



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



**Thursday 4 March 2010**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Guardians,



### **LIFE EDUCATION**

This important Personal Development and Healthy Lifestyle program will be taking place next week at Guildford Public School. All classes have been timetabled to visit the van that will be stationed in our school for that week. The visiting teachers and Harold the Giraffe are looking forward to seeing every student from our school attend. It would be a shame to miss it. The lessons are so important. Cost is \$9 per student. Please see me if you are having difficulty paying as I may be able to assist large families or particular circumstances.

### **LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

I would like to inform you that I will be taking 10 weeks Long Service Leave from 13 March until 7 June. After nearly 8 years at Guildford and 34 years full time teaching/principalship I feel the need for an extended holiday and to do some traveling I have been putting off for many years.

I will be traveling to Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, France, England, Scotland and of course Ireland (the country where the famous Lawless Clan originated). Believe it or not we have a Coat of Arms.



I'm very pleased to inform you that Ms Patricia Walpole will be Relieving Principal while I am away. I have absolute confidence in her ability to lead and

manage the school in my absence. I know you will work cooperatively with her as you always have with me. She will be there for the students, staff and community.

### **BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)**

These photographs below show the commencement of work on our new 6 classroom double story block. It should be completed later in the year. What a wonderful chapter this will be in the history of Guildford Public School.

Eventually the computer room will be moved to the kindergarten block. Kindergarten and another year will relocate in the brand new classrooms. The old buildings near Military Road will be removed and the playground will be remodeled. Can't Wait!!



## SCHOOL WEB SITE

The school has just reorganized our website to a Department of Education friendly website location. All the previous information we were including and developing is still present, however there is lots more information available.

We are updating this website monthly and more and more will be available as the year progresses. Presently you can view our recent Newsletter and 2008 Annual Report, Last years Annual School Report will be available soon. We will also be working on our gallery and special events. Let us know what things you would like to see on our website. Special thanks to Mr Gadd who is supporting us tremendously with the technical aspects of the website.

Just Google Guildford Public School.

Have a great fortnight!

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P Lawless.  
Principal

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



KL	Katherine Tran, Connor Flood
KS	Raziq Naseri, Anjani Jayarathne
K/1D	Tiana Setafano, Rania Lingad, Charlie Hosea, Sofia Wallis
1F	Tamin Nasiri, Olivia Tran Meshwa Patel, Jack Jabbour
1H	Aguer Deng, Amir Awick
1/2W	Jireh Lungjung, Grace Tokabobo
2T	Augustina Asabre, Cindy Nguyen
2/3E	Alaa Agha, Frank Rees
3/4C	Albert Tran, Atilla Kiyak, Sthefania Minotto, Ritika Garg, Natalie Batistic
3/4M	Abdi Said, Thomas Batistic Diab El Omran
4/5H	Christine Yau, Gihan Perera
3/4/5S	Jimmy Yip, Jason Ly
5/6D	Waqar Ali, Ahmad Abdulwahab Fatima Al-Doukhi, Amy Chen
5/6M	Brittany Hough, Brianna Georgis
5/6N	Mohmed Ali

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

Mr Lawless

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

## *Ruby Awards*



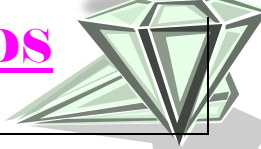
## EMERALD AWARDS



## SAPPHIRE AWARDS



## DIAMOND AWARDS



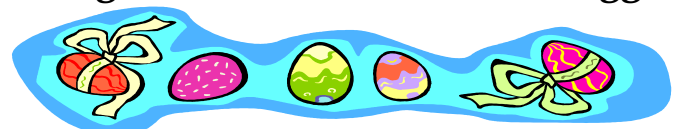
# EASTER RAFFLE

*Easter is fast approaching and once again we have organized the 2010 Easter Raffle. There will be a great range on Easter egg prizes to be won. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon with the students. The Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 at 2pm in the school hall.*



# EASTER MUFTI DAY

*On Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 we have organized a Mufti Day for our Easter raffle. Students are asked to wear casual clothes (no thongs) and donate an Easter Egg.*





# FROM THE OFFICE

Again we are asking if any parents can kindly donate spare, clean underwear for our children to use when they have little accidents. Sizes from 4 – 10 would be sincerely appreciated (especially the smaller sizes) in boys and girls. Thank You.



