



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 4 November 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our 55 Year 5 & 6 students who attended the Milson Island Sport and Recreation Camp last week were great ambassadors for Guildford Public School.

Mr Bennett, Mrs McGrath and Mr Crowther reported that our students participated both enthusiastically and cooperatively. Congratulations on a wonderful week.

Special thanks to our three teachers who worked all week (day and night) to care and supervise. No they do not get paid overtime. Teachers do this totally out of their professional commitment to their job and student welfare. I thank them sincerely for this outstanding effort. Please take some time to look at the great photo display.



Above: Nheerie Pillay and Houda Khazma at Milson Island Camp.

COUNTDOWN TO CONCERT

Only a few days to go until all our students K-6 perform for you. Have you purchased your ticket/s yet?



Please assist your child's teacher by having costume requirements ready in time. Remember all students need to attend dress rehearsal Tuesday and day and

evening performances on Wednesday. Failure to attend the concert will not only forfeit that wonderful opportunity for your son or daughter, but will affect the class item. Teachers are relying on each student's participation within the structure of the class item, dance or choir item.

CONCERT GUIDELINES/ORGANISATION

Tuesday 9 November

This will be our full dress rehearsal day. It is not a public performance. Students will be the audience and will have the opportunity to see their fellow students perform. All students should have their costume and class gear with them. Photographs will be taken today. If students fail to bring their costume they may not be able to perform.

Matinee 11:30am Wednesday 10 November

There are still tickets available for this session. Don't leave it to the last minute as tickets may sell out.

Evening Performance 7:00pm

Parents attending please be seated by 6:50pm. Show to start right on 7:00pm.

I especially ask the AUDIENCE to please keep QUIET during the entire show just as you would at a picture show or theatre.

All students should be at school at 6:30pm and meet their teacher.

Students in classes 2/3 Endeavour and 2 Todd must go to the library. All **Kindergarten and K/1 Darling** students will meet their teacher in the K-2 Infants Hall. Senior Dance Group need to go to the 3/4/5 Snowy classroom. All other students to go to their own classroom. Make sure students have their costumes. Parents not attending the evening performance can pick up their son/daughter after the evening performance at the classrooms indicated above. The concert will finish about **8:30pm approximately**. All students need to be collected by an adult family member.

Security: As usual I have hired security guards to patrol the school and premises before, during and after the concert. This is to assist with the safety of students, staff and visitors. Consequently it is not wise for older brothers and sisters to hang

around the school during concert times. If they attend they need to have a ticket and be seated in the hall.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Students should not have a mobile phone at school unless a parent has spoken to me personally about the need for their son or daughter to have one. If approved, the phone's will be left daily in the office and collected at 3:00pm by the student.



Have a great fortnight!

Mr P. Lawless
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

HEAD LICE

Once again there have been a number of cases of Head lice reported in the school. Departmental regulations recommends that children **are treated with medication from a chemist until all the lice and eggs are dead. You may decide it necessary to keep your child at home until it is treated. Please advise us if you do,** although if head lice management is ongoing it is not necessary to keep your child at home. It would be appreciated if all parents could check their child's/children's hair in natural sunlight at least once a week every week. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child/children are constantly free of head lice so that other children are not being infected.



Chemical solutions are available from the chemist; however no medication will remove the eggs. Parents are responsible for doing this.

Mrs Alterio. School Admin Officer

Ruby Awards

KS Mahek Mehta
Anjani Jayarathne
Favor Zeogar
3/4/5S Omer Nitelik

EMERALD AWARDS

3/4C Reda Ali
3/4/5S Kitty Jo

SAPPHIRE AWARDS

2/3E Natalia Wang
Sayed Moshref
3/4/5S Kitty Jo
Zuhour Dannawe
4/5H Ziyad Kassem

DIAMOND AWARDS

3/4C Natalie Batistic
3/4/5S Kitty Jo
Aykan Bosnali
Matthew Feng



**SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW GOOD
WORK TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT.**



K/1D Rania Lingad, Mayset Elhaj
1F Hayne Khuang
Dylan Perera
1/2W Jakob Masters
2/3E Abigail Lay, Kathy Tran
4/5H Ziyad Kassem
Nighat Hussain

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

UNSW Competition Results

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the UNSW Mathematics and Spelling competitions. The following are exceptional students who achieved a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction. Well done!

