



# Garran Extra

Week 03/10 Thursday, 19 February 2009

## Diary Dates

<b>20 February</b>	<b>Board Nominations due</b>
<b>20 February</b>	<b>Book club due</b>
<b>25 February</b>	<b>7.00pm P &amp; C AGM</b>

## CHOIR

Our school choirs will commence next week (week 4). The choirs are free and any student who wishes to join should turn up at the first session (no note is needed to join). Once children have decided to join, they will be expected to attend all rehearsals throughout the year. The choir performs at the end-of-term combined assemblies in Terms 2, 3 and 4, as well as at the school end-of-year concert. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend these performances.



**Senior Choir:** Thursday 11:20-12:05  
in the Staffroom

**Junior Choir:** Tuesday 12:25-12:50  
in the School Hall

## WANTED - Parent helper/s to build sandpit

We are looking to construct a temporary sandpit in our Franklin Courtyard. We are seeking parent/s who are handy with carpentry skills to construct a sandpit using sleepers, brackets and tarp. If you are able to help, please contact the front office on 6205 5844.



## Indonesian at Garran

This year sees the reintroduction of the LOTE program at Garran Primary. Students in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will participate in one 60 minute Indonesian lesson each week. The program aims to develop students' language skills as well as provide experiences and learning activities which will lead to an understanding and appreciation of the richness of Indonesian culture. The program will be delivered using a variety of resources, including interactive whiteboard lessons, videos and dvds, songs, games, puppets, role plays and stories. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Indonesian program or your child's progress.



## Car park and turning circle safety

The practice of safe car **parking** and driving is a major area of concern for our school. It is essential that all drivers take the utmost care when manoeuvring in and around the school grounds. Please be aware of children who may at times run across the car park without looking. Vehicles are not to mount curbs and drive around the grounds. The overflow car park is designed to house a small group of vehicles, where the nose of the vehicle should face in to one of the bollards. If your vehicle is not in this position it should not be in this area. Another important safety understanding is that the **turning circle** should only be used for drop off and pick up, not as a place to park and wait for children. Please do not park in the disabled spot unless you have a permit. I do understand that we have limited parking opportunities and I will continue to do my best to address this situation. However, we must all take responsibility and work together. Our students are young and vulnerable and rely on all adults to keep their safety as a paramount concern. Thank you.

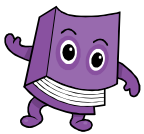
## Whooping Cough

Staff and parents are requested to be alert for signs of whooping cough (pertussis). An outbreak of pertussis has occurred in NSW, including the south coast, and ACT residents may have been exposed to infection. Pertussis is highly contagious in schools and it is important that people do not attend school while infectious (ie three weeks after the cough starts or one week of antibiotic treatment). Pertussis is a respiratory illness which causes persistent bouts of coughing. Although it is usually not medically serious in school age children or adults, symptoms can last for several weeks. Infants less than 12 months of age are particularly susceptible and can become very unwell. School children who are not fully immunised should complete the course. Immunity to pertussis wanes 7 to 10 years after vaccination or disease. A single booster dose is available for adults.

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### Scholastic Book club

Issue 1 book club orders are due tomorrow, 20th February, 2009.

### Canteen News

The canteen is open every day Monday to Friday. Please check the menu for prices and availability of food. (as not all food is available every day). Volunteers are always welcome.



### Snowyhydro South Care

**What:** Base Open Day is a free event with activities and fun for the whole family. Come and see a range of helicopters, enjoy live music, food and drinks and learn more about this important life-saving service. **When:** Sunday 22 February 2009 10-3pm **Where:** On the Monaro Highway, 2 km south of Hindmarsh Drive. [www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au](http://www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au)

### Baby Sitting Services

My name is April Barrett, I am a responsible 18 year old (ex-Garran Primary student), currently studying at Radford College. I am looking for baby sitting work around the Garran/Hughes area. \$10 per hour, double rates after midnight. Own transport. Please contact me on 0419469841 or 62812781. References available.

### Victorian Bushfire Appeal Concert

*Hosted by the Canberra & District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community*

Come along, enjoy the music and dancing, and help to raise money for the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.

- Saturday 21 February
- From 3 - 8 pm
- Boomanulla Oval in Narrabundah .

There will be a number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander entertainers along with some traditional dancing!

Also meet and greet Indigenous and local sports stars. Costs: \$10 Adult; \$15 Family. Gold coin donation from pensioners and children under 14.

Sausage sandwiches will be available to purchase for \$1 each.

All funds raised on the day will go to the Red Cross Victorian Bush Fire Appeal.

For further information contact: Oliver Kickett on 0414 518 189 or Maurice Walker on 0458 598 254

### School Badges

School badges are available from the front office for \$5.00 each.



### HELP WANTED!

If you would like to join a small team of gardeners at the school we would love your help. Stimulating work, charming company (your children in Garden Club), and guaranteed job satisfaction plus plenty of cups of tea.

Please contact the front office or Fiona Coles on 62823650 Or 0422 102909 for more details.

### Earth Hour 2009

What will you be doing at 8.30pm on 28 March?



Put the date in your diary and get ready to experience an hour without power to show your support for action on climate change.

Individuals, businesses and governments from around the world will turn out their lights from 8.30pm-9.30pm on Saturday 28 March for Earth Hour. Last year, Canberra led the nation with an outstanding 73 per cent of the community participating in Earth Hour! The city's tremendous support resulted in an impressive 11.4 per cent drop in electricity consumption for the hour. We're hoping to smash that record this year, so please turn off your lights for Earth Hour and sign-up to [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) to be counted.



### SING! SING! SING!

**Canberra Boys Choir**  
**Enrolments for Term 1, 2009**  
**from Tuesday 17 February**

Any boy aged 5 and up who loves singing (with unbroken voice) is encouraged to join. Rehearsals are from 4.15pm on Tuesdays during school term (first meeting for term 3 is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July) at St John's Church Hall, Constitution Ave, Reid.

**Vocal and choral training** by professionals  
**An extension** to your musical activities  
**Membership** in a social and musical group  
**Performance** opportunities

### MUSICAL DIRECTORS

**Michael Sollis & Sarah Hewat**

*Enquiries and visitors welcome anytime!!*  
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