



# THE WALLUMETTA NEWS

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## *From the Principal....*

### **Staff News**

Many of you would remember Mr Andrew Jackson who taught at GPS for many years up until mid 2008. Andrew was a talented and much loved member of our staff who was highly respected by the school community. Andrew made the decision to retire from the NSW Teaching Service earlier this year. We would like to wish him well for the future. The vacancy left by Andrew has been filled through Merit Selection by Megan Scroope, who is currently teaching at Mowbray Rd P.S. Megan will join us in 2010. I would like to thank the selection panel members, David Roberts and Alicia Brown and parent representative Melissa Coward for all their hard work fulfilling the demands of this process.

### **Student Achievement Honoured**

We are thrilled to announce that our school captain, Ed P, has been recognised at the highest level in the Northern Sydney Region and will receive a 2009 Regional Director's Student Achievement Award at a ceremony on November 16. Ed was nominated for his outstanding contribution to and achievement in sport as well as his dedication as a school leader and model school citizen. Congratulations Ed, we are all very proud of you.

### **Sydney Youth Writing Competition**

Congratulations to our other school captain Zuhaira, who has been chosen as a finalist in the Sydney Youth Writing Competition for her submitted story 'Dreams Do Become Reality'. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of you. Well done!

### **Stage Three Enrichment Program**

Congratulation to the Stage 3 students who have gained places at the Regional Enrichment Day program in the following areas:

Jayden – CSIRO

Emmanuelle – Art

Ida – Egyptian History

Amelia C – Rocketry

### **Academic Competitions**

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

High Distinction: Zoe, Charlton

Distinction: Johan, Aidan, Sophie C (3JK), Harry, Myles, David M, Joyce, Shoryu, Charlie, Sarah P, Sarah J.

Credit: Allissia, Matthew F, Amy, Arielle, Stella, Nicola, Isabella, Declan, Sarina, Nicholas F, Luke, Kate L, Angus, Fergus, Stephanie Y, Julian, Simon, Sarah C, Annaliese, Stephanie C, Sam C, Emma G, Zeb, Amelia A, Flynn, Leighton, Michaela, Claire G, Michael H, Delwyn, Tom M, Lachlan, Claire P, Marcin, Reni, Ewan.

### **ArtsNorth Film Festival Success**

We are thrilled to announce that the students at GPS have done it again! Congratulations to the students who produced 'Time Travellers' and 'Attack of the Broccoli'. These two films have been selected to be shown at the ArtsNorth Film Festival at the Dendy Opera Quays Theatre on Thursday 12 November. Students will walk the red carpet and enjoy the excitement of feeling like a professional film-maker! Enormous thanks to Ms Jencsok and Ms Kotouc for their guidance, time and effort in supporting and leading this program.

### **Year 3 and 4 Students – Blue Mountains Excursion**

The following letter was received from the company that coordinated the Blue Mountains Excursion undertaken by students in Years 3 and 4.

“I have received a telephone call from the National Parks staff at Blackheath to ask that I write to you to compliment you on the behaviour of your students. They have advised that the behaviour of your group was impeccable and they had much praise for the teachers for their excellent supervision and organisation of the students.

They suggest that your group was easily the best behaved group to have participated in one of their programs and the guides were full of praise for the group.

I would like to offer my congratulations as well, on a job well done. It must be very satisfying for yourself and your colleagues to work with such a pleasant group of children.”

Congratulations to all involved.

### **Building the Education Revolution**

Preliminary work will commence on the new school hall on November 23. This will result in many disruptions to routine over the next 12 months. One of the main changes will be that the existing staff car park will become the building office site. This will mean that no parking will be permitted in the school car park at any time, nor will the car park be able to be used to turn cars around to exit Orr St.

### **Music Information Evening TONIGHT**

This event starts at 6pm tonight and provides an excellent opportunity for families interested in being involved in GPS's expansive Music Program.

Thankyou to Sian, Myee and the parent volunteers for again donating their valuable time and experience.

### **Parent Super Sleuth**

I'd like to thank Darryl Flack once again for locating another famous ex-student of GPS, Greg Mortimer, who, in 1984 along with Tim McCartney-Snape, was the first Australian to climb Mt Everest without bottled oxygen. Greg has many other personal achievements to his name one of which was leading the Australian Bicentennial Antarctic Expedition in 1988. Greg will be visiting the school on 3 December where we will unveil a plaque acknowledging his achievements and recognizing his attendance as an 'old boy' of GPS.

