



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Monday 13 December 2010

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all !*



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
Well we have come to the end of another year at Guildford Public School. School officially finishes for students on Wednesday 15 December at 3pm. There will be a final assembly on the courtyard in front of the office at 2.45pm so we can farewell the Year 6 students. Teachers will continue for school development days on Thursday and Friday. We will also be farewelling Mr Ray Bennett (Assistant Principal) who is retiring, Mr David Burn's who will be teaching overseas and Mr Glen Talbott (General Assistant) who is moving to a school closer to his home. I'm sure you will join with me in wishing them every happiness for the future.

## **Reports are Out!**

All parents of Kindergarten to Year 6 students should have received their son or daughter's report at the end of last week. Please read it carefully and keep for future reference. If you need to speak to your child's teacher about it please make an appointment or come and see me if you are not sure of the format or achievement level scales.

I am delighted to say that about 60% of students are working at their appropriate stage level. Many have exceeded, however there is still a large number of students needing to apply extra effort and concentration, especially in reading, writing and all areas of mathematics.

Reading daily, during the holidays, is advisable and supports student's progress.

Congratulations on all the students who did their best during 2010 and thanks to 85% of students who visited my office to show me work.

Thanks!

## **Thankyou**

Thanks for your wonderful support again in 2010. Please read my Presentation Day Address if you missed this event last Wednesday.

## **School Resumes**

We return to school on Monday 31 January 2011.

Teachers have a School Development day the previous Friday. Kindergarten starts on Tuesday 1 February.

Please keep an eye on the school during the holidays. If you see any breach of security please ring 1300 880 021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I wish you all every happiness for this Festive season and may 2011 be a wonderful year for the Guildford Public School Community.

## **Holding Classes**

When we return we will have students in holding classes for a week or so until definite student enrolments are established. When we have a clear indication of total enrolments and the exact number of classes we are entitled to we will form classes for 2011. This may only take a few days. Students may be with their 2010 teacher for these few days.

## **Principal's Address**

**Presentation Assembly 8 December 2010**

**Welcome**



Today we celebrate learning, improvement and achievement across our school from Kindergarten to Year 6. It is probably our most important day of the school year.

#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Darug People. Today we pay our respects to the elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

I welcome you all here today students, teachers, parents and friends, to share with us our success across academic, cultural, artistic and sporting endeavours.

I would particularly like to welcome our special guests to our annual K-6 Presentation assembly.

Welcome:

- **Mr John Perry ...Counsellor for Holroyd Council.**

**Highlights:** 2010 has been another busy and productive year at Guildford Public School. This year we have seen the gradual rise of our new classroom block with 6 stunning new classrooms. The **Building Educational Revolution** has really supported GPS. We will be moving in next week and setting up for 2011. We have also seen considerable maintenance done during the year on buildings and wash sheds etc and the extension of this COLA. Our computer room is being relocated and rejuvenated and will open in 2011. We have bought from school funds 6 new interactive whiteboards. Three were installed earlier this year with another three bought just recently for our new classrooms. Most classrooms now have this modern 21<sup>st</sup> technology.

#### **Some of the main events of this year include:**

The Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, The learn to swim program, Cross Country Carnival, Education Week and our Multicultural Food Fare and Entertainment Day, Our Spectacular ... "Ten Great Years" at the Sydney Opera House featuring our Choir and Dance Group.

**PSSA winter and summer sports** and school based sports programs provided opportunities for students to develop essential skills. This year a number of teams made the finals including Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball, Senior Soccer and Boys Softball. Congratulations to all teams but particularly the Senior Newcombe Ball for winning the District competition.

The **Annual Talent Quest** hosted by the SRC was very popular again. Congratulations to Junior Justice Crew (a group of senior boys) who won this year,

Our whole school "**That's Entertainment**" concert last month with the well supported (booked out) evening performance showed that we can deliver

and maintain high quality performing arts at Guildford.

**Student Academic Success...**Students have performed extremely well again this year in the University of NSW Academic Competitions English, Maths, Spelling, Computers and Science. Our Kindergarten Best Start results are very pleasing as is student outcomes across all Key Learning Areas.

Our **Debating Team** performed extremely well as did our students in the **District and Regional Spelling Bees**.

In our **NAPLAN (National Assessments Tests)** most students showed pleasing improvement from Year 3 to 5 with above state average and regional average growth (improvement) in both Reading and Spelling. Although many students performed well there is still much need for improvement by many students. We need to pay a lot of attention to mathematics in 2011 as our good results of previous years have slipped a little.

