



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 3 November 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's nice to be back after a few weeks long service leave. Thanks to Miss Walpole for being a very competent Relieving Principal during my absence.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

Our 9th Annual School Concert is being staged next Wednesday 9 November with an 11:30am Matinee, and the usual 7:00pm Evening performance. As usual we rely on every single student from Kindergarten to Year 6 to be in attendance for the day and evening. It is our only yearly evening event where we expect all students to be present. Failure to attend will significantly affect the performance, as teachers have placed all students in an important place and a whole class effort is needed. Students need to be at school at 6:30pm next Wednesday. As in past years I am employing Security Guards to watch over the premises during the evening.

ANNUAL CONCERT TICKETS.

Tickets are selling very fast. The evening performance is sold out. Why wouldn't it? With wonderful student talent and tickets at just \$7, it is the best live theatre in Sydney this month. I will also be sending home a checklist regarding next week's rehearsal and concert schedule.

Our 2011 theme of 'Australiana' will have something for everyone, as we reminisce over some of our best known Aussie songs and memories.

CONCERT "AUSTRALIANA" OVERVIEW OF TIMES

Tuesday 8 November

This will be our full dress rehearsal day. It is not a public performance. Students will be the audience and will have the opportunity to see their fellow students perform. All students should have their

costume and class gear with them. Photos will be taken today. If students fail to bring their costume they may not be able to perform.

Wednesday 9 November Matinee 11:30am

There are still tickets available for this session. Don't leave it to the last minute as tickets may sell out.

Evening Performance 7:00pm

Parents attending please be seated by 6:50pm. Show starts right on 7:00pm.

I especially ask the **AUDIENCE** to please keep **QUITE** during the show just as you would at a picture show or theatre.

All students should be at school at 6:30pm and meet their teacher. More detailed information available on a letter sent home tomorrow (Friday).

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR, MANNERS AND OBEDIENCE

As you know, for many years, I'm the first to say how wonderful our students are. We endeavour to celebrate their achievements and publicize their success. This will continue, as the teaching staff and I care deeply about the students in our school. As parents, I'm sure your feelings are similarly strong.

However, as the years pass, I cannot help reflecting on the dramatic changes I have seen in schools, particularly in the area of student behaviour and attitude. The days of manners and respect for elders and for those in authority seem to be fading as we move further into the 21st century.

As Principal of Guildford Public School, I believe this is a significant challenge for all of us and is not confined to our school, but no doubt society in general. As for me, I will always expect students to show respect to their elders and try to be obedient to school and society rules and expectations. To give up on this now would be to

admit defeat and surrender my fundamental philosophy of education. Education is generally the learning of essential life skills across both academic and social concepts. Surely positive behaviour, manners and obedience should be part of this. Don't you think?

My concern is the decline in the area of respect and obedience from many students. While a minority shows exemplary attitude and cooperation, there is a significant number who fail to be able to apply these essential skills that humans seek and expect. The basis and survival of a society is dependent on the fundamental respect it gives to all its members over time.

At Guildford Public School, I have noticed some disturbing trends. The inability for many students to sit still and listen for even a short time is concerning. Also the decline in academic skills as a consequence of not listening and cooperating in class also needs to be a focus for improvement. I urge you to continue the difficult job of developing respectful and cooperative behaviour from your children and to talk seriously to children about the need to show greater and continued respect to authority, including parents, teachers and their friends. Behaviour to and from school is also a serious concern.

To be honest, I'm very disappointed by student behaviour and attitude across the school. As Principal, I need to take some responsibility for this behaviour, however with our strong focus on "Safe, Respectful, Responsible Learners," through our PBIS focus, I'm concerned that perhaps the message is not getting through. As parents are the first teachers, I believe it is imperative that these values are enforced at home and at school. We must work together to improve this rather than surrender to less than satisfactory manners and behaviour.

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

ASSEMBLY STARS

Jakob Masters 2A
George Duwai 5W
Betoul Alameddine 4R
Anjani Jayarathne 1CO

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



KB Ayan Anwar, Sueda Aslan
KD Austin Flood, Michaela Juco
1CO Ruvimbo Sitima
1FF Fatima El Kassab, Anna Chung
2KP Samira Wang, Ilaisa Saukuru,
Hayne Khuang, Rania Lingad,
Noshin Anbar, Diloris Katoa
3B Prayer Zeogar, Trevon Kasimousi
3/ 4E Cullen Rollo, Maya Elsamad,
Amal Elhaj, Grace Tokabobo,
Gabbie Joaquin
4R Sonia Lingad, Yusuf Aslan
4/ 5C Aidan Turner, Jasmine Lepua
5WP Christine Yau

Community Language:

Deya Daoudi, Amal Elhaj, Fhiras Agha
Rayyane Arbess, Fadia El Fatayerji,
Mouaminah Abdulrahman

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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

Cyber Bullying Police Talk

On Friday the 11 November Senior Constable Rachel Joyce, our local Police Youth Liaison Officer, will be visiting Guildford Public School to talk to Students from Years 3-6 regarding violence, bullying and cyber bullying.



