



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 18 March 2010

HARMONY DAY - MONDAY, 22 MARCH - WEAR ORANGE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

When you read this I will have commenced my Long Service Leave and have left for my first overseas destination of Cairo, Egypt. I may be riding a camel or crawling through the tunnels of a pyramid as you read this. As I mentioned last fortnight Ms Walpole will be Relieving Principal until I return early June. I would also like to inform you that Ms Walpole's position of Assistant Principal will be managed by both Mrs Byrnes and Miss Ali Khan. They will share the Relieving Assistant Principal's position. Mr Timms will teach on Class 3/4/5 Snowy until my return. I'm sure you will welcome these talented teachers into these important relieving roles.



SPARKS PROGRAM

Once again Guildford Public School is involved in the SPARKS program, an initiative of the Australian Business and Community Network. SPARK is a Reading program with corporate volunteers who partner with primary school students weekly for one or two terms to offer one-to-one reading and support at school.

The ABCN was created by senior business leaders usually at the CEO level, who personally participate in the programs and partnerships.

This year our SPARK mentors are from the Commonwealth Bank network. Some year 3 and 5 students have been selected to participate. Each Wednesday the Commonwealth Bank employees will visit us to work for 1 hour as a Reading Mentor.

We will have a graduation ceremony late next term. Our SPARK launch on Wednesday 10 March was a very successful morning. Thanks to Mrs Hemming.



Below: Our participants in the SPARKS Program



HANDOVER

Until I see you all again, Take Care! I hope you all have a wonderful Easter. I will be in Jerusalem on Easter Sunday. I will send the children a postcard or two, which I'm sure Ms Walpole will read to the students at assembly.

You will all be in my thoughts and prayers while I'm away and I hope to be in yours. I now hand over to Ms Walpole until June.

Yours Sincerely,
Mr Peter Lawless
Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the whole school community, I'd like to wish Mr Lawless a fantastic, well-deserved break. I'm sure he'll have lots of stories to share on his return. I'm looking forward to working with everyone during this time.

LIFE EDUCATION

Last week, every class visited the Life Education van and students had the opportunity to participate in Personal Development and Healthy Lifestyle lessons. All students gained important knowledge and skills about healthy eating and how to deal with bullies.



Above: 2Todd outside the Life Education van.



Above: Students listening intently to what Harold has to say.
Have a great fortnight!

Ms P. Walpole
Relieving Principal

Ruby Awards

1H Christina Borg
Sarah Tarabiya
Heame Khazma
3/4/5s Zayne Krupowicz
5/6N Zeinub Hussein



EMERALD AWARDS

2T TJ Cooper-Reynolds
5/6M Tyson Lepua

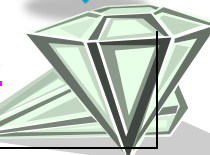


SAPPHIRE AWARDS



DIAMOND AWARDS

3/4/5S Andrew Huynh



Above: Diamond Award Winner Andrew Huynh 3/4/5S

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



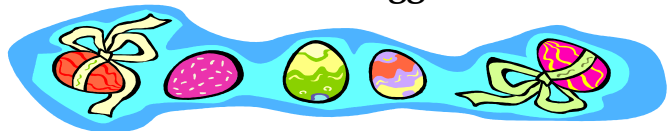
KI Jemima Kassem, Elias
Bouchelouha, Ali
Ozcakmak
K/1D Ilaisa Saukuru, Tiresa Rees
Stephanie Lin, Ivy Tran
1F Dylan Pepera, Yamamah
Abdulrahman, Tara
Nogueira
1H Joumana Ayouch,
Reynolds Sar
1/2W Vishu Garg
2T Abdullah Said
2/3E Grace Taufa, Abigail Lay
4/5H Sela Masila, Betselot Asrat
3/4/5S Kitty Jo, Aava Adhikari
5/6D George Hosea, Tony Holani
Mayeesha Zahin, Nicholas
Edwards, Ali Waqar
5/6M Brittany Hough,
Brianna Georgis

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
Ms Walpole

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

EASTER MUFTI DAY

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



HARMONY DAY

MONDAY 22 MARCH 2010
WEAR ORANGE CLOTHES
NO THONGS OR SANDALS



Students will be doing a range of activities in the classroom to celebrate Harmony day. We are also having a Picnic lunch at 1pm so come along and join in our picnic and celebrate Harmony Day at Guildford Public School

EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you have sold your tickets please send them and the money back to the school office. There will be a great range of Easter egg prizes to be won. The Easter raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 31 March, 2010 at 2pm in the school hall. Spare books are now available from the office.



FROM THE OFFICE

COLDS AND FLU SEASON

Winter is fast approaching and it is the season for colds and flu to develop. Symptoms of cold or flu can include blocked, itchy or runny nose, headaches, fever, chills, sore throat, cough, unusual tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting. If children are sick *please* keep them at home. If you have to work, if necessary, please try and organize for someone to watch your child while they are sick. If a child comes to sick bay and they are sick, they **WILL BE SENT HOME!** Sick children should not return to school until they are better.



Since we have had no response to our request for underwear, we are reminding parents to make sure they have packed a spare change of clothes for their child, especially kindergarten. This should include underpants, dress for girls and shorts and shirt for boys. Now winter is approaching, accidents are sure to become more common with the cold weather.

Ms Wendy Coaldrake & Mrs Cindy Alterio

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Students in Kindergarten are settling into school very well. They are adjusting to changes in routine and moving from one part of the school to another with a minimum of fuss, learning to take turns at being leaders and to walk when on the asphalt.

