



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



**Thursday, 10 March, 2011**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents,

### **STUDENTS PERFORM EXTREMELY WELL AT THE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to our students who attended the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. Mr Crowther and Mrs Lewis who accompanied the students to this event, informed me of their very good effort. Well done on representing our school so enthusiastically.

Special congratulations must go to Hassan Awick for his fantastic result in the 50 metres freestyle. Hassan has now qualified to represent our school at Regional.

Our wonderful team was as follows: Ricky Newell (backstroke, butterfly and freestyle), Ashley Newell (freestyle and backstroke), Dylan Ghamrawi (freestyle), Hassan Awick (freestyle) and Sharon Thio (freestyle and breaststroke).



*Above: Hassan Awick – School Swimming Champion.*

Later in the year Guildford students have the opportunity to attend the Special Swimming Scheme. This very important program gives students the opportunity to learn how to swim. This is a skill every Australian child and adult need to pursue.

### **PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH**

At Guildford Public School frequently students are photographed for special occasions, sport, performing arts or interested group. Often the photographs will be used in the Newsletter and consequently will appear on our school website.

If you do not want your son or daughter photographed then please let me know. I require you to put it in writing so that it can be entered on a register.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Have you looked at our school web site yet? It's getting better and better each term. Each fortnight you will see our newsletter and you



can look back on previous newsletters if needed. We have an extensive photo gallery featuring assemblies, carnivals, concerts, multicultural day, Parents in Partnership, excursions and so on.

Our school website is [www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) or just Google Guildford Public School, NSW.

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010 IS RELEASED

I am pleased to advise you that the Annual School Report for 2010 has been completed and submitted to the Department of Education and Training. All schools are expected to complete an annual report evaluating the previous year which must be submitted by the end of Term 1. As well as evaluating our strengths and successes, the report also looks to the future. You will see our Educational targets for this year.

The Annual School Report can be viewed at our school website. If you would like a paper copy please let me know and we will organize photocopying for all requests.

I recommend the 2010 Annual Report to you and request that you all spend some time reading it. I am also pleased to answer any questions regarding this report. I will organize a parent meeting later this month should there be any parents with questions or comments. Please let me know if you would like to attend an Annual Report meeting.

## MY SCHOOL

The Government released its 2011 version of My School on Friday 4 March. The expanded and updated version of the site will provide parents and community with information about NAPLAN performance as well as information about school finances and school communities. Visit [myschool.edu.au](http://myschool.edu.au) for more information. The site of MySchool, enables you to search the profiles of almost 10 000 Australian schools.

If you compare our NAPLAN results to those schools nearby, I think you will see what a fantastic job we are doing here at Guildford Public. Although we have room for improvement we can also celebrate our obvious achievements and growth.

When you look at our budget it is in millions! This actually covers all the wages of teachers, administration staff and all repairs to the school etc incurred by the Department Of Education. It is different to the smaller budget I work with in running the school on a daily basis.

## SAFETY ALERT

*Once again* I need to inform you of some critical areas of Child Safety and Protection. Under no circumstances should the general public drive into the school grounds. This is dangerous and illegal. I am always getting complaints from the neighboring flats that parents are also parking in driveways and on private property.

Secondly parents are not allowed to stop their car at the front gate to pick up children. No standing means **NO STANDING!**

***No Parking means you can stop for a very short while to drop off or pick up. You must remain in the car and the engine is still running.***

I am constantly warning parents who refuse to do the correct thing by the Roads and Traffic Authority (Law) and the school's request. Fines of up to \$290 will occur on days the parking inspectors are present. They come unannounced and if you are dropping or picking up children and parked/stopped in the wrong place you will be **FINED!** Even stopping for 5 seconds in the NO STANDING can land you a fine. One parent has been fined 3 times but still refuses to obey the rules. These fines also inflict a loss of merit points on one's license.

Does it take a tragedy with the injury or death of a student before we see common sense? Yes! You may have to park and walk a bit or even a couple of blocks, but isn't that worth it? The issue is the **SAFETY of OUR CHILDREN!** There is no excuse for illegal parking!

I do understand your frustration. There clearly isn't enough parking at the time both St Patrick's School and our school finish, however apart from campaigning to RTA there is not a thing we can do except park much further away and walk.



Maybe we have to change our attitude about it? However, the good part is that we do have some parking available. Many schools especially those on main roads and I can think of quite a few, don't have any close parking at all.

*See the Road Safety Fact Sheet at the end of the Newsletter*

## NO SMOKING

There has been a complaint issued to me regarding some parents smoking on the school premises. Smoking is not allowed in any government school. If you need to smoke please do so out of the sight of students and off the school premises. Thank You!

## CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

Recently we had a special induction ceremony to recognize our student leaders for 2011. Students were presented with their badges and parents in attendance were invited to pin the badge on their son or daughter. Students then recited the pledge. (I have included a copy in this newsletter).

Our Student Representative Council for 2011 also received their badges. Each class from Year 1 to 6 had two elected SRC Members. They too recited their pledge. I trust each member of our student leadership teams will carry out their duties with enthusiasm and

honour as stated in their pledge.

Our student leaders for 2011 are:

**Captains:** William Mendoza, Nheerie Pillay  
**Vice Captains:** Jimmy Yip, Aida Mesanovic  
**Prefects:** Billal Sediqi, Alyssa Turner  
Shehan Wijesurendra  
Tooa Rees



*Above: School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects 2011.*

Have a great fortnight!

