net (5-7): \$30, Under 16's: \$65, Over 16's: \$70. Visit www.goodenreservenetball.com for online registration and further details.

Play hockey in 2012 – Northern District Hockey Association.

Pennant Hills Park, Britannia Street, Pennant Hills. Further information call Adrian 0419 299 808 or Robert Nicoll 0438 119 729. Rego forms and information at www.ndhockey.com.au

Baulkham Hills Hockey Club.

Mixed teams for boys and girls of all skill levels from U9 to U17. You can register by completing the form on our website or by coming to our registration day at Ted Horwood Reserve on Saturday, 11th February, 2012 from 2.00pm until 7.00pm. If you are interested in joining our club, or need more information, please feel free to explore our website www.baulkhamhillshockey.org.au

Baulkham Hills Sports Club Netball Division

Has very limited vacancies in junior teams for girls turning 7yrs, 8yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs in 2012. These vacancies are ideal for new players or lower graded players. Girls turning 5yrs and 6yrs are eligible to enrol for Net Set Go programme. Registration is still open for ladies turning 15yrs and over in 2012. It is important you phone Jeanette now on 9636 8842.

Play AFL with Baulkham Hills Hawks

Auskick 5yrs to 16yrs. Registration dates. Sunday, 12th February, 2012 at Charles McLaughlin Oval 9.00am to 1.00pm. For more information – www.baulko.org.au or call 0413 317 341.

Glenhaven Football Club

Is your child interested in playing soccer this Winter? Has your child just started school? Why not form a team with their new school friends. Glenhaven Football Club is a great family friendly club and we still have spots available in many age groups, in particular in the following age groups.

U6, U7, U8, U10, U11, U14, U15, U16, and U17.

We also have spots for AA or O35.

If you would like to register or wish to get some more information, please contact Christine Thornley, Club Registrar on 0405 959 364 or glhregistrar@yahoo.com.au

Oakhill Drive Netball Club – Needs players turning 7 and 8 years old

We are currently finalising our registrations for the 2012 season and we require more players to register to be able to complete our 7 and 8 year old teams. Training is held at Oakhill Drive Public School and Saturday morning games are played at Kellyville. The 2012 competition runs from April to September. So if you are turning 7 or 8 years old in 2012 and would like to join in the fun and give netball a try and please contact registrar Zoe Nicholls for more details email odnc_enquiries@yahoo.com.au or mobile 0407 226426.

Baulkham Hills Family Day Care

522 Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills. Phone 9639 1346 or 9639 1494

We have trained and accredited carers. Care available for 0-12 year olds, small group setting, childcare benefit and 50% child care rebate. For further information, please contact us on 9639 1346.

The Global Experience – Live it at home host family opportunities in 2012.

In June-July 2012 we will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families located in NSW who might be interested to host a student.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students covers a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education and regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au. If you have any questions, call the office on 1300 135 331.



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9th February, 2012

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