While most students are now eating healthy lunches, there is still some concern about the quality and/or quantity of food that some students are given. Too much food can be as daunting as too little, while chips and biscuits, etc should be an extra rather than the main focus of a meal. Please remember that recess should be a fruit break.

D Hemming
Kindergarten Supervisor



STAGE 3 NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL **ENROLMENT FORMS** **DUE**

Expression of Interest High School forms have been sent out to the Year 6 students. If you have not returned the form to Mrs McGrath please do so by 18 March 2010 as they have to be sent off to the High Schools you have requested.

MILSON ISLAND

There are still plenty of spots left for your child to attend the Milson Island Camp. 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.



CHOIR **NEWS**



The choir is singing enthusiastically on Monday afternoons. Songs are being prepared for the Anzac Day service that will be held early in Term 2. In addition we have been learning a couple of rounds for enjoyment and to practice singing in parts. On Tuesday 30 March, I will be attending a choir teachers meeting to obtain the music selection for this year's Our Spectacular at the Opera House. Mrs Pearson will be attending with me as she will be supporting the choir during the year at some practices.

D Hemming
Choir Teacher

Dance Group

Dance Group practice is every Tuesday 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.

CRICKET PSSA

Over the last 2 weeks the cricket team has been playing against Blaxcell Street. Although both the juniors and the seniors were not successful in winning, both games were very close, with the juniors only losing by 15 runs. Special mention needs to go to Ricky Newell (3/4/5S), who got 3 wickets in his bowling and took a terrific catch. In the seniors, Mitchell Sihapanyaxay (5/6N) for his all round effort.

Mr Kranenberg

Whispers from the Library



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2010

This year the Premier's Reading Challenge has included many books to their list. This year I would like to encourage the students who are in Yr 3 up to Yr 6 to participate. The selection of books for these classes range from classic favourites to new interesting novels.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will have their books read to them during class time, yet the Year 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s need to read the books by themselves. The children are to log

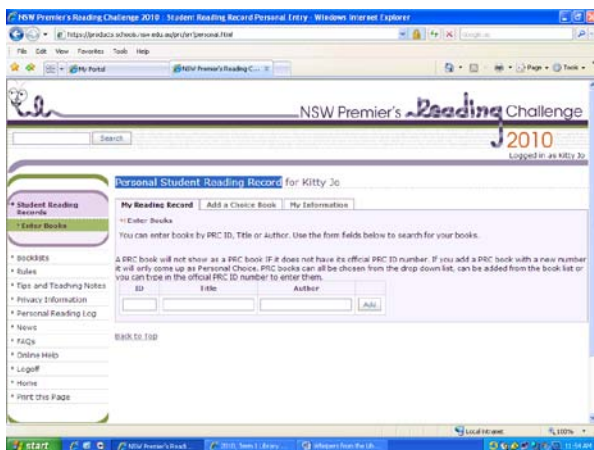


on to the PRC website and register the books they have read.

Each class will be given a chance to learn how to do this before Term 2, either through library, computer time or class time, depending on the teachers and time.

If you are adventurous and would like to try to help your child register their books on line, please follow these instructions.

1. Go to the following website:
<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>
2. Log On (on the left hand side of the webpage).
3. Username: (your child's birth name DOT and then last name) eg If your child is just called Loni, yet the birth certificate says Ramsoloni, then you type **ramsoloni.gideuon**
4. PASSWORD: Year 3: Y2013
Year 4: Y2012
Year 5: Y2011
Year 6: *students have selected their own passwords*
5. On the left hand side, click Personal Student Reading Record.
6. Then you will get the following.



7. To find the book ID number, select Personal Reading Log and download the PDF File which contain the list of books on the Premier's Reading Challenge, add the number (don't need to type the Title or Author (the number will automatically select the others). Then press Add.



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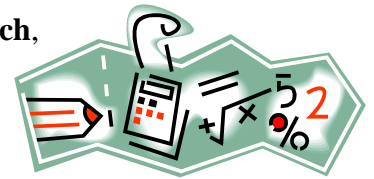
Parents in Partnership

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. Tickets are now on sale.

More tickets are available from the office if you need them.

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.



Our first workshop for Term 1 was led by Mr Lawless. The topic was **Funding Educational Opportunities at Guildford Public School**. Mr Lawless informed parents about the source and use of funds available to the school. He also spoke about the need to reactivate the Parents and Citizens Association within the school to support both the funding of activities and to make the schools needs known at a wider community level. Mr Lawless hopes that when he returns from long service leave in June that this will be a priority focus for parents within the school community.

D Hemming

Parents in Partnership Coordinator.

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

22/03/10	Harmony Day – WEAR ORANGE CLOTHES – Picnic Lunch
23/3/10	Regional Swimming Carnival
25/3/10	Math's Workshop with Miss Ali Khan
29/3/10	Easter Mufti Day – Casual Clothes
30/3/10	Easter Wrapping Day
31/3/10	Easter raffle Drawn – 2pm in the School Hall
1/4/10	Last Day Term 1 – School Holidays
2/4/10	Good Friday
19/4/10	Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS
20/4/10	School Returns

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

CLASS FEATURE CLASS FEATURE

CLASS : 1 FRANKLIN

This term children in 1 Franklin are learning to use the correct proportions to draw a face and then add different facial features. Already they have drawn a witch and a jester portrait. In the coming weeks they will use different 2D shapes, which they are learning about, to create a picture based on geometric shapes. Finally this term they will get an enlarged photograph of themselves which has been halved. They will be expected to draw a symmetrical view of their faces.