## **IMPETIGO (School Sores)**

We have recently had a few children with Impetigo. This is an infectious disease of childhood.

Time from exposure to illness : 1 – 3 days

### Symptoms:

Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands or scalp.

### Do I need to keep my children home?

YES, until treatment has commenced. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing.

Careful hand washing will help prevent the spread of the disease.

Office Staff

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting when the reports for Best Start were given out and discussed so that parents understand the information they contain. I hope that you have had a chance to look at these reports and have stored them away so that you can compare them to your child's results later in the year.

Kindergarten has had 2 successful days at borrowing from the library. Remember that your child needs to bring a special bag on Mondays to be able to borrow from the library. The communication folders are not to be used as library bags as they are not big enough for this purpose and need to be used regularly each day for notes and homework.

A reminder to all Kindergarten parents, would you please make sure that your child has a spare set of clothes, including underpants and shorts, or dress in their school bag for when they have accidents at school.

D Hemming  
Kindergarten Supervisor



## STAGE 3 NEWS

Notes have gone home about the Stage 3 Camp to Milson Island. If you would like your child to attend this great excursion please return the permission slip, medical form, deposit slip and \$80 deposit in a sealed envelope to Mr Bennett by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2010.



## CHOIR NEWS

The choir is sounding great as it always does! This year we have a total of 45 students from Years 3 to 6 wanting to be members. Unfortunately only 20 of these children will be able to participate in the Opera House performance. First preference will be given to students from Years 5 & 6 but attitude and behaviour will be considered before students are selected to have the honor of performing and representing Guildford school at the Opera House. All children in the choir will be able to participate in school-based performances and any visits made to local Nursing Homes. Our first performance will be as part of the Anzac Day Service. Please note the date of the Our Spectacular performance at the Opera house: Thursday 19 August.

D Hemming  
Choir Teacher



## Dance Group

Dance Group practice starts Tuesday 9 March after school 3 – 4pm. It is important that all students in the dance group attend these practices!

P. Walpole  
Dance Teacher.



# PSSA SPORTS

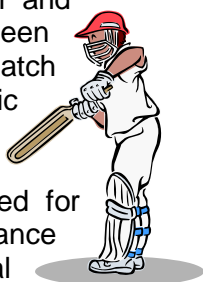


**IF YOUR CHILD IS PLAYING  
PSSA COULD YOU PLEASE  
PAY THE \$4.50 TO THE OFFICE  
ON THURSDAY MORNINGS.**

N. Crowther  
PSSA Co-ordinator

## CRICKET PSSA

Over the last 2 weeks the Junior and Senior cricket teams have been competing in a 2 day cricket match against Guildford West Public School. The students found the competition challenging, however they can be commended for their sportsmanship, perseverance and determination. Special mention needs to go to Ahsan Bhutta (5/6N) for his tremendous fielding effort in the Seniors, and Fhiras Agha (3/4M) for his captaincy, especially his ability to give all players a turn in bowling. I look forward to seeing the girls and boys in the junior and senior cricket teams at training on Tuesday 1st half lunch outside 3/4 Murrumbidgee room.



Mr Kranenburg

## *Whispers from the Library*

Welcome to 2010 where many changes have taken place in library this year.

The main change is team teaching across all the Stage 2 and 3 classes. This is something that is currently happening in many schools around Australia and the World. The students will benefit much more with 2 teachers teaching in library.



