



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 9 September 2010

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### GUILDFORD SCHOOL CELEBRATES 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY TECHNOLOGY

Last week our SRC participated in a Connected Conference with SRC members from Tanilba Bay Public School.

This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and utilize our Connected Classroom facility which is in the Audio Visual Room of the Library.

Under the direction of Mr Gadd (Computer teacher K-6) and all the staff K-6, outstanding opportunities are being given to students at Guildford Public School.

Please read the report written by students who participated.

Apart from the Connected Classrooms, Guildford Public School has seven Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms. In 2011 I plan on purchasing at least 4 more Interactive Whiteboards. These will be placed in the three upstairs new classrooms and one in the Computer Room which will soon be relocated and renovated.

Guildford Public certainly has arrived in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as students are given advanced training in relevant technologies which will equip them today and throughout their lives.

Thanks to all the teachers who are taking on extra training in technology.

### LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Mrs Lazras, our English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, is taking three weeks well deserved Long Service Leave. A new casual teacher Mr Sandeep Narayan will be taking Mrs Lazras's classes during her absence.

Miss Walpole is also taking 11 days Long Service Leave from this Friday. 3/4/5 Snowy will be taken by Ms Linda Este who has many years of teaching experience. We wish Mrs Lazras and Miss Walpole an enjoyable time during their short break and look forward to seeing them both back next term.

### SPARKs Initiative Supports Our Students

I am pleased to advise that a new initiative has been launched at Guildford Public School. The SPARKs program as it is called has been established by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It involves 20 tutors visiting the school every Monday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:00pm to provide one-on-one homework and reading support to refugee students.

This is a wonderful opportunity for 20 students who are really benefiting from this extra support. The program will continue each Monday for 2010.

**Invitation: *The SPARKs students and their parents and family are invited to a special Entertainment afternoon next Monday in the school Hall. We will be visited by a Portuguese Dance Group. (Below: Photograph of selected students and SPARKs tutors).***



## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

### **Sports Gear for Your School!!**

Spend and Collect:

Every \$10 spent at Coles Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo and Pick'n Pay from 2 September to the 31 October 2010 will earn 1 Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. Vouchers are provided with the receipt at point of purchase. It's simple: collect more vouchers, get more gear! Students can collect vouchers from family, friends and neighbours (and teachers!) and drop them into the voucher collection box.

Students need to place vouchers in the **COLLECTION BOX** in the office.

The more vouchers we collect the more sports equipment we can win.

If you shop at Coles please collect the vouchers for us.

Send all your vouchers to school

## SWIMMING SCHOOL

### A Big Success in 2010

The past two weeks has seen 120 students attending daily the Learn to Swim scheme at Guildford Heated Swimming Centre. Under the tuition of specially trained swimming instructors, as well as our own Miss Walpole, Mrs Hemming, Mr Burns and Mr Kranenberg, the students have had a very successful time learning such essential skills.

I was most impressed when I visited the students at the swimming centre yesterday. They were trying so hard. Congratulations!

It is hoped that many children will attend next year to strengthen their swimming skills.

Congratulations to all our swimmers. Well Done!

Have a great fortnight!

Mr P. Lawless  
Principal

## *Ruby Awards*

<i>KS</i>	<i>Markeisha Bolano</i>
<i>1F</i>	<i>Yamamah Abdulrahman</i>
<i>1H</i>	<i>Aguer Deng</i>
<i>1F</i>	<i>Jack Jabbour</i>
<i>2T</i>	<i>Prayer Zeogar</i>
<i>2/3E</i>	<i>Francis Asabre</i>
<i>3/4/5S</i>	<i>Aava Shree Adhikari</i>
<i>5/6D</i>	<i>Terry Chung</i>

## EMERALD AWARDS

<b>1F</b>	<b>Meshwa Patel</b>
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**2T**

