



# Samuel Gilbert Public School

## P&C Newsletter



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### Dates To Remember....

12 December	Last Concert Band Rehearsal
13 December	Presentation Assembly
14 December	Year 6 Farewell Assembly
16 December	Students Last Day
27 January	Staff Return Only - Pupil Free Day
27 January	Uniform Shop Open 10am-12pm
30 January	Students Return Years 1 to 6
2 February	Kindergarten Start

### Next P&C Meeting

**Theme: General Meeting**

**When:**

Tuesday 14th February, 2012

7:30pm - All Welcome

Where: School Staffroom

### President's Editorial

This is the final P & C Presidents report for 2011. You will notice it has a different author as Duncan Guy is moving on from Samuel Gilbert at the end of this year. I would like to thank Duncan for his efforts as President over the past 2 years during which much has been achieved, including the completion of the interactive whiteboard installations so that there is now an IWB in every classroom, and, the replacement of all of the old "window rattler" air conditioners with split system reverse cycle units in all of the fixed classrooms. These two projects have greatly enhanced the learning environment for our children.

What a great night we had at last Friday's Carols under the COLA. The weather was kind to us and the large number of families that attended enjoyed some great entertainment from the various school groups, and some very special guest artists. Special thanks to Mr Kim, a father from the school, who is currently a guest artist at the Australian Opera, for a spine tingling performance, and to Laura R. a member of the Samuel Gilbert extended family for her great performance at the tender age of 15. A special thanks to Nicole Clifford and Mrs McLeod for organising the evening. Also a very special mention to the many teachers who gave up their Friday evening to come along to support the students.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and safe holiday.

**Allan White**

### Band Notes

Another exciting musical year is closing for the Band Program. With so many new members joining we are looking forward to the same success in 2012. Next year, the Band Committee will have some vacancies & would greatly welcome some additional committee members. Please leave a note in the band box at the school office or speak with Wendy Heinrich if you are interested. For students leaving the band & those no longer needing to hire an instrument, please remember to return your instruments before the end of term. Enjoy your music over the holidays!

#### Key Band Calendar Dates:

- \* 12 December - last Concert Band rehearsal
- \* 13 December - Concert Band performance at Presentation Assembly (bring instruments & music)
- \* 13 February - Concert Band rehearsals resume
- \* 14 February – Training Band rehearsals commence

**Lauren Pearce**

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." ~ William James*

## Canteen Bites

Firstly, a big thanks to all our volunteers for 2011, especially to those parents who are leaving SGPS. Your contribution to our canteen has been invaluable and we couldn't have done it without you. We'd like to wish everyone moving on the best of luck.



Another huge thanks to Wendy Speechly, our President / Treasurer/ Volunteer extraordinaire over the last 13 years. Thanks Wendy, we will miss your smiling face!!!

A volunteer note was sent home last week. Thank you to those who have already returned the note. If you would like to help in the canteen next year (just once a month is all we ask) and would like to learn a bit more, pop in and ask Judy and Jenelle.

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Tuesday (Presentation Day - 13/12) and Thursday/Friday of next week (for cleaning). There will be limited counter items on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY** during the last week of school. If your child places an order on Monday or Wednesday and we are out of stock of your order, we will contact your child to provide an alternative lunch order.

Hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

**Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey**

## Uniform Shop Yarn

A huge thanks to Nicole Brooke who has been an invaluable help to me over this last 12 months. Nic has helped out every week and is a fantastic help. Thank you Nic - I couldn't have done it without you.



Thanks also to Jenny McCarthy, Nicole Clifford and Jenelle Lockrey who have helped me out during busy times.

Note that the Uniform Shop will be CLOSED next week for stocktake. I will still be processing on line orders until Wednesday 14th Dec. After that any orders (paper or on line) will be filled in 2012.

The Uniform Shop will open on Friday 27th January from 10am - 12pm (this is the Student Free Day for Term 1). From the first week of school, normal trading hours will resume.

Have a safe and festive Christmas and enjoy the holidays.

**Leisa Whiteside**

## 25th Anniversary Engraved Pavers Update

Thank you to all those families who placed orders. We ordered 164 pavers and these will be delivered and laid at the start of Term 1, 2012.

**Ingrid Waite**



**Wishing All SGPS Families & Friends  
A Merry Christmas,  
Safe Holidays &  
A Very Happy New Year**

## Your Elected P&C Representatives 2012

### P&C Executive

<b>President:</b>	Allan White
<b>Vice President:</b>	Michael Hann
<b>Vice President:</b>	Ingrid Waite
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Adrian Wilson
<b>Secretary:</b>	Karen Romano

### Executive Members

Nicole Clifford, Hazel Postill,  
Rod Vardanega, Donna White

### P&C Uniform Shop

Leisa Whiteside (Co-Ordinator)

### P&C Canteen

#### **President/Chairperson:**

Leisa Whiteside

#### **Treasurer:**

Dale Armstrong

#### **Secretary:**

Ingrid Waite

### Canteen Supervisors

Judy Naudi & Jenelle Lockrey

### P&C Band

<b>President:</b>	Wendy Heinrich
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Steven Longe
<b>Secretary:</b>	Filled in T1, 2012
<b>Concert Band:</b>	Filled in T1, 2012
<b>Training Band:</b>	Filled in T1, 2012

### Student Banking

Donna White & Melissa Wilson

### Fete Co-Ordinators

TBC

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# Road safety this Christmas



Always supervise your children in the traffic environment.

## Wishing all our families safe travels this holiday season

As the Christmas and New Year holiday season approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for a holiday adventure. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over this time. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

## Driving tips that will help make sure your journey is a safe one

- Don't set off on a long trip at the end of a day's work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don't drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

For more information check the Transport Roads and Maritime Services website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au>

## Road safety tips to discuss with your children

- Click Clack Front 'n' Back when in the car.
- Use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.
- Hold a grown-up's hand when on the footpath, in a car park or crossing the road.
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! When crossing the road.
- Cross the road at a pedestrian crossing where possible.
- When getting off a bus, wait until the bus has gone before using a safe place to cross the road.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike and don't ride on busy roads.

**"Road crashes account for 58% of all accidental deaths among children aged 5-14 years."**



Double demerit points apply over the holiday period.