



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 18 February 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

I'd like to congratulate our new school captains, vice-captains and prefects for 2010. Students made their pledge yesterday at the K-6 Assembly, and received their badge. It was wonderful to have parents at the assembly who had the honor of pinning the badges on their son or daughter.



Above Left to Right: Michelle Nguyen (Prefect), Amy Chen (Vice-Captain), Nikita Jain (Prefect), Richard Mac (Vice-Captain), Peter Zheng (Captain), Nicholas Edwards (Prefect), Findlay Hosea (Prefect). Absent: Zoe Turner (Captain)

OUR SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Each class has elected two students to be their student leaders for 2010. These students also received their badges and made their pledge to the school at this week's assembly.

Captains, prefects and SRC meet regularly to discuss student issues and ways of supporting and helping the school.

The SRC members participate in class meetings and then take suggestions to the combined SRC meetings.

Congratulations on these students for accepting such responsible roles. I trust they will have a successful and rewarding year in these prestigious student leadership positions

(See our photo on the next page)

K/1 Darling

Tiresa Rees

1 Franklin

Tara Nogueira

Hayne Khang

1 Hunter

Elissa El-Bayssari

Ian Rivera

1/2 Warragamba

Grace Druma

Mitch Bouton

2 Todd

Mirna Abdulwahab

Nathan Tokabobo

2/3 Endeavour

Betoul Alameddine

Yusuf Aslan

3/4 Clarence

Natalie Batistic

Albert Tran

3/4 Murrumbidgee

Amodena Salguero Beazley

Kazem El Bikai

4/5 Hawkesbury

Aida Mesanovic

Bassam Kassem

3/4/5 Snowy

Sharon Thio

Jimmy Yip

5/6 Daintree

Maggie Cava

George Hosea

5/6 Murray

Victoria Salerno Meiojas

Eloni Saukuru

5/6 Nepean

Hiva Masila

Hisham Zreika



PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

The final parent information session will be on this evening (Thursday) at 6:30pm in the hall. This will be for Kindergarten parents.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Stage 1 (Monday), Stage 3 (Tuesday) and Stage 2 (Wednesday) sessions.

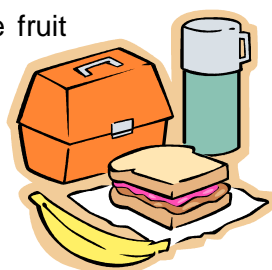
So far we have had approximately 40% attendance. We thank you for your participation however; our target was at least 80% attendance. For those who missed out could you please support your son/daughter's schooling in the following areas:

- Ensure students get to bed early each night by 8:30pm particularly on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
- Support students with their homework as follows;

Year 1	10 – 15 minutes
Year 2	15 – 20 minutes
Year 3	20 – 25 minutes
Year 4	25 – 25 minutes
Year 5	25 – 30 minutes
Year 6	25 – 30 minutes

Homework is each evening from Monday to Thursday. Please encourage extra reading where possible and fun learning experiences. Students need to read on weekends books, magazines etc that they enjoy.

- Students should have fruit for recess and a nutritious lunch each day. Lunch should include a salad or meat sandwich, roll or wrap, fruit juice and fruit etc.



- Please avoid package and processed foods as they contain too much salt, preservatives, sugar and fat.
- Avoid soft drinks or sports drinks as they have far too much sugar (such drinks are bad for teeth and weight).
- Students in Year 3 and 5 will be doing their National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in May. Support and encourage students to aim high in Reading, Writing, Punctuation, Grammar, Numeracy, Space and Measurement.

- Please support the smooth running of Teaching and Learning across every class K-6 by ensuring students come to school each day with the correct supplies of pencils, pens etc. Each stage issued a page of necessary daily equipment.
- Encourage high attendance levels and daily punctuality. Students should be at school every day before 9:00am. In the event a child is sick please keep them home and supply the class teacher with a written note the next day.
- Absences for more than 2 weeks require a signed off Exemption Form. Exemption information and application forms are available from the office. These need to be submitted to the Principal at least two weeks prior to leaving for a holiday or overseas travel etc. For long periods, photocopies of plane flight bookings or documentation is sometimes required. Legally you need to have a good reason or purpose for taking children out of school during the school term.
- Uniform is required daily to be worn by all students K-6 without exception. This includes school cap, white socks and black school shoes. Running or sports shoes may be worn on Friday for sport K-6. Clothing items – especially caps and jackets or sloppy-joes, should have the student's name.



Above: students Sharon Thio and Albert Tran wearing the school uniform.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Parents are requested to pay a school contribution at Guildford Public School, as at all other schools. Our fees are considerably lower than most schools. These fees assist us in the general running of the school, helping in providing paper, photocopying, exercise books, pencils etc. While these fees are on a voluntary basis it is hoped that most families will contribute.

The General Contribution for 2010 is:

One Child.....	\$35
Two children.....	\$50
Three or more children.....	\$60



Please pay at the office or send cash/cheque to school in an envelope with child's name and class.

Have a great fortnight!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P Lawless.
Principal

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are reminded that payment for excursions or any event needs to be paid **BY THE DUE DATE ON THE NOTE.** Payments that come in after the due date cannot be processed in time and unfortunately students will obviously miss out on attending. Please direct any financial concerns to Mr Lawless for assistance.