**Cindy Nguyen**

**James Dower Junior**

**3/4/5S**

**Allen Zheng**

## SAPPHIRE AWARDS

**3/4M**

**Jasmine Lepua**

**5/6M**

**William Mendoza**

## DIAMOND AWARDS

**5/6M**

**Eloni Saukuru**



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



KL	Connor Flood Akec Athaian
KS	Amir Al-Hirz, Badrie Elhaj
K/1D	Mahdi Qanber Ali Husain Akil, Julia Hoang Nicole Croombes
1F	Asahak Ahmed Rayanne Arbess
1H	Zac Skaf, Isabella Afu
1/2W	Shanil Wijesurendra Issa Arbess, Elham Houda
2T	Mirna Abdulwahab Zac Alissawi, Nassar Hasna Abbir Taleb
3/4C	Mariam Moosawi Zehra Khany Nisharth Patel Michael Asabre Zahra'A Qanber Ali Amanda Kuhwayarira
4/5H	Betselot Asrat, Aida Mesanovic Ziyad Kassem, Hassan Awick Nighat Hussain
3/4/5S	Kayra Bozdogci Andrew Huynh Fharis Shuwayhat Sharon Thio

Community Language

Alaa Agha, Mohamed Bouchelouha

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

Mr Lawless

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



**CLASS ASSEMBLY 2:00pm**  
**each Wednesday in the Hall**  
**Please come and see your**  
**son/daughter participating.**  
**Classes Leading Assembly are:**  
**Wednesday 15 September - KL**  
**Wednesday 22 September - no**  
**assembly this week**

## **Connected Classroom** **Conference**

Senior members of the Student Representative Council were allowed to be the first Guildford Public School students to participate in a connected conference with student parliamentarians from Tanilba Bay Public School, near Nelson Bay. The students were able to compare the roles of the student leadership groups and talk about what they see as their greatest achievements to date. The big differences they noticed were the cultures in our school are a lot different to their cultures. Also, most of their students play sport on the weekends. Some sports they played were football, netball, soccer and the most unique sport was probably cheerleading. Another big difference would be that their names of school representatives were a lot different from ours. They called their school captain Prime Minister and their vice captain was Deputy Minister. Every fortnight they take a black rod to their school assembly which is just like parliament in Canberra. Tanilba Bay Public School also has a Crunch and Sip program where they bring in fruit so that they can keep healthy. Meeting Tanilba Bay Public School was a great experience and in the future, students hope to share ideas on how to run successful fundraising activities in their school.

*Peter Zheng and Nikita Jain*



# Feature Class

## **1 Hunter**

Every Tuesday we have reading groups in 1 Hunter. Every group is engaged in a different literacy based activity. A group of children is reading and making words with Mrs Lewis while another group is writing sentences with Mrs Haidar. The other students are completing spelling, vocabulary and sentence activities independently.

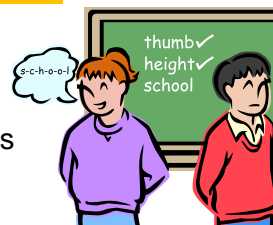


## **Spelling Bee News**

Congratulations to the following students for achieving excellent results in the Stage 2 and 3 Premier's Spelling Bee competitions:

### **Stage 2 Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Albert Tran 3/4 Clarence



- 2<sup>nd</sup> - David Zhan 3/4 Clarence  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sharon Thio 3/4/5 Snowy

### Stage 3 Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Shehan Wijuresurendra 5/6 Murray  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mayeesha Zahin 5/6 Daintree  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fiona Chau 5/6 Nepean

Students who achieved first and second place will compete in the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee competition on **Thursday 16 of September** at Smithfield Public School. Well done to all students who represented their classes in the stage finals this week.