Stage 3 will be doing a novel study (this prepares the Year 6 students for high school novel studies). The program will involve the class dissecting the novel's themes and characters and answering questions about the plot. Students will learn to identify the pages to back up their answers. This is highly encouraged in high school and will be

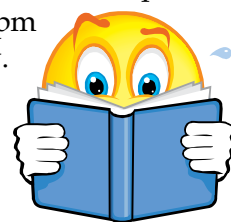
beneficial to them. The students will also do some research about Poland, Living in the 1940s and World War 2. It's a great lead up to ANZAC Day. The novel we are studying at the moment is called 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. The story is about a boy who was left at an orphanage in Poland during the early 1940s. The character lives through the beginning of World War 2 and Nazi Poland. The book is written for upper primary students and teaches them about what happened during World War 2 with the holocaust and talks about survival. The book is written in a very innocent way and keeps the students interested.



Stage 2 will be dissecting the information from a Big Book titled 'On the Menu'. The book talks about food and food technology. Each week the students will learn how to identify key words, their meanings and how to use those words in every day language. Questions about the chapters will be given to the students to answer.

### Library Bags

Library bags can be bought from the library for \$2.50. The best time to come is Tuesday morning or during the day. Mrs Cullen, the librarian assistant, will be available all day on Tuesdays. If Tuesday is not a good time for the students, please see me after school around 3:10pm on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday.



### Borrowing and Overdue Books

My records are showing me that some people still have overdue books. Please have a good look through your child's book shelf or bedroom for any books that has the Guildford Public School Library barcode located on the front cover on the bottom left (most books should have that).

Borrowing is a good way to have your child read at home. Children must have a library bag to borrow. Flimsy plastic shopping bags are NOT library bags. Hard plastic (i.e. JeansWest, Just Jeans, Myers) are acceptable, but we prefer you have a canvas type bag (i.e. Woolworths/Coles environmental bag).

Kindergarten & Year 1 can borrow 1 book

Year 2 = 2 books

Year 3 = 3 books

Year 4 = 4 books

Year 5 & 6 = 5 books.

Books are on loan for one week. If your child doesn't finish reading the books, then have them come and renew the book.

### Library Days

Monday:

5/6 Murray, 5/6 Daintree, Kindergarten Swan,  
Kindergarten Lauchlan and Kindergarten/Year 1  
Darling.

Tuesday:

3/4/5 Snowy, 4/5 Hawkesbury , 1 Hunter and  
1/2 Warragamba

Wednesday:

3/4 Clarence, 3/4 Murrumbidgee, and 2 Todd

Thursday:

2/3 Endeavour, 5/6 Nepean and 1 Franklin.

## Parents in Partnership

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.

On Thursday 25 March, Miss Ali Khan will be leading a workshop on Mathematics. Please note this day in your diary.

Parents in Partnership are also co-coordinating the Easter Raffle and will be busy on Tuesday 30 March assembling baskets of eggs for the prizes. Please encourage your child to participate in the Mufti Day on Monday 29 March so that there will be plenty of eggs to fill the baskets.

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.