*Mr Peter Lawless*  
Principal

*Below: SRC Representatives*



### **CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS PLEDGE**

As an elected student leader of Guildford Public School I agree to represent my school with pride and honor.

I agree to carry out my student leadership duties each day to support the Principal and teachers in making our school a safe and happy learning environment for all students.

I will strive to be a fair, honest and responsible role model for all students. I will endeavour to bring credit to our school, my family and the community.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PLEDGE**

As an elected student leader of my class at Guildford Public School I agree to represent my class and school with pride and honor.

I agree to carry out my student leadership duties each day to help the Principal, my teacher and fellow students.

I will strive to make my class and my school a safe and happy learning environment.

I will attend SRC meetings regularly and present my class's views fairly. I will report back to my class after meetings.

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



KB Jasmine Zreika, Nadine Yasseer  
KD Yusef Tarabiya, Venice Pathak  
Michaela Juco, Ayat Imran  
KLP Sytori Noble, Samim Golestani  
1CO Tiane Setefano,  
Anjani Jayarathne  
1/ 2P Selena Tan, Katherine Tran  
Tara Nogueira, Mahdi Mansoor  
2A Shauna Dower  
2KP Raghav Puri  
3B Mirna Abdulwahab, Even Zhang  
3/ 4E James Dower, Natalia Wang  
4R Matthew Feng  
5WP Ritika Garg, Rachel Thorne  
6C Brianna Georgis  
6W Aida Mesanovic

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

**Mr Lawless**

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

## **SRC REPS 2011**

|                   | BOYS                      | GIRLS            |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Flannel Flower  | Connor Flood              | Skye Lepua       |
| 1 Cooktown Orchid | Mohamed Kowaidar          | Ivy Tran         |
| 1/2 Persoonia     | Tamim Nasiri              | Tara Nogueira    |
| 2 Acacia          | Jakob Masters             | Tiresa Rees      |
| 2 Kangaroo Paw    | Jayden Christmas-Estephan | Noshin Anbar     |
| 3 Bluebell        | Mitch Bouton              | Jeyda Olca       |
| 3/4 Eucalyptus    | Kobe Lepua                | Amal Elhaj       |
| 4 Rose            | Matthew Feng              | Hannah Huynh     |
| 4/5 Cassia        | Ricky Newell              | Natalie Batistic |
| 5 Wollemi Pine    | Thomas Batistic           | Angela Nguyen    |
| 6 Correa          | Tyson Lepua               | Briana Georgis   |
| 6 Waratah         | Edmond Tran               | Rhani Ghoundar   |

**HIGH SCHOOL 2012  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
FORMS MUST BE  
RETURNED BY  
WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH.**

***DATES TO REMEMBER  
TERM 1 2011***

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>17/3/11</b> | <b>Interviews for New Assistant Principal Position (Panel Members)</b> |
| <b>17/3/11</b> | <b>Selective High School Tests</b>                                     |
| <b>21/3/11</b> | <b>Harmony Day</b>   |
| <b>7/4/11</b>  | <b>Easter Egg Parade</b>   |
| <b>8/4/11</b>  | <b>Last Day Term 1</b>   |





## Whispers from the Library

### Library Bags Sold Out

Currently we have sold out of library bags. I have ordered some more but in the meantime I'm quite happy for you to use an enviro bag from Woolworths, Coles, IGA, Franklin, etc.



### Overdue Notices

This week I'm issuing some overdue notices. These notices are simply a reminder for you and your child to find books that have been overlooked. It's important to return these books on time.



## .NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2011

### Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Premier's Reading Challenge has opened for another year. If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 2, they will automatically be entered for the challenge. Their class teacher or I will read books from the Premier's Reading Challenge Booklist and that satisfies the criteria for these grades. Students in Yr 3 to Yr 6 have to log into the Premier's Reading Challenge website and register their books by themselves.

To do this you must have the internet. If you are not connected to the Internet at home, you can encourage your child to come to use the school's one during their lunch library day (Yr 3-4 - Tuesday, Yr 5 -6 - Wednesday). Alternatively, you can go to your local library and use their internet kiosk.



### How to Register for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Step 1: Go to <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Step 2: Log On using your children's user name (Ask your child for their username and password. User names are **SHOULD** be your child's birth name followed by a dot then their last name.

Step 3: To find the book's ID Number, click on "BOOKLIST".

Step 4: On the right hand side of the webpage you'll find **PDF Booklist Downloads**. Under this heading you'll have some choices. Click on [5-6 by Title - Short](#)

A PDF file will come up on your computer with all the names of the books in the challenge. With this list you will find a column saying "PRC" and it's this column that had the book's ID Number.

Step 5. Once your child has their code number, they need to click on **Student Reading Records**.

Step 6. On this page you will have a table that has three headings (ID, Title and Author). To save time for you, just type in the ID Number of the book your child has read. Then click on ADD.

Step 7. After clicking ADD the book's name will register and you'll have the option to remove it. This option is simply for mistakes or practising registering a book.

Step 8. When you are finished registering your books, you log off. .

The process may seem difficult for some or maybe a little intimidating, but it's very easy once practised a few times. As mentioned in the information night for Stage 2, I will be holding a seminar on how to register these books in the PRC system with helpful notes and hands on practise. I will notify this in the next newsletter.



The Premier's Reading Challenge will end in September 2011 where I will have to validate and confirm the children's entries.

We have most of the books here in the library but if by any chance your child can't find a book from our library, please join the public library at Guildford, Merrylands, Greystanes, Parramatta and Granville and ask them for their Premier's Reading Challenge Collection.



*Mr Norambuena  
(Teacher Librarian).*

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