Mrs McGrath
UNSW Competitions Coordinator

Mathematics Year 3

William Tran-	Credit
Paul Charbel-	Credit
Jason Ly-	Credit
Neha Pillay-	Credit
Hannah Huynh-	Distinction

Sharon Thio-	High Distinction
Matthew Feng-	High Distinction

Year 4

Kitty Jo-	Distinction
Carria Xie Xi-	Distinction
David Zhan-	High Distinction
Albert Tran-	High Distinction
Andrew Chen-	Distinction
Michelle Chen-	High Distinction

Year 5

Jimmy Yip-	Credit
Andrew Huynh-	Credit
Mayeesha Zahin-	Credit
Shehan Wijusurendra-	Credit
Edmond Tran-	Credit
Nherrie Pillay-	Credit
Andy Roughley-	Credit
Fiona Chau-	Distinction

Year 6

Michelle Nguyen-	Credit
Amy Chen-	Distinction

Spelling Competition

Year 3

William Tran-	Credit
Neha Pillay-	Credit
Mahmutjahn Olca-	Credit
Vanessa Lam-	Credit
Hannah Huynh-	Credit
Matthew Feng-	Credit
Sharon Thio-	Distinction

Year 4

Gihan Perera-	Credit
Atilla Kiyak-	Credit
Michelle Chen-	Credit
David Zhan-	Distinction
Kitty Jo-	Distinction
Andrew Chen-	Distinction
Albert Tran-	High Distinction

Year 5

Jimmy Yip-	Credit
Shehan Wijusurendra-	Credit
Alyssa Turner-	Credit
Mayeesha Zahin-	Distinction

Year 6

Michelle Nguyen-	Credit
Amy Chen-	Credit
Victoria Salerno-	Distinction

DEBATING NEWS

Congratulations and a thank you to the members of the 2010 Guildford Public School debating team for their efforts in the Granville/ Strathfield debating competition.



They are:

Zoe Turner	Amy Chen
Victoria Salerno Meiojas	Michelle Nguyen
Tooa Rees	Fatima Al Doukhi
Nherrie Pillay	

Each of these students gave up many lunch times and put aside additional time at home, to research, prepare and rehearse their speeches. As the debating coach, I am proud of how each of these students have developed their debating skills including their confidence in preparing and presenting as well as hosting a debate. You have been a fabulous team!

Ayesha Ali Khan Debating Coordinator

PSSA/Sport Report

Summer PSSA

Softball and Teeball will be played at Webbs Avenue each week. Cricket will be playing at Princes Park 5/11/10.



Please ensure that your child pays the \$5.00 for bus fare every Thursday morning.

N.Crowther PSSA Coordinator

AUTHOR TO VISIT

Children's author Aleesah Darlison will be visiting the school on Tuesday 16 November. Aleesah will talk to students about her picture book *Puggle's Problem* and her junior series, *Totally Twins*.

Puggle's Problem is a picture book suitable for boys and girls. It follows the adventures of Pipp Puggle, a baby echidna, who goes in search of his spines. The book teaches children the value of patience and perseverance. This hardcover edition makes a lovely gift idea.

Totally Twins is a new illustrated series for children aged 7 and over. The book follows the adventures of Perse and Portia Pinchgut and is told in diary format by Perse. Life's pretty fun for Perse until DISASTER strikes in the form of a SCHOOL MUSICAL. Read all about Perse's TOTALLY TERRIFIC twin adventure in her first ever TOP SECRET diary.

