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**Vale Mr Raymond (Ray) Wilson OAM**

It is with great sadness that I inform the school community that our school patron, Mr Ray Wilson OAM, passed away, aged 90 years, last Wednesday. Ray attended our school as a boy, visited us regularly over the years on both formal and informal occasions and presented the Dux Award and Ray Wilson Shield for Proficiency at our annual Presentation Day. Ray was always passionate in his speeches on Presentation Day about ‘GPS’, inevitably asking the students ‘What is the best school in the state?’ He would delight in them calling out in reply ‘GPS’. In short, he loved our school.

On behalf of the students, staff and parents of GPS, I extend our sincere condolences to Ray’s wife Beryl, his son Trevor, daughter Karen and son-in-law Matthew and their children. Ray’s funeral was held on Tuesday at All Saints Church of England at Hunters Hill.

**Clean up Australia Day**

On Thursday 3 March, Gladesville Public School will be participating in ‘Clean up Australia Day’. All children are encouraged to get involved. Your child may bring a pair of gloves if they wish. Clean up Australia Day is a fantastic way for the children to demonstrate the value of ‘care’ by caring for the environment.
Emergency Contact Sheets
These are being sent home this week. Please check, correct and return the forms as soon as possible.

Crazy Hair Day – Wednesday 9 March
This year Gladesville Public School will again be participating in Crazy Hair Day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Come to school at 8:40am to see teachers and students have their hair shaved for the ‘World’s Greatest Shave’ or cut to make a wig for cancer survivors.
- Come to school with your craziest hair and wear mufti clothes.
- Bring a gold coin donation.

Hilary Judge and Andrea Stiglic
SRC Coordinators

World’s Greatest Shave – Wednesday 9 March
I'm doing World's Greatest Shave!
Please sponsor me, Mrs Judge and the other children participating and help support families and continue the urgent search for cures.
Today, 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have blood cancer, and they'll turn to the Leukaemia Foundation for help.
Getting sponsored to shave your hair is an extraordinary way to help people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma, but we can't do it alone. Help us make the most of our hairy sacrifice!
https://goo.gl/zbEP1V

Andrea Stiglic
SRC Coordinator

Stewart House Bags
If you have a wardrobe full of clean clothes you no longer need, please make use of the Stewart House bags being sent home this week. The clothes assist the Smith Family and Stewart House in its efforts to support NSW students in need.
All bags must be returned to the school by Friday 11 March.

Primary Ethics
Two of our parent volunteer teachers are moving on. To continue to offer Ethics classes to K-6 students, we need at least two volunteers to replace them. Ethics Teachers facilitate discussion using training and material provided by Primary Ethics. Classes are held each week on Wednesday morning.
To find out more about becoming an Ethics teacher and to apply online, please visit:
http://www.primaryethics.com.au . You can also contact our school’s Ethics Coordinator, Nikola Bonney, for more information: 0418 26 3333 or email nikola@madeforsundays.com.au

Uniform Shop
School photo day is on Thursday 24 March so please do not leave it until the last minute to request any uniform items you may require. As the school roll increases, popular sizes and items sell fast. Many thanks for your co-operation.
Hunters Hill High School – Gifted and Talented for 2017
The Hunters Hill High School Testing day for the Gifted and Talented Programme for Year 7 next year will be held on Saturday 19\textsuperscript{th} March from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Telephone Michael Walkom on 9817 4785 for details.

Ryde Secondary College – Gifted and Talented for 2017
The Ryde Secondary College Testing day for the Gifted and Talented Programme for Year 7 next year will be held on Thursday 31 March from 8.45am – 1.30pm. Telephone Karl Berthold on 9809 7894 for details.

**GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL PSSA Cricket Team IS STEPPING UP TO THE CREASE FOR MCGRATH FOUNDATION’S PINK STUMPS DAY**

GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL PSSA Cricket Team will join clubs, businesses and schools showing off their cricket skills for the McGrath Foundation’s Pink Stumps Day, hosting **PINK PSSA CRICKET MATCH AGAINST HUNTERS HILL PS** on **FRIDAY 4 MARCH**.

Pink Stumps Day provides an opportunity to raise money to fund McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities nationally and to increase breast awareness in young Australians.

McGrath Foundation Ambassador and Director, Tracy Bevan, said Pink Stumps Day will play a vital role in achieving the Foundation’s mission of ensuring every family impacted by breast cancer has access to a dedicated breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation.

“Our McGrath Breast Care Nurses are at the heart of what we do at the Foundation. They’ve helped to support over 36,000 families in Australia experiencing breast cancer. We’re encouraging everyone to step up to the crease and make their run count by getting behind Pink Stumps Day to help make this our biggest and pinkest yet,” said Tracy.

**GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL** is inviting friends, family and the local community to join them at Monash / Westminster Parks for Pink Stumps Day on **FRIDAY 4 MARCH** and get involved with lots of fun activities.


- **Date:** 4 MARCH
- **Time:** 12.45PM – 2.30PM
- **Where:** MONASH / WESTMINSTER PARKS
- **Requirements for attendance:** Wear pink on the day and have some cash on hand to donate to the McGrath Foundation!

