



★ The Bulletin ★

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Term 4 Week 6

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our swim school participants who have just completed their two week course. The teachers report that it was a very successful program with all students involved improving their swimming skills. Thank you to our parents for realising how vital this life skill is and supporting the program and to our teachers and School Learning Support Officers for your care and support of our students.

Our whole school 'Why is it so?' Science Day is planned to put a spotlight on the Key Learning Area of Science and Technology. Our students will look at an experiment in their classroom on Wednesday morning, producing a shared writing procedure of the experiment. We will then come out to the COLA where each class will present their experiment. After lunch the students will move around a series of 'Science experiences' in grade groups and the whole school will enjoy the 'Jollybops' travelling Science Show. The whole day's activities are free with sponsorship from Housing helping to pay the bill.

Year 6 are being offered an opportunity next week to participate in a Human Sexuality Course. This course is part of the Health and Personal Development Syllabus and covers topics such as puberty, menstruation and reproduction. It is presented in an age appropriate manner. Our students will combine with Floraville Public School students and I will be the presenter on the day, with other teachers supporting. We will also enjoy beach cricket and touch footy in the breaks as we will be travelling to Swansea –Belmont Surf Club to do the course. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students and as it is a curriculum course full attendance is expected.

Our next P&C meeting will be quite historic as Gateshead West and Gateshead P&C members combine for the first time with an AGM scheduled and a regional P&C representative there to guide our newly formed community support group. It is an exciting time for our schools.

Our new 'Wiripaang' logo has arrived and we are all pleased with the design. You may view the new design that is going to look so smart on our uniforms and paperwork next year, in the foyer next to the uniform display. Come in and check it out.....

Yours in Education

Mrs Lee Saurins
Principal



Positive Affirmation – Be A Learner

Our positive affirmation this week is: 'I have great ideas.' This affirmation is about our school value...'Be a Learner'. It tells us that we should understand that our own learning is important and that everyone has good ideas at times. It is important that we share our good ideas to enrich our own learning and the learning of those around us.



Important dates...

Wed 14 th Nov	"Jollybops" Science Show Going to Big School
26 th Oct – 14 th Dec	PCYC Windale Yrs 3-6
Tuesday 20 th Nov	Women Weaving Project
19 th & 20 th Nov	Human Sexuality Course – Year 6 students
Friday 23 rd Nov	Oakdale Farm - 1/5F & 5/6OT
Thursday 29 th Nov	Milo Cricket
Monday 10 th Dec	Presentation Day
Wed 12 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell

School Community

2013 School Leadership

In preparation for the amalgamation our school will elect **3 school leaders** from Year 5 this year to combine with 3 leaders elected from Gateshead West Public School. Our year 5 students have been participating in some leadership training with Mrs Saurins, including;

- lessons in confidence, organisation, persistence, getting along and responsibility
- explicit instruction in speech writing
- writing their speeches at school in a supported environment

Students will present their speeches this **Thursday, 15th November** at a special assembly time of **12.00pm in the hall**

Parents and community are welcome to share this special time with their students....

Coming to grips with measurement

It may come as no surprise to learn that a child's early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume.

Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/helping-your-child-measure-mass-and-volume>

Gateshead is currently working towards: Be at School!

It is vital that parents and students understand the importance of being at school. The DEC determines that attendance under 85% is detrimental to a child's learning.

Be on time- school starts at 9am- a child who is half an hour late each date will miss out on a year's schooling in the education journey.

We are doing great things in our class rooms – **it's important to be here.**

HATS

Parents and carers are reminded that NSW Public Schools have a Sunsmart policy that encourages children to wear a hat each day to play in the playground.

Students are expected to wear a hat in the breaks at school and we do adhere to a 'no hat no play' policy.

This is for the protection of your child's skin against damaging UV rays.

Please make sure that your child **has a hat to wear each day.**

Please send a note to tell us why your child is away from school.



Communication

In today's busy world, sometimes it's hard to find time to visit or call the school when you wish to contact one of our staff members. We know that sometimes you have important information for us as we share a common interest- your child.

Please know that you may email the school with your enquiry and if you attention it to a particular staff member our office will then forward it on for you. Our school email address is; gateshead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Parent tips

Holiday planning

Holiday camps are a great way for kids—7-12 years or 13 and over—to have an adventure and make new friends in a supervised environment. Packages include accommodation, activities and meals. Bookings are now open at camps across NSW.

Find out more: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/>

Changing schools

Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly. Find out what to do if you're planning to make the move, whether across town or interstate.

Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/smoothing-the-way-when-your-child-changes-schools>

From Miss McGee

Chickens

For the last two weeks KM have been taking great care of our baby chickens. We have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of the chicken and have witnessed a couple hatching. We have now decided to keep them.

A house for the chickens has been purchased and now we will need to build them a chicken run. If you have handyman/building skills and you would like to lend a hand setting up our chicken pen, please call Miss McGee. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Behaviour Medallions & Honours Certificate

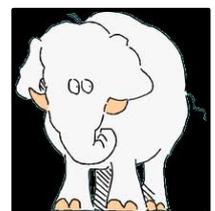
It is the time of year where we start to organise our school awards for presentation day. We are now asking all students who want to be nominated for the **Behaviour Medallion** to bring their awards to Miss McGee.

Students must have received ten awards – either Merit Certificates, Principal's Awards, Values or Gold Awards. All students with ten of these awards will be awarded with an **Honour Certificate**. The students wishing to be considered for the **Behaviour Medallion** will need to prepare a speech that they will deliver to a panel consisting of a teacher, Mrs Saurins and a parent representative in Week 8. They must explain to the panel why they should receive the award. The panel will then decide on this year's recipients.

All students eligible to receive the **Honour Certificate** must hand their awards to Miss McGee by Monday 19th November.

White Elephant Stall

Thank you to all of the generous people who have donated items for the Year 6 White Elephant Stall. The stall will be held on Monday 26th November. More details will follow soon...



Money Matters

Event	Cost	Payment Due
Oakdale Farm	\$20	16 th November
Swim School	\$25.00 Deposit \$25.00 Balance	22 nd October 2 nd November
PCYC Windale	\$5.00 Deposit \$30.00 Balance	26 th October 23 rd November
School Fees	\$10.00	Now

Weekly Dollarmites Savings Tip!

Don't forget that **Friday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, **no matter how big or small**, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.



Community News

FOR SALE

The school has two four drawer filing cabinets for sale for a small cost...please see the office if interested.



Whitebridge Uniting Church
Cnr Dudley & Bullsgarden Roads

Kid's Fun Club
Christmas Workshop

Wednesday 5th December, 2012

(Children in Years K - 6)

4pm - 7.30pm

Cost \$5

(includes Dinner & Craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 1/12/12

All enquires please phone:

4944 7826 - Laraine

Or **4908 1083 - Cathy**

Post form & payment to:-

Charlestown Uniting Church

P O Box 449

Charlestown. 2290

Office Opening Hours:

Tues; Wed; Fri:
9:30 - 1pm

Women Weaving Project

Dear Parent and Community

Gateshead Public and Gateshead West Public are holding a:

Women Weaving Project

with Cherie Johnson an Aboriginal Teacher from this area.

Where: Nikkenbah Room Gateshead Public School

When: Tuesday 20th Nov

From: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Please come and learn how to weave, have a yarn and a cuppa and just have fun. Feel free to bring a friend or family member with you.

Please contact Nerrida Darcy at the school on 49434357 if further information is needed