Ruby Awards



EMERALD AWARDS



SAPPHIRE AWARDS



DIAMOND AWARDS



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



1F	Nicole Croombes, Meshwa Patel Rayyan Arbess
1H	Noshin Anbar, Calvin Jo
1/2 W	Nakita Whaanga Ngu
2/3E	Sayed Moshref Sonia Lingad
3/4M	Karen Tran Maddison Biggs
4/5H	Bassem Kassem Rachel Thorne Moustapha Ayad Aida Mesanovic
3/4/5S	Hannah Huynh Michelle Chen
5/6D	Mursal Sedaqatyar George Hosea
5/6M	Liam Payne
5/6N	Fiona Chau J'Wan Flavell-Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten have now completed their Best Start Assessment and are settled in their classes for 2010. The teachers' thank you for your cooperation during this initial time which allowed the students to become familiar with many staff from the school as well as learn many of the routines that they need to follow daily.



All Kindergarten parents are requested to attend the Parent / Teacher information evening on **Thursday 18 February at 6.30 pm** in the school hall.

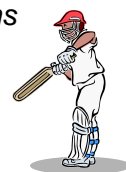
At this meeting the reports for **Best Start** will be given out and discussed so that parents understand the information they contain.

In addition, the teachers will provide details of programs planned for Kindergarten during 2010 and expectations in regard to homework.

*D Hemming
Kindergarten Supervisor*

PSSA SPORTS

PSSA sports starts this Friday. Our teams this term are Cricket, Softball and Tee Ball. Students playing PSSA need to be at school by 9.00am to get the bus. All games start at 9.25am at the following grounds.



Cricket – is played at Guildford County each week this term.

Softball and Tee Ball – is played at Webbs Avenue, Auburn each week this term.



**IF YOUR CHILD IS PLAYING
PSSA COULD YOU PLEASE
PAY THE \$4.50 TO THE OFFICE
ON THURSDAY MORNINGS.**

*N. Crowther
PSSA Co-ordinator*

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Students and teachers from Guildford Public School held their annual Swimming Carnival on Tuesday the 9th of February.

The day was a great success and was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to all the parents who attended and I hope to see you all again at the Athletics Carnival later on in the year.

A special mention goes to Nick Edwards who was an outstanding competitor in all the boy's events and Ashlee Newell, who whilst only new to the school, stood out throughout the girl's events.

Wattle was the winning house by the end of the day, but it was definitely a great effort by all involved. Thanks.

*Mr Nathan Crowther, Sports
Coordinator*



CLASS FEATURE

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This year we will endeavour to bring you, each fortnight in the Newsletter, a short statement and picture of the wonderful Teaching and Learning that is occurring daily at our school.

CLASS : 2/3 ENDEAVOUR

Each week for a special session Miss Ali Khan (class teacher) and Mr Norambuena (teacher/librarian) team teach in the library. Today you see Mr Norambuena presenting a research and literacy lesson using a 'Big Book'. The students enthusiastically put up their hand to answer questions. Meanwhile Miss Ali Khan sits nearby giving intensive support to a small group.



Parents in Partnership

Thanks to those parents who have already assisted in Parents in Partnership for 2010. They have covered books for the Gem awards and made resources for classrooms. The teachers really appreciate your effort.

Our first workshop for Term 1 will be led by Mr Lawless on Thursday 4 March in the school hall beginning at 9.10 am. The topic will be **Funding Educational Opportunities at Guildford Public School**. This will be a great forum for you to ask Mr Lawless all those intricate questions that never seem to get answered at other times.

Hopefully there will also be a workshop on numeracy before the end of the term so keep your eyes and ears open for that date as well.

If you have any suggestions for areas that you would like to know more about, please contact me (Mrs Hemming) and I will try to arrange a workshop on that topic.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible at future meetings. Remember that most Thursday mornings are spent making resources with time for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. This is an ideal way to meet other members of the school community.

Thanks to Parent helpers: Mary Mendoza, Anoma Athukorala, Arlen Ball, Yemma Riucra, Pepa Masila, Malia Matakaiongo,
D Hemming

Parents in Partnership Coordinator.

MERRYLANDS EAST

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

is a Holroyd City Council child care service. The service caters to school aged children aged 5 - 12 years. Hours in operation are before school care 6.30am - 9.00am and after school care 2.30pm - 6.00pm. If you would like more information or an enrolment package please contact Fadwa on:

9681 6411 or 0417 667869

**PLACES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR BOTH
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
WE ARE ALSO OFFERING CASUAL CARE**

Learn Music on Keyboard at Guildford Public School

- 45-min lesson weekly. Small group.
 - \$22 per session.
 - Music material provided.
 - Instrument not required initially.
 - Beginners & children of all levels welcome.
- Call to Enrol: 9411 3122 (VIP Music)



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 2010

18/02/10	Kindergarten Parent Teacher Information Night 6:30pm
2/3/10	Zone Swimming Carnival
8/3/10 – 12/3/10	Life Education
23/3/10	Regional Swimming Carnival
1/4/10	Last Day Term 1 – School Holidays
2/4/10	Good Friday
19/4/10	School Returns

Prefect & Captains

Induction Assembly



Parents had the honour of pinning the badges onto their children at this week's assembly.

