



THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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Term 3 Week 1

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From the Principal....

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all students and their families had a great holiday break and have returned to school ready for the excitement and challenges of a new term.

School Reports

You will be receiving your child's Semester One school report this week. Once again, I apologise that these were not distributed last term. Please make sure you congratulate your child on his / her effort. We are very proud of all the great work our students complete and they should be commended for their enthusiasm, school spirit and positive attitude towards school. We hope the reports give students and families appropriate feedback of what has been achieved and areas where future progress can be made. Overall, we are very pleased with the progress of all our students in the first half of the year.

Building the Education Revolution

At the next P&C meeting, tomorrow night, I will be outlining the proposed plans for the hall etc and some of the changes that will be needed as a result of the school becoming a building site. Please come along if you would like to find out more about this exciting project.

Welcome to Gladesville

This week 2 new students have begun school at Gladesville. Tilly is joining Year 4N and Sophie is starting in KP. I am sure that the community will make the girls and their parents feel welcome.

Students have a say

This Friday a representative from Ryde Council will address the primary assembly, outlining an opportunity for students in the Ryde Council area to put forward any views and ideas they may have regarding the local area. The council is keen to incorporate the views of our youth into their 2030 Plan.

Playground Equipment

A reminder that the playground equipment is not to be used by students, either before or after school. As stated in the last newsletter this step has been taken to ensure that the safest environment is provided for all children.

Student Congratulations

Three cheers for Ed P, Connor L and Zoe L who performed fantastically at their Little A's State Cross Country. Perhaps some of our other speedy athletes will join with these three and form a team to enter in Ryde Aquatic Festival Fun Run which in previous years has seen GPS take out the School Trophy.

Ed P is participating this week in the NSW Schools State Cross Country. If successful at this level he will then represent our school at National level. Good Luck Ed!

Visual Art Camp

Lucy B and Reni S proudly represented GPS recently, joining 80 other talented students from all over Sydney to participate in a Visual Art Camp. The girls created a large mural and some sculptures with paper and wire. I look forward to seeing their creative artworks. Well done girls!

Judi Partland
Principal

Wakakirri Dance Performance-Thursday 6 Aug

The time is nearly here and the whole team has been working extremely hard! We would like to invite the whole school community to the Dress Rehearsal on Thursday 6 August in the top playground at 2.45pm.

Wakakirri parents - if you have any costumes could you please send them in by this Thursday 30 July.

We are also looking for parents to hem dresses this Thursday 30 July at 11.30am. If you can help please let us know.

Alicia Brown and Erin Bolger

Wakakirri Coordinators

School Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students in Years 2-6 for their efforts during our Athletics Carnival that was held last term. It was great to see students participating in a wide range of activities, determined to do their best. Special thanks are extended to the parents who coordinated the sausage sizzle, while we are again appreciative of the students from Riverside Girls High School, who acted as officials throughout the day. The results of the carnival will be announced at Friday's assembly. High Jump competitions will be held on Wednesday for interested students, while 800m races will be held after lunch this Thursday. Information and permission notes will be distributed next week to those students who will represent our school at the Ryde Zone Athletics Carnival to be held on Monday 17 August and Tuesday 18 August at Homebush.

David Roberts

Coordinator

P&C News

In the last Newsletter of Term 2, the P&C provided information regarding the Bennelong Alliance and its plans to remedy inequities in funding arrangements (this letter is in the P&C area on the school website). The next meeting will not be held on 3 August as previously stated, but at a date to be announced. Please check future newsletters for information.

Workshop for supervisors of Learner Drivers

The RTA, in conjunction with the City of Ryde, will be holding a workshop for parents and supervisors of Learner Drivers at Gladesville Library on Wednesday 26 August. Bookings are essential – please contact James Winstanley on 9952 8302 or jwinstanley@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Milo In2cricket

GPS school parent Neil Hopkins will be running the "Milo In2cricket" program on behalf of Gladesville RSL Junior Cricket Club. The program is for beginners aged 4 to 6 years and starts in September.

Contact Neil on 0421213750 or more information at www.grslcricket.com

Aria Music Keyboard and Guitar Lessons – forms available from the office.

Glen St Theatre – La Sonnambula

Myee Clohessy, our talented Strings Teacher, is also concertmaster of the Pacific Opera Orchestra, who will be performing La Sonnambula at the Glen St Theatre in early August. Please check their website for details.

Notices on the Noticeboard include:

- SkipIt Fitness Classes
- Tennis classes
- Moocooboola Festival
- Oztag competition

GPS Country Fair and Family Bush Dance – Saturday 22 August

Ticket sales have opened. If you are coming to this event we would like you to purchase your tickets as soon as you can. This event is very 'numbers dependant' and we need to know how many families we will have attending. This way we can work out the catering and the scale of the event. We hope you will support GPS and come along to a fun school community event so bring along extended family and friends!

Family tickets are \$25/ Adults \$10 /Children \$5. Under 4's are free.

Ticket order forms are at the office or contact Bronwyn at bronwyn@hullabaloo.optusbiz.com

Country Fair Competitions - Entry and Rules

Baking - Best Jnr & Snr Cakes and Cupcakes - \$2 entry fee. All cakes must be home made and delivered to school by 3.30pm on the 22nd August. Please note all cake/cupcake entries will be sold after the winners have been decided.

Vegetables - Must be home grown. \$2 entry fee. Delivered to school by 3.30pm.

Build a scarecrow - team event – \$10 per team to enter. Teams to be registered by 3.15pm. Competition starts at 3.30pm. 1 hour to build and dress a scarecrow. Materials will be provided or alternatively bring your own!

Please let us know if you plan on entering any of the above competitions

Contact Bronwyn at bronwyn@hullabaloo.optusbiz.com

Other competitions on the day are:

Sock Wrestling/Gumboot Throwing/ Horse Shoe Throwing/Paper Planes

Best dressed – Girl, Boy, Lady and Man – \$2 entry fee at the event

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Human Swine Flu Information Sheet

This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu-like illnesses than in recent flu seasons because few people have immunity to the human swine flu virus.

As the number of cases of flu increases, we all need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in school communities as some staff and students are at greater risk of severe illness from flu.

Staff or students who become unwell should stay away from school until they are well to minimise the transmission of the flu.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu - like symptoms at school will be sent to a sick - bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home.

Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu - like illness in your child. If they are unwell please do not send them to school until their symptoms have gone.

These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath.

Some people are more likely to develop severe illness from both seasonal influenza and swine flu. NSW Health advises that this group includes people who:

- Are pregnant (particularly in the second and third trimester)
- Have chronic lung disease (including asthma)
- Are very obese
- Have chronic heart conditions
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have chronic liver disease
- Have blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Have neurological disorders
- Have metabolic disorders (such as diabetes)
- Have weakened or suppressed immune systems (which may be caused by cancers, medications or HIV/AIDS)
- Are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background (of any age).

If you or your child is in one of these categories, please seek urgent medical attention as soon as symptoms of flu appear because you may need anti-influenza medication and it works best if given early.

The department has policies in place to support schools this flu season. I can assure you that the department will continue to act on all advice received from NSW Health to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

Additional health information is available from the H1N1 Influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>