*D Hemming*

*Parents in Partnership Coordinator.*

**NEXT NEWSLETTER**  
**18 MARCH, 2010**

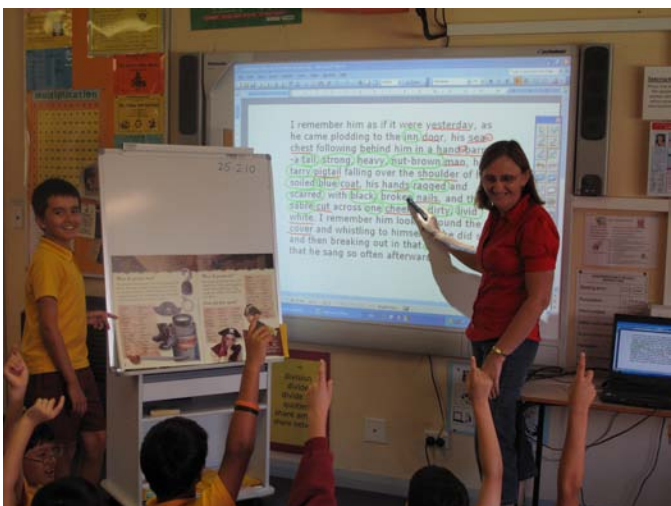
## CLASS FEATURE CLASS FEATURE

### **CLASS : 3/4/5 Snowy**

Six classrooms at Guildford Public School now have Interactive Whiteboards. 3/4/5 Snowy is one of these classes. We will be eventually getting this technology in all classes K-6 at a very high cost (we're saving!)

The enthusiastic students of 3/4/5 Snowy relate well to Ms Walpole's technology lesson on Grammar (Nouns and Verbs), however technology has not replaced the need for books and other classroom resources. Notice how Ms Walpole utilizes the script in the Big Book to support her technology based lesson. It was great visiting 3/4/5 Snowy recently and observing a quality lesson and seeing students so appropriately engaged at their individual levels.

*Mr Lawless.*





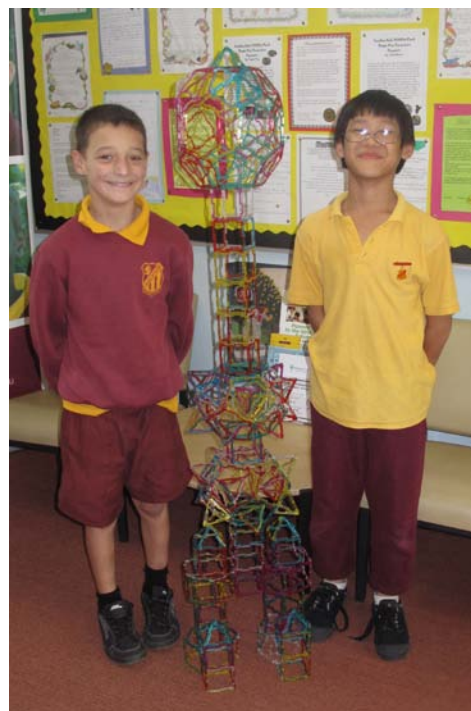
**MERRYLANDS EAST**  
**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

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**

*Lachlan Hough and Jimmy Yip looking very proud of their constructed model.*



**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***

<b>8/3/10 – 12/3/10</b>	<b>Life Education</b>
<b>22/03/10</b>	<b>Harmony Day</b>
<b>23/3/10</b>	<b>Regional Swimming Carnival</b>
<b>29/3/10</b>	<b>Easter Mufti Day – Casual Clothes</b>
<b>30/3/10</b>	<b>Easter Wrapping Day</b>
<b>31/3/10</b>	<b>Easter raffle Drawn – 2pm in the School Hall</b>
<b>1/4/10</b>	<b>Last Day Term 1 – School Holidays</b>
<b>2/4/10</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>19/4/10</b>	<b>School Returns</b>

**Holroyd Parramatta Goannas  
Junior AFL Club**

With the introduction of Team GWS into the AFL Competition in 2012 the next few years are looking fantastic for AFL in the Greater Western Sydney Region. The HP Goannas Junior AFL Club has gained recent success in 2009 winning the Under 16 Grand Final. With your help we aim to grow in 2010 and bring home more trophies and give even more kids in the Holroyd and Parramatta Local Council Areas the opportunity to

be active, healthy and have loads of fun. Junior Aussie Rules Football is all about learning new skills and having a great time with mates. The HP Goannas train on Wednesday nights at Gipps Road Oval, Greystanes between 5.30pm and 7pm and play our competition games between April and September on Sunday mornings. We welcome all new players aged 5 Years to 16 Years to join the club.

For more Information

[www.gogoannas.com.au](http://www.gogoannas.com.au)

or contact:

Mark Geloven or Tony Cocks

0414 662 760 or 0435 153 722