

# Garran Gazette



## Week 7, Term 1 – Thursday 19th March 2014

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all students who strove to achieve their personal best in last week's swimming carnival. It was great to observe the competitive spirit, good sportsmanship and wonderful atmosphere. Special thanks to the many parents who supported the smooth running of the carnival. Thanks also to Gina Turton, Alistair Scherer, Tess Muir and other staff members who worked tirelessly to ensure the carnival was a great success. Congratulations to all of the junior students who took part enthusiastically in the delightful Water Fun Day that was also held last week (see photos elsewhere in this newsletter).

Thank you to all of the families who contributed to making the Garran Preschool picnic such a happy and enjoyable event last Friday evening. Thank you to our wonderful preschool staff for coordinating the event and joining in the fun.

Congratulations to the students listed below who have been selected by audition for the ACT Instrumental Music Program's Primary Concert Band in 2015. This is the equivalent of ACT representation in Music. The Primary Concert Band is made up of students from ACT public primary schools in year six IMP classes. The band will perform at school, community and Education Directorate events throughout the year.

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| Sreeya Das 5/6V  | Lara Robertson 5/6LS |
| Katie Fonoti 6AS | Hannah Vardy 5/6LS   |
| Lola Power 5/6LS | Andy Xie 5/6LS       |

### Christian Education

Christian education classes will be held on Wednesday 25th March and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Children whose parents returned notes indicating that they would like their child to participate will attend the Christian Education classes.

### Parent Link Form

A copy of the 'Parent Link' form has been circulated per email and another copy is attached to this newsletter. Parents are invited to complete and return the 'Parent Link' form if they would like to be part of a communication network comprised of parents of children in their child's classroom. The Parent Link program is an initiative of the Garran P&C Association. The form has been issued, with full approval of the school, by P&C Vice President Patrick Daley. While participation in 'Parent Link' is optional, we encourage you to consider participating as it is a good way for busy parents to make contact and share information.

## Important Dates

### Friday 20th March

LinC, 2pm

### Tuesday 24th March

Year 1/2 Parent Guided Reading tutors workshop, 2pm, Library

### Wednesday 25th March

Uniform Shop Open, 2.45pm  
Garran Board Meeting, 4.30pm  
P&C General Meeting, 7pm

### Thursday 26th March

Whole School Cross Country Assembly, 2pm

### Friday 27th March

LinC, 2pm

### Monday 30th March

Uniform Shop open, 8.45am  
Year 3-6 History performance  
Year 1/2 War Memorial excursion

### Wednesday 1st April

3/4 Camp Warrambui

### Thursday 2nd April

3/4 Camp Warrambui return  
Aussie and Effort assembly, 2pm

### Friday 3rd April

Good Friday (*public holiday*)

## Parent Survey Summary

For your information a summary of the results of the parent survey conducted by consultant Cheryl O'Connor is attached to this newsletter. Thank you to each of the 105 parents who kindly took time to respond to this survey. The results have been closely studied by the School Executive Team and by Directorate officials.

Best wishes from the Executive Team

Murray Bruce, Andrew Buesnel, Sharon Fellows, Janice Hourigan, Penny Taylor-Yates and Emma Vince.



# Student Awards



***Congratulations to the following students who received awards at this week's assembly:***

Austin Bush - KB  
Keiralli Heckman - KB  
Riley Higgs - 3/4S  
Joshua McGuinness - 3/4S  
Savannah Bogar - 3/4S  
Gowrob Roy - 3/4S  
Tony Tan - 5/6V  
Evelyn Ritchie - 5/6V  
Tilley Borchers - 6SS  
Calatika Iruthayaraj - 6SS  
Sherin Biju - 3L  
Anna Binns - 3L  
Urielle Dado - 2T  
Nanami Soma - 2T

Aditya Grama - 4NN  
Tia Bhashar - 4NN  
Leonard Forschinger - 1/2L  
Natasha Sitsky - 1/2L  
Will McCormack - 3B  
Pratyusha Mahunta - 3B  
Lulu Matthiesson-Hull - 6AS  
Taliah Ghasemi - 6AS  
Arabella Juusela - 2M  
Anderson Bush - 2M  
Anirudha Chintamani - 1/6J  
Sam Pantano - 2T  
Seth Liakos - 2T  
Aleksandar Markovic - 5/6LS  
Phoenix Wu - 5/6LS  
Danya Brown - 5WH  
Mohammad Khanlery - 5WH  
Evangeline Noble - KH  
David Brink - KH

Adam Veloso - 1R  
Riya Raju - 1R  
Liam Rogers - 1L  
Amelie Lindsey-Temple - 1L  
Eve Nott - 3/4D  
Ciaran Ernst-Russell - 3/4D  
Ella Boyd - 3/4D  
Serina Guo - 3/4D  
Lachlan Wedding - 5H  
Ignatius Chiware - 5H  
Omer Nayyir - 5H  
Olivia Kelsey - KN  
Atul Anand - KN



## Absence Notifications

Please ensure that you notify the school should your child be absent from school. Absences may be explained by means of a written note, an email, a telephone message or message forwarded via the Garran Primary School App.

