



THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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From the Principal....

Celebration Time - Come On!!!!

What a month of achievements at GPS!

STOP PRESS: THE GLADESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL WAKAKIRRI STORY DANCE TEAM HAVE BEEN NAMED A DIVISION 2 FINALIST PERFORMING AT THE SYDNEY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE ON SEPTEMBER 16!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!

In recent weeks we have truly shown the diversity of our students', parents' and staff's talents and skills. Whether it be in academic areas, on the sporting field, in creative and performing arts or in living and working by our GPS values – we have excelled and gone beyond our hopes and expectations.

Country Fair and Bush Dance

It was a great day of boot scootin', corn-on-the-cob slurping, cake-baking and scarecrow-making on Saturday as we enjoyed a little bit of country coming to Gladesville. A huge thank you to all parent volunteers who have spent months organising this wonderful event. It was great to see the little ones feeding and brushing the coats of our four-legged farm friends in the petting zoo, the rides were thoroughly enjoyed by all, and Miss Brown, Mr

Roberts and myself were thrilled to be asked to judge the cake-baking competition!

The biggest of thankyou goes to Bronwyn Allomes and India Betar who steered the organising committee and to Melinda Harrison and Melissa Coward who tackled the mammoth task of sponsorship and raffle prize gathering. It was a wonderful day, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Academic Competitions

Many students have been busy challenging themselves in the University of NSW Academic Competitions. We congratulate all students who participated in these assessments. Results are as follows:

Computer

High Distinction – Gabbie C, Shoryu, Isabella, Charlie,

Distinction – Johan, Trisha, Edward, Zach, David, Chloe D, Luke K, Kate L, Fergus, Stephanie Y, Sarah J, Julian, Ida, Claire P, Marcin

Credit – Lucy M, Rory, Matthew F, Myles, Daniella, Aidan, Declan, Sarina, Zoe, Angus, Sarah P, Sarah C, Ben S, Calum, Matthew L, Kaitlin L (Y5), Zuhaira, Rebecca A, Leighton, Claire G, Claudia, Michael H, Caitlin J, Delwyn, Kaitlin L (Y6), Tom M, Lachlan, Ed P, Emmanuelle

Science

High Distinction – Sophie C

Distinction – Johan, Shoryu, Zoe, Sarah J

Credit – Zach, Gabbie C, Rory, Amy G, Cormac, David M, Anja, Allissia, Aidan, Charlie, Sarina, Nicholas F, Luke K, Angus, Fergus, Sarah P, Zeb, Beth, Maddie M, Sarah C, Flynn, Ida, Claire G, Michael H, Caitlin J, Kaitlin L, Tom M, Ed P

Writing

High Distinction – Lauren F, Amy G, Allissia, Joyce

Distinction – Zach, Gabbie C, Trisha, Harry, David M, Aidan, Charlie, Zoe, Fergus, Zuhaira, James D,

Credit – Shoryu, Sophie C, Johan, Arielle, Benjamin M, Ella B, Beth, Simon, Charlton, Emma G, Zeb, Calum, Ida, Claire G, Delwyn, Tom M

Wakakirri Story Dance

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents for a fantastic Wakakirri story/dance experience. The students performed with passion, enthusiasm and a sense of fun – all working as a team to do their best. Special thanks to Miss Brown, Mrs Bolger and parent Liane Brown for the hours of dedication and hard work put in to preparing the students for their performance. Details regarding the Finals – to be held on 16 September – will be sent home as soon as they are available, however tickets, at \$34, will be on sale for the whole school community.

Wakakirri Film

Those students in Years 5 and 6 who have been acting, directing and filming their scripts for the Wakakirri Film Festival had an enthusiastic preview screening yesterday when all classes watched and voted for the four films exhibited:

Nature vs Nuclear with Amelia A, Olivia F, Emmanuelle R and Natalie N

The Time Travellers with James D, Marcin P, Jonny G, Raihan Z, Julian K and Flynn A

Attack of the Broccoli with Tim G, Joshua TD, William B, Sam C and George F

Bamboo Magic with Amelia C, Mia M, Claire P, Brooke C, Karlee D and Jayden C.

The GPS community has the opportunity to view the entries on Thursday 3 September from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the School Hall for a small donation. The films are of an exceptional quality and the hard work by all students is apparent.

Lisa Jencsok and Maria Kotouc
Coordinators

Editor's Note:

Congratulations to all students for the fantastic effort you have made in completing these films, and particularly to Miss Kotouc and Miss Jencsok for the hours of technical support time and encouragement you have put into this program.

Archiglades Art Competition

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in the Archiglades art competition celebrating Book Week, as voted by the GPS students:

Group artwork – 2 prizes:

1. Kaitlin, Zuhaira & Claudia
2. Emma & Ashleigh

Individual artworks:

Tully KP, Giselle 1W, Lillian 1P, Talia 2M, Matthew 3M, Luke 4BF, Reni 5/6R, Mia 5/6R

These students won vouchers to spend at the Book Fair.

Thank you to Mrs Goodfellow and Mr Donnellan who organised this competition and the display of artworks.

Book Week Parade

The children at Christ Church Pre-School were thrilled to see all our students parade in their Book Week character costumes today and have asked that their thanks be passed on the students, teachers and parents for organising and preparing the children for this event.

