



# THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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## *From the Principal....*

Welcome back to our last school term for 2009. So much achieved but so much still to do!

I hope all our students and their families had a restful break and enjoyed some quality time together. It was great to hear all the students' holiday adventures, and the excitement from those children who, like myself, enjoyed spending time relaxing at home and enjoying the sights and sounds of Sydney.

## **National School Pride Funding**

Workmen have been very busy during the holidays making structural changes to the school administrative area and staff facilities under the National School Pride Federal funding program. Please bear with us whilst the finishing touches are being made to this area. Some requests may take a little longer to process while we are moving furniture and school records into their new homes. In a continuation of this funding, the three stairwells in Block A will be carpeted over the next two weeks. Some classes (Kindergarten, Year 2, Years 5 and 6 and class 4N) may have to use different entrance and exits doors during this time.

## **Parent Thanks**

I would like to thank Helen Kirkman and her band of helpers who continued during the school holidays in beautifying the school grounds. Work on rejuvenating the Peace Garden has begun with the planting of some lavender seedlings. Thank you to all parents and families who contributed to this project.

## **Music Soiree and Information Evening**

I would like to thank our music co-ordinators, Myee Clohessy and Sian Joyce for the fabulous soiree evening we enjoyed in the last week of Term 3. It was a delight to see how the students in the string ensembles and bands have progressed with their music skills since the start of the year. All items performed were most impressive. We are very proud of the music program at GPS and encourage all students to consider learning a musical instrument. On **Tuesday 3 November** we will be holding a music information evening where students and their families are encouraged to come along and learn about the music programs available at the school and the instruments that can be hired from the school. Both Myee and Sian will be present to demonstrate each instrument and explain the commitment needed to be involved in the string ensembles and bands. This is a great opportunity to come and try an instrument and ask any questions you might have about the program.

## **Academic Competitions**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the University of New South Wales Academic English Competition. Results are as follows:

*High Distinction* – Sophie C(3JK)

*Distinction* – Amy G, David M, Nicola, Joyce, Isabella, Fergus, Stephanie Y, Beth, Kaitlin L, James D, Claire P.

*Credit* – Paris, Johan, Zachary, Lauren F, Arielle, Allissia, Sarah T, Aidan, Shoryu, Charlie B, Nicholas F, Zoe, Angus, Simon, William, Zeb, Callum, Ben S, Flynn, Ida, Amelai C, Claire G, Delwyn, Tom M, Ewan, Raihan.

## **Linsley St Parking**

The City of Ryde Council has changed parking arrangements in Linsley St that allow for a bus zone to be placed near the school. This has been sited below the pedestrian crossing outside the school and operates between 9.30am and 2.30pm. Please note that the Kiss and Ride zone has been extended to include the area outside Gladesville RSL Club. Parents are reminded that in a Kiss and Ride zone, the driver can only stay 2 minutes and must remain

within a few meters of the car. Please refer to the RTA website where you can download fact sheets regarding the rules and regulations of parking signs around school zones. Parents are also reminded that council rangers are frequent visitors to our area, and will enforce the law as required.

### **Evening of Hope for the Climate – Saturday 24 October – Putney Park**

A reminder that the Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Group invites all families to join them from 5pm to 7.30pm at Putney Park to make an inspiring candle message in an Evening of Hope for the Climate. [www.climatechangers.org](http://www.climatechangers.org)

### **Pink Ribbon Breakfast**

Nocturnal Designs and Slices Deli are hosting a Pink Ribbon Breakfast on Monday 26 October from 8.30 to 10.30am, with all funds going to Breast Cancer Research. Breakfast will cost \$5.00 – please come and support this event.

### **P&C News**

#### **Twilight Market & GPS Cuppa Club Market Morning**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Twilight Market scheduled for the 17 November will not be held – keep the evening free, see information later in the newsletter.

**HOWEVER** we will have a number of stalls attend **Cuppa Club on Friday 13 November** from 9:10 - 11:30am. Please join us for a social morning and a chance to do some Christmas shopping. Stalls attending will be listed in the next newsletter. For more information contact Melissa - [theletterbox@scallywag.net.au](mailto:theletterbox@scallywag.net.au)

### **Christmas Puddings**

Pudding Lane Christmas Pudding Orders are due this week. Free tastings will be offered at Cuppa Club on Wednesday morning from 9:00am and also in the playground on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm. Extra order forms are available online at [www.gladesvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.gladesvill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) just click on **notes** in the menu. These are delicious puddings and they make beautiful gifts for your friends, neighbours, clients or staff. Please contact Helen at [kirkman.helen@gmail.com](mailto:kirkman.helen@gmail.com) if you have any questions or to discuss your requirements. I would like to finalise orders this Friday, 23 October, so please return your order with payment this week.

### **Band News**

The Concert Band will be performing during the Music Information Evening on Tuesday 3 November. There will be no Concert Band rehearsal

on Thursday 29 October – training band rehearsals are unchanged. On Friday 30 both bands will be performing at the Infants Assembly at 11.30am. The Concert Band has been invited to participate in a Music Workshop at Hunters Hill High School on Monday 16 November, followed by a performance on the evening of Wednesday 18 November. What a fabulous opportunity!

Bronwyn Allomes  
Band Coordinator

### **Is there anyone looking for more time?**

#### **What about a little more order in our lives?**

#### **Want a happier and more organised household?**

Many of us are constantly juggling the chaos & demands of modern life.....the kid's schedules...sporting commitments...school projects & the remnants of a social life!! Even with our best intentions in mind, things can go off track. Join us for a fun, interactive and informative evening where we'll share some tips and ideas that will help you run your home a little bit smoother, get the kids involved, reduce the stress and clarify your mind.

Where: Gladesville Public School

When: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 7pm – 8.30pm (tea & coffee on arrival)

RSVP: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Justine Panzarino  
[justinepanzarino@hotmail.com](mailto:justinepanzarino@hotmail.com)

Cost: \$20 per head

We'd love to see you there.

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P&C Events and 

### **GPS Cocktail Night**

Friday 6 November at P. J. Gallagher's Drummoyne from 7.00pm

This is a great chance to kick off the party season and catch up with friends - cost \$35 per head.

I will be collecting money near the front gate each morning from 9.00am (except Wednesday I'll be at the canteen for Cuppa Club) and afternoons from 2.50pm. Otherwise, email me at

[maria.mc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:maria.mc@optusnet.com.au) or phone 0410 348 574

### **Sunscreen Fundraiser**

Just a reminder with the weather heating up that the P&C has limited stock left of the very high protection SPF 30+ roll on sunscreen. It is available from Maria McCarthy in the Cuppa Club or the Uniform Shop for \$4.00. The sunscreen is 4 hours water resistant and has moisturising Vitamin E and Aloe Vera. Buy one for the schoolbag - all proceeds go to our school!