SCHOLASTIC



**Book Club orders  
for Issue 2  
Are due on  
Friday, 20th March**

*Questions about school policies or school practices including sharing of joy or concerns can be directed to the Learning Team Leaders listed below:*

Sharon Fellows  
Janice Hourigan  
Penny Taylor-Yates  
Sharon Fellows  
Andrew Buesnel  
Emma Vince  
Kim Knight

Preschool;  
Kindergarten;  
Year 1 and 2 Team;  
Year 3 and 4 Team;  
Year 5 and 6 Team.  
Accelerated Learning Program (ALP)  
Business Manager

# Highlights from the Swimming Carnival



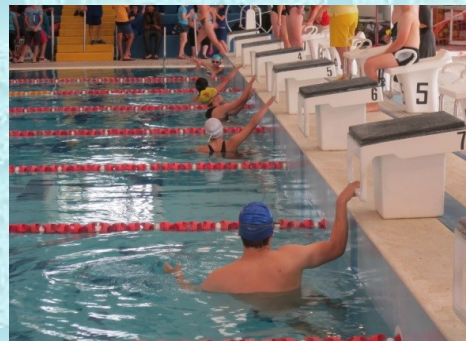
**Competitors brace for backstroke race at the swimming carnival.**



**Swimmers await the judges, instructions at the end of their race .**



**An enthusiastic cheer squad.**



**Tension mounts at the commencement of the teacher v students relay.**

# Highlights from the Preschool Picnic



Families enjoyed a lovely evening at the at the preschool last Friday evening.



Preschool families with Mr Bruce at the Preschool picnic.

## Mothers' Day Stall Tuesday 5th May

Donations are now needed for this year's Mothers' Day Stall to be held Tuesday, 5th May. Each child will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother, grandmother or carer, so please bring your donations to the office before the end of this term. Gifts do not need to be wrapped just delivered to the box at the front office.

Good gift ideas are chocolates (no nuts please), gardening products, beauty items or kitchen goods. Please feel free to re-gift but please do not send in any used items and don't forget to check the use-by date on any consumables.

Thanks in advance.  
Mel Kingston  
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- ◆ Year 3/4 Camp permission and payment is due cob Monday, 23rd March.
- ◆ Year 1/2 War Memorial permission and payment is due cob Monday, 23rd March.
- ◆ Year 5/6 Camp permission forms are due in cob tomorrow, 20th March. Payment is due 30th March.

## Seeking Parent Link volunteers for 2015!

The Garran Primary School / P&C Parent Link program is a joint initiative of Garran Primary School and the P&C, and provides an extra layer of communication (usually by email) between the school, P&C, your class teacher and class parents when and if required.

It also serves as a contact reference for family-to-family contact, such as for organising play catch-ups between classmates etc. In this way it complements (but does not replace) other information sources such as the Garran Gazette, official school emails, class notes and the Garran Primary School smartphone app.

A form has been sent home with your child this week to enable you to add your details to your class's Parent Link list. (This is entirely voluntary). Please return your form as soon as possible to your class teacher if you wish to be added to your class's Parent Link list, or if you wish to still receive Parent Link emails but not have your details added onto the list.

**We are seeking class parents who would like to volunteer to be Parent Link class list facilitators for 2015.** The duties are not onerous, however we do require class list facilitators who are able to send out emails to their class lists in a timely fashion. Duties principally involve maintaining the class contact list, distributing it to class parents, and then sending occasional email updates to the class list during the year. For many classes, second parent representatives are available to take on the role in instances where you need to be away for a longer period of time.

**If you are interested in being your class's Parent Link class list facilitator for 2015, please email Patrick Daley at [patgdaley@gmail.com](mailto:patgdaley@gmail.com) or text/phone Patrick on 0408 004 890.**

## Turning off the lights for the Planet!

**Earth Hour: Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Garran School Earth Hour: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

Earth Hour is a World Wildlife Fund initiative which has grown into the world's largest community-driven campaign for the planet. At the centre of the campaign is the symbolic collective action of switching off the lights. In 2014, Earth Hour was celebrated in over 162 countries and over 7000 cities and towns worldwide. In Australia, Earth Hour is something that really brings communities together, with 1 in every 3 Aussies taking part. This year's event supports Aussie agriculture which is already being affected by global warming.

In 2015 Garran Primary School will once again join in the action. Earth Hour for Schools will be held on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** and the whole school will be turning off the lights and all other non-essential electrical devices between 11:20am and 12:50pm and talking about ways we can "Reduce Use".

**We invite our amazing Garran Community to join in as well.**

Here are some ideas to celebrate your commitment to the planet with your friends, family, community or at work:

- simply turn off all non-essential lights from 8.30pm-9:30 pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March
- have a candle lit dinner
- talk to your neighbours
- go for a night walk and gaze at the stars
- go camping
- play board games
- try your hand at shadow puppetry or have a concert or a sing-along
- watch an environmental documentary (before or after the hour)
- create or join a community event

For more information go to:

<https://earthhour.org.au>

**Join in, have fun and help the planet!**



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