



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

Thursday 10 June 2010



## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY, 14 JUNE, 2010

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It hardly feels like nearly 3 months (12 weeks) since I last wrote to you in the newsletter, and I informed you I was taking long service leave.

Since that time, I have spent close to 10 weeks overseas. It has been a most exciting and interesting time for me. To see countries and cities, for the first time, in real life, has been one of the highlights of my life. To visit other cultures is a most rewarding experience. I especially enjoyed meeting people and seeing where and how they live. Unfortunately I couldn't see it all! I would have to travel indefinitely.

However, I took thousand of digital photographs of which I will select 50 or so to show all the students on the data projector, the highlights of my adventures.

This will be next Tuesday at 2:00pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

Some of my unforgettable memories of my holiday include: Pyramids and Sphinx of Egypt, Mount Sinai, Bedouin Village, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Jordan, Petra, Jerusalem, London, Big Ben, Tower of London, Houses of Parliament and City features, England, Scotland, Loch Ness, Ireland, Pompeii, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Switzerland and Alps, Germany and the Rheine River and France's Eiffel Tower in Paris.

### IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK

Holidays can be wonderful; however it's nice to come home. It's great to be back at Guildford! I was so pleased to see the students and teachers and I would like to thank you all for your welcome back gestures.



### THANK YOU MISS WALPOLE AND TEAM

I would particularly like to thank Miss Walpole for her leadership and care of Guildford Public School during my absence. I would also like to thank Mrs Byrnes and Miss Ali Khan for relieving as Assistant Principals during that time. The school has maintained a strong sense of unity and pride. There have been some significant achievements across the whole school in recent months.

### MULTICULTURAL DAY AND EDUCATION WEEK

Every second year we have a Multicultural Day with entertainment, food and festivity to celebrate our unique Guildford Public School image. This



time we plan to hold it during Education Week which will be on Wednesday 4 August (Week 3) I know all our families who have been with us for a long time will gladly participate and I urge all our newer families since our last Multicultural Day in 2008 to get into the spirit of the day.



So what needs to be done at this stage?

- We encourage all cultural/ethnic groups to get together and plan a musical item of entertainment; (this can be students or parents or both)
- Start collecting your favourite food recipes, as we need donations of food from each family across the school.

We have over 30 different nationalities represented at Guildford. We need lots of food from each cultural group, including Australia, Pacific Islands, Turkish, Arabic, Chinese, Philippines, African, Afghanistan, Europeans, Vietnamese etc.

### 3 WAY INTERVIEWS

Last year our parent interviews incorporated students in a process of 3 Way Interviews.... Parents, Students and Teachers. We found this to be a good model with many positive outcomes. It becomes more informative for parents and also empowers students to take greater responsibility for their own learning.

We will be running 3 Way Interviews in week 11. We encourage all parents to respond to the teacher's interview invitation and times. It would be wonderful if all students K-6 could attend with their parents.

Have a great fortnight!

Mr P. Lawless  
Principal



## *Ruby Awards*

1<sup>H</sup> *Elissa El-Bayssari*  
1<sup>F</sup> *Tamim Nasiri*  
*Julia Hoang*  
*Nicole Croombes*  
5/6<sup>D</sup> *Waqar Ali*  
*Sabrina Hasna*



## EMERALD AWARDS

2<sup>T</sup> Ahmad Hussein



## SAPPHIRE AWARDS

2<sup>T</sup> Mariam El Kassab



## DIAMOND AWARDS

5/6<sup>D</sup> Nooria Ebrahimi  
*Krystal Taeiloa*  
*Nicholas Edwards*  
*Fatima Al-Doukhi*



# CLASS FEATURE CLASS FEATURE

## 3/4 Clarence

In grammar this term 3/4 Clarence have been looking at verbs. In today's lesson we looked at how we can make our sentences more interesting by adding adverbs.

We played an adverb game, where a student had to act out a verb and the rest of the class had to describe how the verb was presented. We then jointly construct sentences. For example; Dima decorated her room creatively.





# Dance Group

Dance Group has practice every Tuesday afternoon after school 3:00pm – 4:00pm.