If children wish to purchase Aleesah's books, please fill out the form below and return it with payment to the Library before or on the day of Aleesah's visit.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4 2010

10/11/10	School Concert K-6 'THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT' Theme
18/11/10	Kindy Transition to School Day
25/11/10	Kindy 2011 Playgroup
2/12/10	Kindy 2011 Playgroup
8/12/10	K-6 Presentation Assembly
9/12/10	Parent Helper Morning Tea
10/12/10	Diamond/Sapphire Xmas Party
13/12/10	Year 6 Farewell
14/12/10	Class Parties
15/12/10	Last Day of School - ☺
31/01/11	Students Return to School ☺

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MILSON ISLAND CAMP 2010 REPORT. STAGE THREE

Last week 54 students from Years 5 and 6 attended Milson Island Sport and Recreation Camp for the bi-annual school camp. Departing school at 7:30am, many of our students came to school half-awake but keen to go. After dealing with the heavy traffic on the way to camp, we arrived in time to catch the ferry to Milson Island.

Although for some students, it was their first time away from home they coped well and we only had two very short periods of homesickness on Tuesday evening. Each student had a wonderful time and it was a pity more student were unable to come and enjoy this great experience. (See the comments and photos below) The students' behaviour was always of a high

standard and each parent should be proud of the way their child/ren represented their families.

Highlights included the canoeing, the giant swing, the rock climbing and the cookout at which all students worked as part of a team to produce a tasty meal with their friends, which they quickly consumed. Richard from yellow group caught a nice size bream when fishing. Many students had fun tipping over canoes, riding bikes and participating in archery. Other highlights included the night shows and games and free time swimming and of course, the diamond pythons we saw lazing in the sun around on the island. A big thank you must go to Mr Crowther and Mrs McGrath.

Mr Ray Bennett Assistant Principal

STUDENTS REPORTS

Victoria Salerno Meiojas 5/6M.

The best part of camp was when the blue team had the ultimate cookout! Houda. Amy Nunia Maggie and I cooked halal sausages with onion carrot and potato chips! As a group, we were all helping each other cut the food. It was an awesome experience cooking in the outdoors on a kerosene stove. "It was great."

Aida Mesanovic 4/5H

At camp some of the great activities we did included bush walking, rock climbing, canoeing and the giant swing. We also saw a diamond python about two and a half metres long. When canoeing, we paddled on the Hawkesbury River.

Vreshy Tuaineiti 4/5H

My favourite activity at camp was bike riding. I liked the bike riding because it was like a real road with traffic and this made it great fun I love to do it again.

Nunia Tokabobo 4/5H

While we were at camp my favourite activity was rock climbing because it's fun and cool to climb to the top of a very high wall.

Beyza Aslan 4/5H

At the giant swing, we had to put on a harness. Then we went on a ladder and we were lifted way up into the air when everyone pulled on the tow rope. We went about 10m in the air. Then you pulled on a red rope and held on tight as you fell swinging through the air. It was like a dream as you swung on the end of the rope.

Tyson Lepua 5/6M

At camp I loved the giant swing. After going way up in the air you pulled a red rope and you swung down and around in big circles. Everyone was scared and lots of kids screamed while they had their ride.

Andrew Huynh 3/4/5S

My favourite activity was bike riding. It was as if we were on a real road with signs, rules, and even police who fined us when we broke a road rule.

Lachlan Hough 3/4/5S

At camp, my favourite activities were the giant swing and bike riding. My favourite food was the roast beef, gravy and vegetables. I liked the fishing and the possums that were outside our lodges each night.

Zayne Krupowicz 3/4/5S

I enjoyed the canoeing. I fell into the water at first and after we paddled around for a while, we played a game where we keep putting people into a canoe until we could sink.

Nherrie Pillay 3/4/5S

My favourite activity was canoeing. Unfortunately we tipped over and sand got into my shoes when I stood up in the water.