However, we will not become complacent. We at Guildford must strive to continue to improve all students' outcomes and we will make that our number 1 priority in 2011. Our strong focus on **Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** has seen the design and purchase of colourful signs around the school to remind students of the need to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learners.

**In 2010 over all we have had many student achievements.** Parents and teachers I would like you to join with me and congratulate all our wonderful students at Guildford?

**CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful effort.**  
**Keep it up in 2011!!!**

**To our Parents and Community** ... Thank you for your support this year of our school. Whether it be through supporting students with their home studies, helping with reading groups at school, on excursions or attending **Parents in Partnership** on Thursday mornings which has been a very successful initiative again this year. I will hold a meeting early next year to see if parents are now ready to form a Parents and Citizen's committee (P&C).

**Thanks for Support of Canteen...** Thanks to Mrs Tye and helpers for the fantastic job. Our canteen has continued to develop a focus on promoting healthy foods and will continue this initiative in 2011

**Thank Parents** I would like to thank all the parents who have helped in any way during this year at our school. **Applause for the parents.**

**Farewell Year 6** ... I have enjoyed getting to know you over past 7 years. I have known most of you since Kindergarten. I wish you all success and good luck at your many different High Schools. I hope you all enjoy your farewell celebrations on Monday evening.

**Thank teachers and Staff**...Finally I'd like to thank my wonderful staff of teachers K-6 including class teachers, specialist support staff and of course the office staff. I thank them sincerely for their outstanding contributions this year to Public Education at Guildford.

**I'd like all the students now to give a big applause to thank all the teachers.**

Sadly we will also be farewelling some of our staff at the end of next week. Farewell to Burns who has been with us for three years and half years. **Mr Burns** has taken Years 5 and 6 as well as Year 2. He has taken PSSA sport, swimming school, and Milo Cup to mention just a few. He is a great teacher! He will be teaching and living overseas. I hope he one day returns to Guildford where I will gladly give him a teaching position if there is a vacancy.

We will also be farewelling our General Assistant **Mr Glen Talbot**. Mr Talbot has been at Guildford for 5 years and has transferred to St Clare High School which will be much closer to his home and much less travelling. I thank him for his hard work and support of Guildford School and wish him luck in his new school.

**Farewell Mr Bennett**...Now we will also be losing a member of the executive. Mr Bennett after 37 years full time teaching and school leadership has announced to me that he will be retiring at the end of this year. Mr Bennett has taught Stage 2, Stage 1 and Stage 3 during his four years at GPS. He has been an important member of the executive team and has been a very honest, friendly and caring executive member. During his career he has taught at the following schools:

- Miller Public School 1974 to 1975
- Georges Hall Public School 1976
- Guildford Public School 1977 to 1982
- Northmead Public School 1983 to 1988
- Bonnyrigg Public School 1989 to 1990
- Merrylands East Public School 1991 to 1996
- Carlingford West Public School 1997 to 2001\
- Parklea Public School 2002 to 2006
- Guildford Public School 2007 to 2010

I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Bennett for his service to Public Education over 37 years but particularly what he has done for all of us at Guildford Public School.

**Assistant Principals**...I'd especially like to thank my close colleagues ...Our Executive Team... I am very lucky to have such professional and caring support. Miss Walpole, Mr Bennett, Mrs Haidar and Mrs Hemming (Supporting Assistant Principal).

Special thanks to Miss Walpole for coordinating the assembly and to the executive and staff for their support. I wish each and every one of you ... students, teachers and parents a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I look forward to working with you again in 2011. God Bless and please take care over the holidays.

Finally I'd like to thank our school captains Peter Zheng and Zoe Turner, and the vice captains and prefects for their support this year.