### Stage 2 Finalists:

- 2/3 E- Irvin Lariosa and Sonia Lingad  
 3/4 M- William Tran and Karen Tran  
 3/4 C- Albert Tran and David Zhan  
 3/4/5 S- Sharon Thio and Andrew Chen  
 4/5 H- Mandy Vuong and Gihan Perera

### Stage 3 Finalists:

- 3/4/5 S- Jimmy Yip and Zuhour Dannawe  
 4/5 H- Nunia Tokobobo and Beyza Aslan  
 5/6 M- Tyson Lepua and Shehan Wijuresurendra  
 5/6 N- Fiona Chau and Peter Zheng  
 5/6 D- Fatima Al-Doukhi and Mayeesha Zahin

Mrs Byrnes  
 Spelling Bee Coordinator

**PARENTS  
 IN  
 PARTNERSHIP**

### FATHERS DAY STALL

Last Thursday (3 September) our wonderful ladies run a very successful Fathers Day Stall. The students had a lovely time picking out a present for their father, step father, grandfather, uncle or special person in their life. They raised \$680 for the school to buy school resources.



## Whispers from the Library

### Book Week Competitions

It's been great to see some of the brilliant entries for Book Week. These entries are currently being judged and winners will be announced in the next newsletter and at next week's assembly.



Thank you for the following teachers who helped judge the competitions: Mrs Ferguson, Miss De Marco, Mr Burns, Mrs Byrnes, Miss Racanelli, Miss Lee, Mrs Hawli, Mrs Haidar, Mr Bennett and Ms Walpole.

### Book Fair - THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your support with Book Fair. We sold many books and made a healthy commission in books to the total of approximately \$600. We will be purchasing these books on line.

A big thank you for Mrs Cullen and Mrs Turner for helping sell books in the library whilst I was teaching or busy.



Mr Norambuena Teacher  
 Librarian

## PSSA/Sport Report

### Swimming Scheme 2010

Over last week and during this week 120 students have been going down to Guildford Pools to learn water safety skills. Thus far it has been a great success and a huge thank you needs to go to all the teachers, parents and students involved that have made this program run so smoothly.

### PSSA Report

Due to the wet weather last Friday the junior and senior Newcombe Ball teams did not compete in their grand final. This final has been rescheduled for the 17 September. Good luck to the Newcombe Ball teams.

The senior soccer team finished their season a couple of weeks ago with a well fought draw in the semi final stage. Unfortunately their goal difference was weaker than its opposition which meant that they did not progress to the grand final.

## SRC 'THAT'S MY TEAM' DAY TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

### WEAR YOUR TEAM UNIFORM

Wear your favourite football jersey, soccer jersey, little athletics uniform, netball uniform or any other sport uniform. As part of the uniform you can also wear the hat for your team.

Please remember that your shoes are to be closed in.  
(NO THONGS or SANDALS).



**DONATE  
A GOLD  
COIN**



**AND WEAR YOUR  
TEAM UNIFORM.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3 2010

10/9/10	Swimming Scheme Ends
10/9/10	<b>Final Installment of \$80 for Milson Island Camp. Full Payment is required for all students attending.</b>
14/9/10	Year 6 'SPIDER' drink Fundraiser At Lunchtime - \$1.00 Each
16/9 /10	Regional Spelling Bee
21/9/10	SRC – 'That's my Team' Day <b>GOLD COIN DONATION</b>
24/9/10	Last Day of Term 3 – Holidays! 😊

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

**TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 2010**

Year 6 will be selling 'SPIDER' drinks at Lunchtime.



**\$1.00 each**



## 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!**

Call to enrol: **9411 3122**

(VIP Music est. 1984)

## MILSON ISLAND CAMP

### FULL PAYMENT DUE

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 money in a sealed envelope.



## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4 2010

3/10/10	Daylight Savings Starts – clocks back 1 hour
11/10/10	Students Return to School 😊
13/10/10	School Photos
25/10/10 To 29/10/10	Stage 3 – Milson Island Camp
0/11/10	School Concert K-6 'THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT' Theme
18/11/10	Kindy Transition to School Day
25/11/10	Kindy 2011 Playgroup
1/12/10	First Day Summer
2/12/10	Kindy 2011 Playgroup
8/12/10	K-6 Presentation Assembly
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 😊