Maggie Cava 5/6D

My favourite thing about camp was canoeing, because it was my 1st time and I gave it 100%. My team was first to get in the water but we tipped over, then we were last to get in the water.

Iman Barri 5/6D

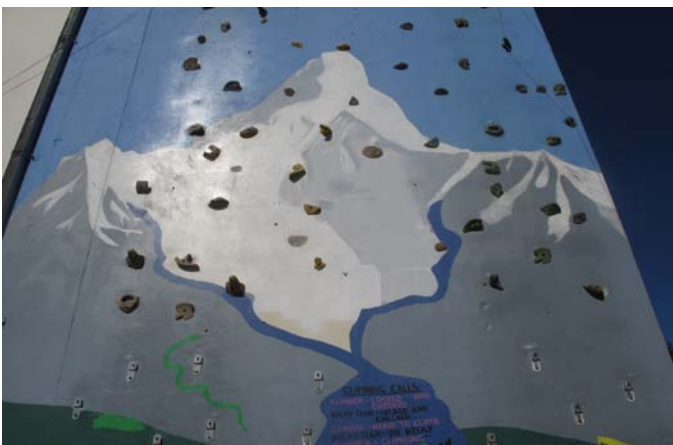
My favourite activity at Milson Island was canoeing, because it was my very first time at canoeing and I had a lot of fun doing it. When we were canoeing 3 people were put in a canoe. In the canoe I was with Nherrie and Carolina. We played a game called Titanic, the aim of the game was to see how many kids we could fit in 1 canoe without the canoe sinking. We could fit 11 kids before the canoe sank.

Jake Ghamrawi 5/6N

We got to paddle the canoes around. At the end we played Titanic, this was a game where we got to sink the canoe. When my canoe turned over Adam lost his glasses.









POLICY

Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, MP3 Players/iPods, Cameras and Similar Devices in Schools by Students

There is a range of technology available today including mobile telephones, emails, SMS messages, blogs, chatrooms, pagers, digital cameras, portable CD and MP3 players/iPods, personal digital assistants and other similar devices. All of these have the potential to be incorporated appropriately into lessons, under the direction and supervision of teachers. When these technologies are misused by students they can be very disruptive to teaching and learning.

Guildford Public School acknowledges that students may need to be in possession of a mobile telephone at school for reasons relating to their safety in travelling to and from school. If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school, they are required to call the school's main office and a message will be sent to the student.

If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone they can do so through the school's main office and with the permission of their class teacher or principal.

Taking photographs or videos while at school or engaged in school-related activities by students may only occur if there is a sound reason for the photography and is endorsed and supervised by the teacher. Depending on the particular circumstances and purpose of the photography, the permission of staff, parent/ carer or student may be required.

Where students bring a mobile telephone or camera to school, they have the following responsibility.

- The student must take full responsibility for these devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.
- Students who use their mobile telephone do so in a way which reflects the core values being taught in schools, including the values of respect, responsibility, care and fairness.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school.

- Mobile telephones must be switched off when on the school grounds or during any school related activities.
- Students must not use mobile telephones or other devices to threaten, bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the telephone or for any illegal activity.
- Under no circumstances will inappropriate use of mobile telephones with cameras be tolerated.

Improper use of mobile telephones or other electronic devices may result in the following sanctions.

- Students who misuse mobile telephones or other electronic device will surrender their phone to the Principal. The student can collect the device at the end of the school day.
- Repeated offences will lead to the mobile telephone or other electronic device being surrendered to the Principal until such time as their parent or caregiver is able to attend school to collect the device.
- The school's discipline policy will apply to students who misuse mobile telephones or other electronic devices, especially, but not limited to bullying, intimidation, harassment and/or inappropriate photography.

This policy reflects the Department of Education and Training guidelines for the use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, MP3 Players/iPods, Cameras and Similar Devices in Schools by Students