The session will run from 2:10 till 3:00 pm and students will get an opportunity to ask questions regarding these issues. We are also inviting all parents that could attend to come along. It would be great if we can get our parents and community involved and to encourage our students to say no to bullying and violence and to promote safe living.

Mr Peter Hanna Assistant Principal.

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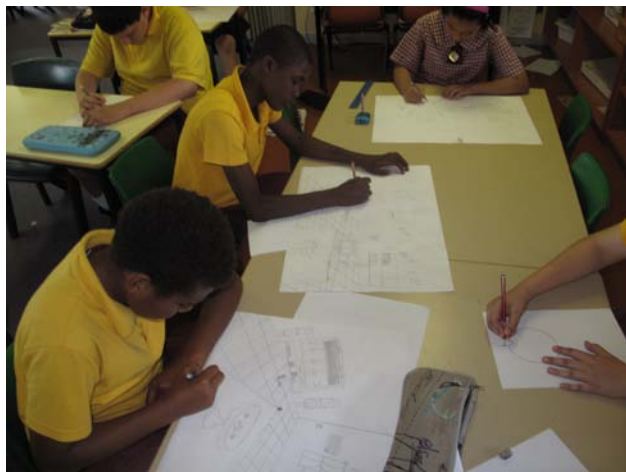
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This term, 5WP have been working hard in Visual Art. We have been looking at Perspective drawing as a theme throughout the term combining Art with real Mathematical objects. We are fortunate to have the expertise of a qualified High school teacher from Granville South High School to come and teach students Art from different perspectives. Students have used examples of Henri Matisse's work and how he turns art into real life form.

During these team teaching sessions, students were encouraged to express themselves through their artwork and to also tell a story.

I have been very impressed with the students' ability to illustrate a real life perspective drawing. They look very realistic and students were engaged during these sessions.

Well done 5WP



PBIS: Responsible

Being responsible means that we are mature and reliable. Being responsible in the classroom is easy to achieve. Here are some ideas:

- Listen to the teacher
- Take care of your school books and other equipment
- Complete your work to the best of your ability
- Complete our class job with care

In the playground being responsible includes remembering where you can walk or run, staying in bounds and not distracting others who are playing a game.

We know that the students of Guildford PS will continue to show us responsible behaviour. Teachers enjoy students who take pride in their work and are doing the right thing in the playground!

Mrs Panagos

PBIS Team

HEAD LICE

Once again head lice is a problem at school. It is a constant ongoing battle to keep this in check at school.

IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILD IS CONSTANTLY FREE OF HEAD LICE SO THAT OTHER CHILDREN ARE NOT BEING INFECTED.

Departmental regulations recommends that children are to be treated with medication from a chemist until ALL THE LICE AND EGGS ARE DEAD AND REMOVED FROM THE HAIR. **Medication will not remove the eggs (attached to the hair) Parents should remove the whole hair strand to remove the egg.** You may decide it necessary to keep your child home until it is treated. It would be appreciated if all parents could check their child's hair in natural sunlight at least once a week, every week.

Cindy Alterio. Office



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

8/11/11	Concert Dress Rehearsal
9/11/11	K-6 School Concert- Australiana Theme
11/11/11	Years 3-6 Police Talk
17/11/11	Kindy 2012 Transition Day
24/11/11	Kindy 2012 Transition Day
1/12/11	Kindy 2012 Transition Day
29/11/11	Captain & Prefect Voting
1/12/11	Last Scripture Day for 2011
6/12/11	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
8/12/11	Presentation Assembly K-6
13/12/11	Year 6 Farewell
16/12/11	Last Day for Students
30/01/12	School Resumes for 2012



Whispers from
the Library.

Library Lessons.

This term is a short library term, yet despite that, we still have very fascinating lessons.

Kindergarten classes will be doing various activities related to books about monsters. Each week Mrs Hemming and I are reading picture books that have a theme about monsters. Our aim is to make children feel that monsters are not real and if they are, they're not mean! ☺

Classes in Stage 1 are learning about toys. Each week I read the students picture books based around toys. Everything from a boy who thinks a penguin is a toy, a robot toy and Guatemalan Worry Dolls. Students then do a worksheet based on the picture book.

Classes in Stage 2 are learning about Book Reviews. Each week a book from the Premier's Reading Challenge (3-4) selection will be read to the students, followed by the students writing a book review.

Grade 4/5C and 5W will be learning about Ancient China. The students are currently learning about Egypt in their class time, so during library we will learn about an ancient culture. Ancient China is a fascinating subject with many interesting facts that relate to modern times. Be sure to ask the students about Empress Wu (Week 5).

Both Year 6 classes will be doing a research assignment about a particular natural disaster that has happened in Australia or the world. A few students have chosen disasters that are more personal to them, (e.g. Samoan Tsunami, 2008 Sichuan earthquake).

Thank you for your interest.
Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).