Young In Art

The fabulous achievements of GPS artists were celebrated last Wednesday at the opening night of the Young In Art competition. The Young in Art Exhibition showcases work from the following schools; Riverside Girls HS, St Joseph's College, Marist Sisters College, Hunters Hill PS, Boronia Park PS Villa Maria Parish School and of course Gladesville PS. With very high standards evident, we were thrilled to receive the following awards:

Connor KP – Highly Commended

Monique 1P – Commended

Jasmine 5/6R – Commended

Class 1W – Highly Commended

Congratulations to these artists and especially to their teachers who guided and supported the students through this creative process.

Swarna Perera and Karen Wilson

Coordinators

Editor's Note: Thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Perera for their inspiration and hard work preparing the artworks for display, wrapping prizes and attending on the night.

Sporting Achievements

Best wishes to Ed P who will be representing NSW in the Australian National Cross Country Championships this weekend. Ed will be selling raffle tickets to help support his participation in the NSW Cross Country Team. Tickets are \$2 and prizes include a laptop, a tv and ipods. Ed will be selling the tickets before school and at recess and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the winter sport competition. We have several teams who will be playing in finals this Friday – we wish them all the best.

Congratulations also to all students who tried so hard at the Zone Athletics carnival. Overall GPS placed second in the schools competition, also winning the Girls' Trophy which is a wonderful team achievement. Please see later notice for details.

Fathers' Day Stall 3 September

All classes will have the opportunity to visit the Fathers Day Stall on Thursday 3 September. If you would like your child to purchase a gift (priced \$2, \$3 and \$5) please send the correct money with your child on the day.

Father's Day Breakfast

The Father's Day breakfast will be held on Friday 4 September from 8.15am in the canteen area. **Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to school no later than Wednesday 2 September for catering purposes.** Your child will be issued with a breakfast voucher which needs to be brought in on the day. This event is for students and their dads (or male person influential in their lives). A small charge of \$2.00 per person for breakfast will be made – please pay on the day.

The coordinators of the Fathers' Day Breakfast are looking for helpers – if you are a Year 5 or 6 parent and can assist with serving and/or cleaning up please contact Carolyn Spork by email bspork@bigpond.net.au

Premier's Spelling Bee

Over the past week classes in Years 3 to 6 have been sitting tests as part of the Premier's Spelling Bee. The most successful spellers from each stage will participate in an elimination final on Wednesday this week, with the top two from each stage progressing to the Regional Finals at Lewisham PS on Friday 18 September.

Deidre Pigram and Vicki McIntyre
Coordinators

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at last week's Carnival. Students performed spectacularly well, with the school finishing in 2nd place overall out of a total of sixteen schools. Furthermore, we won the trophy for Champion Girls School. A large contingent of students will now move forward to compete at the Sydney North Athletics Championships to be held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Wednesday 16 September. Details of outstanding individual performances are listed below:

- Ed P – Senior Boy Champion. 1st 800m (new Zone record), 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st High Jump
 - Ella B – 2nd 11years 100m, 2nd 11years 200m
 - Amelia A – 3rd 11years 100m, 3rd 11years 200m
 - Nicholas B – 2nd Senior Discus
 - Ben S – 2nd Junior Shot Put
 - Zoe L – 2nd 9years 100m
 - Jane H – 2nd 10years 100m, 3rd Junior 200m
 - Kaitlin L – 2nd Senior 800m
 - Junior Girls 4x100m Relay (Zoe L, Jane H, Kate L, Olivia V) 1st
 - Senior Girls 4x100m Relay (Amelia A, Ella B, Kaitlin L, Rosie E) 2nd
 - Senior Boys 4x100m Relay (Brendan R, Marcin P, Tom M, Ed P) 2nd
- Finally, thanks to Narelle Penrose and Bronwyn McGill for accepting the role of Team Managers. Narelle, in particular, has given great service to the school for many years and we greatly appreciate the significant contribution made.

Band News

Information about Band Camp, held on Sunday 20 September, has been sent home via email to every band member, a hard copy has been handed to Training Band students and will be handed out to Concert Band this Thursday! Band Camp is a fun and fantastic day of individual instrument tuition by specialist tutors, full bands playing together, great lunchtime sausage sizzle and entertaining activities, and a performance for parents at the end of the day. I will be at Concert Band on Thursday mornings to collect money!

The next date to remember is the Band Soiree evening...which is Tuesday evening 29 September! There will be more information about this a little later!
Bronwyn Allomes

P & C News

The Country Fair and Bush Dance was a great success - a complete thank you to the many helpers and sponsors will be sent home next week. Hay bales must be collected by tomorrow otherwise they will be sent to the RSPCA.

At tomorrow night's P&C meeting, August 26, Kathy Deacon, a Teachers' Federation Organiser will be talking to us about the very important issue of Federal and State funding for our schools. Kathy is an ex-principal and a very engaging speaker who will be able to explain how funding is allocated. She will be able to answer any questions you may have. Please join us in the staffroom at 7.30pm to listen to Kathy who will talk to us before the actual P&C meeting begins.

Audit Applause

Sincere thanks always, but particularly in the past few weeks to our School Administrative Manager Janine Papworth and our School Administrative Officer Cinden Holt who worked tirelessly in preparation for our school financial and OH&S audit. Thank you to Lauren Pourre, School Administrative Assistant and Theresa Brewer Student Support Officer who also assisted in this process.

Approaching Your School

From time to time, parents have different reasons for needing to speak with personnel at the school. At GPS we have an excellent relationship with our school community, and school staff are always willing and happy to discuss parental concerns. In response to several requests from parents, I have attached guidelines for parents who may wish to speak with school staff on matters pertaining to their child(ren).

Father's Day Breakfast

Please write down names attending:
Student Names(s) and class :

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Dad's Name:

**RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY
2 SEPTEMBER**