Donations can be made by following the link below:
P&C News
The P and C have been working very closely with Ryde Council and Gladesville police to improve traffic flow and ultimately safety at the Kiss and Drop area.
One of our main safety concerns is that students do not put their own bags in the boot when there are moving vehicles pulling up behind them, and the sight line of the child is lost by the driver. If bags need to be placed in the boot we respectfully request either parents do this or recommend parking out of the Kiss and Drop Zone and completing this process when car is completely stationary.

Also just to reiterate the below recommendations from Ryde Council

- "The bag should be kept in a safe place in the car i.e. the floor" as per the Ryde Council Kiss and Drop guidelines.
- Stay in line do not break the queue - 4 cars in then 4 cars out. You must join the end of the queue- if there is no room then please go around "the loop".
- Children should ONLY exit and enter the car to and from the pavement through the curb side door, NOT behind the car at any point."

Please be mindful that all persons in yellow Hi-Viz vests are volunteers. They are there to help and encourage, not enforce. More volunteers would be most welcome

Gladesville P and C Association

Extra Curricula Activities on GPS Site

Music
Bennelong Music – Mr Gav is our band tutor and welcomes any new members to either the training Band (Wednesday 7.45am) or concert band (Monday 7.45am). Individual or small group tutoring is available after school Mon – Fri on the school site. All instruments welcome. Contact Bennelong Music on 0402471247 to speak with Gav or Rachel.

Strings groups – Violin and cello with the Pizzicatos (Beginners) and Arppegios (Proficient) meet Tuesday mornings 8.45am in the Hall. Contact Jay Tripolone on 0425225595

Aria Music – keyboard and guitar lessons Monday and Thursday 8.00am. Call Clodagh 0407780130

Guitar / Ukulele Lessons Wednesday 8.00am Beginners Welcome. Call Shane 0478730769

Sport
The Gladesville Ravens Sports Club is looking for players to join our under 12 boys’ soccer team. This team plays on Saturday mornings and players of all abilities are welcome. Come and enjoy a team sport, make new friends and have fun.
Please contact Joseph Mesiti on 0400 005 636 or email jmesiti@hotmail.com

Drama
Helen O’Grady Drama Academy Friday from 3.15pm in the Hall. Call Jasmine on 0404842886.

Chess
Chess classes are held before school on Friday mornings from 8.00am in the Library. Contact Brett at the Sydney Academy of Chess on 97451170.

Language Classes
Italian language classes are held in Block D every Saturday afternoon from 2.00 – 4.00pm. For more information please call CoAsIt 95640744.

Mandarin classes will begin on Saturday, also in Block D from mid-March. Please see the flyer attached to this Newsletter for more information.
Welcome Learning Mandarin on Saturday Mandarin Class

Class start:
• Classes are held on Saturday from 9:30am to 11:30am and 11:50am to 1:50pm starting on 12 March in Term1, 2016

Classes are run by:
• Hua Xia Chinese Culture School who is a registered community language school with DEC and experienced in mandarin teaching for more than 13 years.

Cost
• $16 per person per session, payable 2 terms in advance. Due to late start this term, the first half year will be 12 weeks, and the payment is $192.
• Textbooks need to be paid separately.

Time
• 2 hours a session between 9:30am and 11:30am and 11:50am and 1:50pm on Saturdays during school term.

Enrolment:
• Contact us getting a registration form and send us a completed form by email or fax.

Teaching Features:
• Experienced Mandarin teacher with Qualification by DEC NSW
• Student-centered pedagogy and interactive Teaching Mode
• Fun & result-oriented mandarin teaching style
• Culture leading language teaching method

Payment method:
• You may pay by cheque, made out to 'Hua Xia Chinese Culture School', or
• Cash deposit or Netbank transfer to:
  Bank:  St. George Bank
  Account BSB:  112-879
  Account No.:  438 456 361
• Or cash payment (hand-in)

Please make a reference number or name on the receipts of banking and forward to us

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Redgum Book Club
orders close Monday 7 March

Redgum Book Club supports Australian authors, illustrators and publishers to provide books specifically relevant to our Southern Hemisphere and keep our Australian children’s book industry strong. They offer a wide range of quality fiction and non-fiction titles and a large range of educational games and products.

Every order earns books for our school and includes a free gift for your child as a reward for choosing a great book to read!

Your child will have brought a catalogue home and you will need to order online at www.redgumbookclub.com.au by Monday 7 March. The website contains thousands of books from previous catalogues, so please use their search field to browse by author or series.

View the term 1 catalogue here http://issuu.com/redgumbookclub/docs/redgum_book_club_term_1_2016_school, and visit www.redgumbookclub.com.au to order. The home page includes links to all titles in the catalogue. They also have a permanent SALE page and accept payment by credit card or PAYPAL.

Orders will be delivered to the school between 21 – 31 March. If you have any queries or questions about Redgum Book Club orders, please contact Caroline Thomas at primary@redgumbookclub.com.au or call 1800 753 875.

Many thanks

The Library Team
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