P. Walpole Dance Teacher.



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



KS	Luke Whaanga Anna Chung
K/1D	Pallavi Kamoda Ali Barri Akanesi Matakaiongo Skye Lepua Tiresa Rees
1F	Meshwa Patel Diloris Katoa
1H	Ayşe Sari Rahul Prasad
1/2W	Samira Wang Shanil Wijesurendra
3/4C	Dima Ranamalo Yasin Naseri
3/4M	Alex Taviliniu Neha Pillay Jasmine Lepua Amodena Salguero
3/4/5S	Ricky Newell Lachlan Hough
5/6D	Mayeesha Zahin
5/6M	Tooa Rees Madassir Hussain Jun Wu

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

Mr Lawless

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

*should only be filled in by the appropriate staff.  
Please use the bell on the front bench and you  
will be attended to as soon as possible.*

*Thank You*

*Ms Wendy Coaldrake & Mrs Cindy Alterio*

## EXCURSION REMINDERS

### STAGE 2

**HOMEBUSH SPORTS CENTRE**

**TUESDAY, 22 JUNE, 2010**

**\$22.00**

**PLEASE PAY BEFORE 16/6/10**

**Kindergarten Swan  
&**

**Kindergarten Lachlan  
FAIRFIELD CITY FARM**

**TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 2010**

**\$25.00**

**PLEASE PAY BEFORE 30/7/10**



## Choir News



The choir attended the first rehearsal for this year's Our Spectacular at Granville South High School recently. It was a great day and the students learnt a lot of the songs for the first time. Students have received notes if they have been selected to participate at the Opera House and these notes should be returned as soon as possible. Other choir members may purchase the T – Shirt but orders need to be in this week so that I know how many T-Shirts will be required.

We have a great deal of work ahead of us this year to make up for time that was lost while I was on leave. As a result I will be organising after school practices for Tuesday afternoons from 3.10 – 4.00 pm, starting on Tuesday 22 June. A permission note for these practices will be coming home in the next week. These practices will be compulsory for students attending the Opera House but other choir members may also attend if they wish to.

D Hemming Choir Teacher

## FROM THE OFFICE

*If the Office is unattended when you arrive and you need a late note, parents and students are requested NOT to fill in the late book themselves. This book is a legal document and*

# Whispers from the Library

## Thank you for returning books.

It's normally not a pleasant thing to go chasing books from students, however a big thank you for all those students and parents who have found their books and brought them back. ☺



## Journalist Club.

Journalist club has finally resumed. We have started the newspaper again, however, there have been meeting cancellations due to me attending Stage 1 excursion last week and this week I'm participating in a course here at school for the afternoon. Fingers crossed that next week we have time to work on our newspaper.

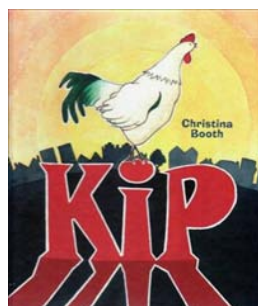
## Book Reviews for Children's Book Council Award Shortlists.

### Early Childhood book of the Year.



*The Wrong Book* by Nick Bland

This is the story of Nicholas Ickle, or at least the story Nicholas is trying to tell, but he keeps being interrupted by others, including an elephant, monsters, a pirate and a queen and even rats. Nick Bland's illustrations are wonderful and amusing; the book will be fun for both adults and children alike.



*Kip* by Christina Booth

Kip is a rooster who loves to cock-a-doodle-doo each morning but the neighbours don't appreciate it. So he tries to crow at different times of the days. The neighbours still don't like it, so Kip's

owner takes him to the a farm away from people. When the neighbours find it too quiet they beg Kip to come back. This is a delightful book that has a theme about tolerance and acceptance.

There are more books to be reviewed in the next newsletter.

Mr Norambuena  
(Teacher Librarian).



## PSSA SPORTS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR \$5.00 ON THURSDAY MORNINGS FOR THE BUS.

## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 2010

17/6/10	SRC Cake Stall
22/6/10	Stage 2 – Homebush Sports Centre excursion
21/6/10	University Spelling Competition
29/6/10	Parent/Student/Teacher interviews
30/6/10	Our Spectacular – Choir Rehearsal – Granville South High School
2/7/10	Last day Of Term 2

## Learn Music on Keyboard at School

- \* Music theory
- \* Instrument playing
- \* Ensemble practice
- \* Fun music games
- \* 45 mins lesson weekly, small group
- \* \$22 (gst incl.) per session
- \* Music material included
- \* Instrument not required initially



**Smart Kids Love Music!**

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(VIP Music est. 1984)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 3 2010

19/7/10	Staff Development Day – <b>NO STUDENTS</b>
20/7/10	First Day Term 3. Students Return
22/7/10	Athletics Carnival – Whole School
30/7/10	Third Instalment of \$80 for Milson Island Camp
2/8/10 – 6/8/10	Education Week
3/8/10	University <b>English</b> Competition
4/8/10	Multicultural Day.
10/8/10	K Swan & K Lachlan – Fairfield City Farm excursion
11/8/10	Choir Rehearsal – Granville South High School
17/8/10	University <b>Maths</b> Competition Zone Athletics Carnival
19/8/10	Our Spectacular – Sydney Opera House
23/8/10 – 26/8/10	Book Week – Book Fair
30/8/10 – 10/9/10	Swimming Scheme
10/9/10	Final Instalment of \$80 for Milson Island Camp
24/9/10	Last Day of Term 3

