



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday, 10 February, 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the first official newsletter for 2011. We have had a wonderful commencement to the school year with students settling very well into routines. Student behaviour, attitude, uniform and co-operation has been of a very high standard generally. This is clearly a strong statement about you as parents and caregivers in your support of our school. Let's hope this high standard continues across all areas of student involvement in 2011 and that collectively we cater for the needs of each student. We must keep our expectations high in order to achieve the levels of success we know our children are capable of achieving. As parents and teachers we must support our students to achieve their best.



Ms Giannacopoulos & Ms Blewitt

We also have a new relieving General Assistant after Mr Glen's transfer at the end of 2010. Our new General Assistant is Mr Mark Ohrynowsky.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

It gives me great pleasure to introduce two new teachers to our school. Ms Blewitt comes to us from Strathfield North Public School. She is a teacher with experience across K – 6 and has many talents. She is teaching Year 6 this year. Ms Giannacopoulos has been appointed as a teacher mentor. Her role is to support younger teachers developing their teaching skills. Ms Guannacopoulos is working across 3 of our Granville schools and is classified at Assistant Principal level. She comes to us from Hampden Park Public School with extensive experience.



Mr Mark Ohrynowsky

I know you will welcome our new staff to Guildford Public School.

BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION

If you have been up to the school no doubt you would have seen our fantastic new six classroom brand new double storey building. It took a year to built but it was worth the wait.



Our ESL room and Community Language room have been relocated to the first blue wooden block. Our computer room has been relocated to the second blue wooden block. When fully equipped and completed it will be an extremely innovative computer technology classroom.



The classrooms are very large and have wall to wall carpet, a small study room, sinks, bag-racks, new furniture and whiteboards, etc. The old ESL, Computer Room and old classrooms have now been removed, thus opening up our playground into a very large area.



INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

I have recently purchased three new interactive whiteboards for the new classrooms upstairs, Years 3 and 4. We still need to purchase interactive whiteboards for the computer room and the 3 Kindergarten classrooms downstairs. At \$8000 each we will need to raise extra funds in order to supple these classrooms with this modern technology. Can you help ? If you are able to support the Annual General School Contribution it would be very much appreciated. (Please see note sent home yesterday).



ANNUAL GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

The fee set for 2011 is the same as in past years.

One Child	-	\$35.00 fee
Two Children	-	\$50.00 fee
Three Children or more	-	\$60.00 fee

Please send in payment in an envelope with the student's name and class on the envelope. Include the cut off slip at the bottom of the letter sent home this week.

KINDERGARTEN ENJOYING QUALITY TEACHING

Already our new students in Kindergarten are learning routines and learning to read, count and write. Look at the photographs of our lovely new Kindergarten children in their brand new classrooms.



Have a great fortnight!

Mr P. Lawless
Principal

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



1 Flannel
Flower

Skye Lepua
Ivy Tran

4 Rose

Samasoni Ikamanu
Hannah Huynh

4/5 Cassia

Aaua Adhikari

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2011

17/2/11	'Maroon for a Day' Fundraiser – Gold Coin Donation for QLD Flood Relief Parents in Partnership starts
1/3/11	Zone Swimming Carnival
7/4/11	Easter Egg Parade
21/2/11 to 23/2/11	Parent Information Evenings Stage 1 to Stage 3

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



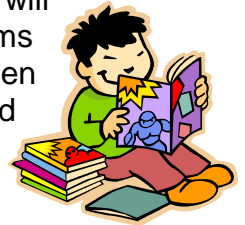
A big thank you to parents for the cooperation that has enabled us to introduce our new students to our school with a minimum of fuss.

Kindergarten teachers have almost completed their Best Start Assessment and classes for 2011 should be ready to start on Monday 14 February. The teachers thank you for your cooperation during this initial time which has allowed the students to become familiar with many staff from the school as well as learn many of the routines that they need to follow daily.

All Kindergarten parents are requested to attend the Parent / Teacher information evening when they have been organised.

At this meeting the reports for **Best Start** will be given out and discussed so that parents understand the information they contain.

In addition, the teachers will provide details of programs planned for Kindergarten during 2011 and expectations in regards to homework.



A. Ali Khan
Kindergarten Supervisor



FROM THE OFFICE

CHANGE FOR CARNIVALS, EXCURSIONS ETC

Last year the school brought in a new system with payment for carnivals, excursions, etc. The children are asked to place the payment envelope with their name, class and payment in the payment box outside of Mrs Alterio's window in the morning. Could you please put the correct amount of money in the envelope as the school does not keep money on the premises for change.

HEAD LICE

Once again there have been a number of cases of Head lice reported in the school. Departmental regulations recommends that children **are treated with medication from a chemist until all the lice and eggs are dead. You may decide it necessary to keep your child at home until it is treated. Please advise us if you do,** although if head lice management is ongoing it is not necessary to keep your child at home.



It would be appreciated if all parents could check their child's/children's hair in natural sunlight at least once a week every week. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their child/children are constantly free of head lice so that other children are not being infected.

Chemical solutions are available from the chemist; however no medication will remove the eggs. Parents are responsible for doing this.

Ms Coaldrake. School Admin Manager

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP



Our first meeting for Parents in Partnership will be held on Thursday 17 February from 9.05 am until about 10.30 am. All parents are invited to participate whenever they are able. Come along for the whole session or just for half an hour. Your assistance is appreciated by the staff.

At the first session, Mrs Hemming will be demonstrating some activities and games that you can use at home with your children. We will also be discussing other concerns that parents have and what workshops parents would like to participate in during 2011.

Later in Term 1 there will be a workshop on Reading and Comprehension presented by our literacy committee.

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. Your children benefit from your obvious interest in their school.

D Hemming
Parents in Partnership Co-ordinator.

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