**Congratulations** to our students who will receive awards today. For those who don't keep trying as next year may be your turn. It's up to you to keep trying. For your information student reports will be sent home on Friday. Please enjoy the rest of this Presentation Assembly and Thanks for your attendance.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2011*

Peter Lawless

Principal

## AWARD WINNERS 2010

### CLASS: K/1 Darling

Academic Achievement

1. Rania Lingad
2. Sofia Wallis

Most Consistent

1. Mayset Elhaj
2. Tiresa Rees

Most Improved

1. Akanesi Matakaiongo

Neatness and Bookwork

1. Skye Lepua

Creativity

1. Husain Akil

Courtesy and Consideration

1. Pallavi Kamoda

### **Class: K Lachlan**

#### Academic Achievement

1. Katherine Tran
2. Huazhen Liu

#### Most Consistent

1. Jemima Kassem
2. Elias Bouchelouha

#### Most Improved

1. Nicholas Williams

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Jessica Trieu Phu

#### Creativity

1. Akec Athalan

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Ahmelia Katoa

### **CLASS: K Swan**

#### Academic Achievement

1. Markeisha Bolano
2. Mahdi Mansoor

#### Most Consistent

#### Most Improved

1. Amir Al Hirz

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Linda Trieu Phu

#### Creativity

1. Hope Croombes

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Raziq Naseri

### **CLASS: 1 Hunter**

#### Academic Achievement

1. Calvin Jo
2. Elissa El-Bayssari

#### Most Consistent

1. Aguer Deng
2. Selena Tan

#### Most Improved

1. Renalds Sar

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Amir Awick

#### Creativity

1. Ian Rivera

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Sarah Tarabiya

### **CLASS: 1 Franklin**

#### Academic Achievement

1. Tara Nogueira
2. Meshwa Patel

#### Most Consistent

1. Rayyan Arbess
2. Tamim Nasiri

#### Most Improved

1. Fatema Elsamad

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Julia Hoang

#### Creativity

1. Nicole Croombes

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Vargha Hor

### **CLASS: 1/2 Warragamba**

#### Academic Achievement

1. Oscar Yau
2. Caylib Biggs

#### Most Consistent

1. Vishu Garg
2. Issa Arbess

#### Most Improved

1. Even Zhang

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Grace Tokabobo

#### Creativity

1. Samira Wang

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Shauna Dower



### CLASS: 2 Todd

#### Academic Achievement

1. James Dower Junior
2. Mirna Abdulwahab

#### Most Consistent

1. Mena Moosawi
2. William Lam

#### Most Improved

1. Sherif Awick

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Cindy Nguyen

#### Creativity

1. Halley Fu

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Abdullahi Said



### CLASS: 2/3 Endeavour

#### Academic Achievement

1. Abigail Lay
2. Irvin Lariosa

#### Most Consistent

1. Jeyda Olca
2. Sonia Lingad

#### Most Improved

1. Livai Saukuru

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Natalia Wang

#### Creativity

1. Kobe Lepua

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Sayed-Ahmad Moshref

### CLASS: 3/4 Clarence

#### Academic Achievement

1. Albert Tran
2. Natalie Batistic

#### Most Consistent

1. Fadia El-Fatayerji
2. Sthefania Minotto

#### Most Improved

1. Amal Elhaj

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Zahra'A Qanber Ali

#### Creativity

1. Deya Daoudi

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Jane Waqa

### CLASS: 3/4 Murrumbidgee

#### Academic Achievement

1. Jasmine Lepua
2. Thomas Batistic

#### Most Consistent

1. Neha Pillay
2. Amodena Salguero Beazley

#### Most Improved

1. Hannan Handullah

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Karen Tran

#### Creativity

1. James McGuire

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Maddison Biggs

### CLASS: 3/4/5 Snowy

#### Academic Achievement

1. Sharon Thio
2. Michelle Chen

#### Most Consistent

1. Nherrie Pillay
2. Hannah Huynh

#### Most Improved

1. Omer Nitelik

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Kitty Jo

#### Creativity

1. Jimmy Yip

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Andrew Huynh

### CLASS: 5/6 Daintree

#### Academic Achievement

1. Amy Sylvina Lily Chen
2. Mursal Sedaqatyar

#### Most Consistent

1. Mayeesha Zahin
2. Andy Roughley

#### Most Improved

1. Adam Goodson

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Fatima Al-Doukhi

#### Creativity

1. Mortaza Qanber Ali

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Terry Chung



### CLASS: 4/5 Hawkesbury

#### Academic Achievement

1. Aida Mesanovic
2. Gihan Perera

#### Most Consistent

1. Mandy Vuong
2. Christine Yau

#### Most Improved

1. Betselot Asrat

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Nunia Tokobobo

#### Creativity

1. Rachel Thorne

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Jessica Vidler

### CLASS: 5/6 Murray

#### Academic Achievement

1. Victoria Salerno
2. Shehan Wijesurendra

#### Most Consistent

1. Richard Mac
2. Zoe Turner

#### Most Improved

1. Chol Deng

#### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Jun Wu

#### Creativity

1. William Mendoza

#### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Tooa Rees

## CLASS: 5/6 Nepean

### Academic Achievement

1. Peter Zheng
2. Michelle Xuan Mai Nguyen

### Most Consistent

1. Fiona Chau
2. Ida Ghalandari

### Most Improved

1. Ashlee Newell

### Neatness and Bookwork

1. Nikita Jain

### Creativity

1. Razeia Naseri

### Courtesy and Consideration

1. Mitchell Sihapanyaxay



## ESL AWARDS

Early Stage One: Favor Zeogar

Stage One: Losa Tuuholoaki

Stage Two & Three:

1. Ritika Garg
2. Aava Adhikari

## COMMUNITY LANGUAGE AWARDS

Stage One: Farah Faytrouni

Stage Two: Alaa Agha

Stage Three: Iman Abdulrahman

## LIBRARY

KL – Connor Flood

KS – Anna Chung

K/1D – Mahdi Qanber Ali

1F – Ashak Ahmed

1H – Farah Hussaini

1/2W – Yusuf Kahraman

2T – Cullen Rollo

2/3E – Frank Rees

3/4 C – Amar Elnour

3/4M – Aidan Turner

3/4/5S – Matthew Feng

4/5H – Nighat Hussain

5/6D – Iman Barri

5/6M – Tyson Lepua

5/6N – Zeinub Hussein

## Library Monitor awards:

Bronze – Nighat Hussain

Silver – Nherrie Pillay

Gold – Maknoungeh Moradi-Roshankoochi

## Sports Awards

Senior Girl: Victoria Salerno

Senior Boy: Modassir Hussain

11 years Girl: Maggie Cava

11 years Boy: Eloni Saukuru

Junior Girl: Adut Deng

Junior Boy: Michael Asabre

## Principal's Choice awards

Performing Arts – Sharon Thio

Public Speaking – Hannah Huynh

## Holroyd City Council Award

Amy Chen

## School Citizenship Award

Zoe Turner

## Dux of the School

Peter Zheng

## **CAPTAINS 2011**

Girls: Nherrie Pillay

Boys: William Mendoza

## **VICE CAPTAINS 2011**

Girls: Adia Mesanovic

Boys: Jimmy Yip

## **PREFECTS 2011**

Girls:

1. Tooa Rees
2. Alyssa Turner

Boys:

1. Shehan Wijesurendia
2. Billal Sediqi

## **OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE**

### **K-2**

Shauna Dower  
Mariam El Kassab  
Vishu Garg  
Anjani Jayarathne  
William Lam  
Dylan Perera  
Jeyda Olca  
Ivy Tran

### **STAGE TWO**

Fhiras Agha  
Razzan El Kassab  
Matthew Feng  
Ritika Garg  
Hannah Huynh  
Kitty Jo  
Jason Ly  
Gihan Perera  
William Tran

### **STAGE THREE**

Fatima Al Doukhi  
Fiona Chau  
Andrew Huynh  
Richard Mac  
Andy Roughley  
Alexander Sieng  
Krystal Taeiloa  
Alyssa Turner  
Shehan Wijesurendra

## **DOUBLE DIAMOND AWARDS**

Shehan Wijesurendra  
Fiona Chau  
Rachel Thorne

Sharon Thio  
Andrew Huynh  
Neha Pillay  
Richard Mac  
Amy Chen  
Kitty Jo  
Michelle Chen  
Vanessa Lam

## **TRIPLE DIAMOND AWARD S**

Jason Ly  
Nherrie Pillay

Have a great fortnight!

Mr P. Lawless  
Principal

## *Ruby Awards*

*3/4/5S*

*Ricky Newell*

## EMERALD AWARDS

1H

Calvin Jo

3/4/5S

Billal Sediqi

## SAPPHIRE AWARDS

3/4/5S

Andrew Chen

## DIAMOND AWARDS

3/4/5S

Michelle Chen

Carria Xie

Nherrie Pillay

Jason Ly

Kitty Jo

Jimmy Yip



## *DATES TO REMEMBER* *TERM 4 2010*

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 😊



# Presentation

## Assembly 2010





# Thankyou!

# Morning Tea

For Parent helpers.



# CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

We are asking children to help at the Christmas Vigil Mass on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.



St Patrick's Catholic Church, Callopie Street, Guildford. If you can attend please call Mrs Younan on 9632 2352 for all the details.



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