### **Sydney to Gong Charity Ride**

Congratulations to the Gladesville dads who took part in the 2009 MS Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride, a 90km ride to Wollongong, on the weekend. The bike ride raised funds for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis (MS). MS is the most common disease of the central nervous system and affects more than 18,000 Australians. We are very proud of your efforts for such a worthy cause.

Judi Partland

Principal

### **Library News**

The school library will be closed off for borrowing for end of year stocktake this term. This allows time for teachers and students to return books and resources to the library. All books need to be returned by Friday 27 November. If your child brings home a book notice and you have searched thoroughly for the book and believe it has been returned please write a short note on the book notice and return it to me.

Inez Goodfellow

Teacher Librarian

### **Mobile Blood Bank**

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting Gladesville Hospital for one day. Details:

Old Gladesville Hospital gate 1 off Victoria Rd  
Thursday 26 November 9.00am – 2.15pm

### **Ryde SES Open Day- Sunday 8 November**

This is a great family event, held at the SES Headquarters 137-143 Wicks Rd. from 10am to 4pm. There will be rescue demonstrations, displays, information a jumping castle and obstacle challenge and a BBQ!

NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children  
Primary Science Workshop - Saturday 14 November  
10am to 12noon see [www.nswagtc.org.au](http://www.nswagtc.org.au)

Please see the School Noticeboard re Club maX After School Program on Thursdays during term time, or view information on [www.gladeshill.org.au](http://www.gladeshill.org.au)

Eastwood Ryde Netball Association is holding a Netball Skills Day for boys and girls on Sat 21 November. Forms available from school office.

## P&C News

### **Working Bee Sunday, 15 November**

**10:30am to 12:30pm**

It's spring, the perfect time to be in the garden! Come along and help build up the garden beds in the Peace Garden. Cuppa Club will be open for refreshments at half time. Please do let Helen know by email if you are able to come:

[kirkman.helen@gmail.com](mailto:kirkman.helen@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Puddings**

It is not too late to get your favourite Pudding Lane Christmas Puddings. Please contact Helen by email: [kirkman.helen@gmail.com](mailto:kirkman.helen@gmail.com) to secure your pudding/s now. These puddings are exactly the same as you will find in David Jones or Gourmet Markets but at special GPS prices and all profits go to GPS. There will also be extra puddings available at the Cuppa Club on Friday morning, 13 November.

### **Band News**

Congratulations to both bands who played at the K-2 assembly last Friday! You sounded absolutely fantastic and should be very proud of yourselves! The Concert Band will be travelling to Hunters Hill High on Monday 16 November for a band workshop and this will be followed by a performance at HHHS on the evening of Wednesday 18 November. Information about this be available soon.

### **Mango Order**

Just a reminder to return the completed Mango Order Form with the correct amount of money to the School Office by Wednesday 11 November. This offer is open to your family, friends & colleagues. At \$24.00 per box GPS will receive \$5.50 profit.

### **Cuppa Club**

Wednesday 18 November will be the final Cuppa Club in its current venue – please make a note in your diary if you can spare some time to help pack up the canteen. Cuppa Club will move to a new venue – yet to be advised.

### **P&C Evening – Reduce Stress and Clear the Mind**

Where: Gladesville Public School

When: Tuesday 17 November

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

RSVP: Tuesday 3 November to Justine Panzarino @ [justinepanzarino@hotmail.com](mailto:justinepanzarino@hotmail.com)

Cost: \$20 per head



## GPS CUPPA CLUB MARKET MORNING

Date: Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

November

Time: 9.10 am – 11.30am

Venue: GPS School Canteen

Due to popular demand we are running another Cuppa Club Market Morning. We hope you will join us for a great morning of shopping and conversation. Whether shopping for Christmas or for a little something to spoil yourself, you will find we have hand picked a great mix of stalls to suit.

Please tell your friends and family to come along as well

Stalls include: - Bead Funk Designs Jewelry, Originally Nic - ceramics, Chickpea - Baby and Children's products, Elysium Bath and Balm, India, Total Learning, Nutrimetics, Phoenix Cards & Wrap, Enjo, Game as Ned, The Body Shop at Home, Pudding Lane Puddings and more.....

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa at [theletterbox@scallywag.net.au](mailto:theletterbox@scallywag.net.au)