## SRC CAKE STALL



**WHEN:** Thursday, 17 June, 2010

**WHERE:** Recess and Lunch

**COST:** 20c TO \$1.00

Please support our cake stall by making and donating cupcakes, slices, toffees, biscuits etc. Please deliver cakes to the **staffroom**.

Proceeds from the sale of the yummy cakes will go towards the purchase of resources for the school.

Support the SRC and buy a delicious treat.

Please remember to label your containers with your child's name and class so that we can return them to you. Thank you for your co-operation.

**At Guildford Public School we request that you do not use peanuts or nuts in your cake making.**

## The Sydney Writer's Festival

### A Recount By Rachel Thorne 4/5H

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, a group of Stage 2 and Stage 3 students went on an excursion to the Sydney Writer's Festival. We all went by train to the Town Hall in the city. We left school early to catch our train. The train ride was boring!

When we arrived at the Town Hall it took us a while to get in. When we got in the Town Hall it was beautiful. There were stained glass windows inside. We got the front-row seats, which was cool. Once we were seated, we waited patiently for the festival to start.

The first author was Brian Faulkner. He spoke with lots of expression. He acted out parts of his books. He was very good at doing slow-motion movements. His books were 'The Real Thing', 'The Super Freak', and 'The Flea Thing'. Brian was so funny.

The next two authors were Kate Forsyth and Belinda Murrell. They were exciting. Kate and Belinda are sisters. They loved going on adventures when they were little and had written lots of books.

After lunch, Leigh Hobbs taught us how to draw the characters from his books. They were Mr Chicken and Old Tom. It was fun! My drawings were bad. I have forgotten how to draw them now.

I can't forget Andy Griffiths, the funniest of them all. He told us some jokes. Andy also said that the best jokes are bad jokes. He showed us a toy show which was hilarious.

Finally we went back to school by train. My favourite author was Leigh Hobbs because he taught us how to draw. I had a really fun day.

## MILSON ISLAND CAMP

**THIRD INSTALMENT OF \$80  
IS DUE 30 JULY, 2010**

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.





## SPARK Mentor Program

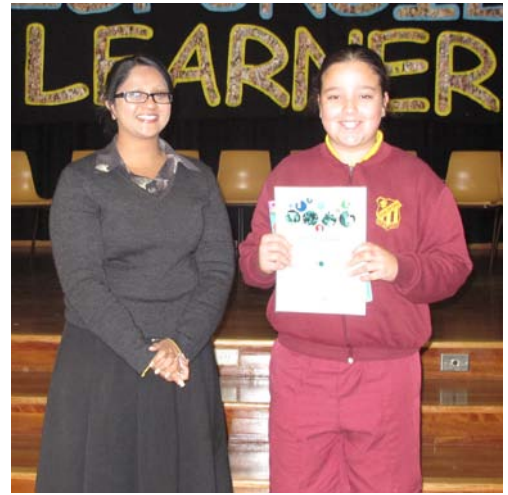
A number of our students have been participating in a reading program with mentors from the Commonwealth Bank, organised by the Australian Business Community Network. The students enjoyed the sessions as did the mentors. Here are some of their comments:

*The part I enjoyed was when my SPARK mentor helped me with words I didn't understand. Jane Waqa*

*I learnt to pronounce my words better and I enjoyed talking to the mentors. Brianna Georgis*

At the completion of the program the students received a certificate and book from the Commonwealth Bank.

D Hemming Coordinator





# Maths Focus Day

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, students in Mrs Hawli, Miss Ali Khan and Miss Lee's Mathematics groups had a lesson on capacity. The students had fun measuring how much water a variety of containers could hold. Students then had to sort the containers into groups of less than 1 Litre, about 1 Litre and more than 1 Litre.



# Parents In Partnership

## Help! Help! Help!

We urgently need more parents to assist with trying out new Maths Activities that are to be sent home with students.

The teachers have prepared activities to be sent home but they need parents to test them out before the packs are made to ensure that the directions for each activity are easy to understand for both parents and students.

For this to be successful we need a variety of parents, especially those with limited English, so if you have even half an hour on Thursday mornings to help out, this would be really appreciated.

*D Hemming Parents in Partnership Coordinator.*