



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 7 April 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Well, it is that time of the term again when we look back and say "Where did those 11 weeks go?" Yes, another term is just about completed. From my perspective, it has been a very productive term with many interesting events and productive days.

Most students have made very pleasing progress in their learning. Staff have had many opportunities to improve and develop their skills through relevant and innovative professional development. Parents have been supportive and shown interest in their children's learning. Altogether I believe it has been a great term!

[Below: Disco raised \\$640 for Christchurch](#)
[See article and photos to follow.](#)

HOLIDAYS AND EASTER

School officially breaks up for the Autumn/Easter holiday tomorrow, Friday 8 April at 3:00pm.

Students return after Easter and ANZAC Day on Thursday 28 April. Please note that Wednesday 27 April is a School Development Day for staff only.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and Easter!

DISCO FOR CHRISTCHURCH

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 celebrated a great term at Guildford Public School by dancing the night away. The evening last Tuesday was to raise money for the victims of the terrible Christchurch, New Zealand earthquake of



last month.

Altogether the students raised \$640.00 which will be combined with money raised from other New South Wales Public Schools and sent to New Zealand.

Congratulations to all those who attended. Thank you to the parents for collecting students on time after the Disco and to all the staff for staying back and supervising over the evening.

BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION

On 6 June (Week 7 next term) we will be holding a special celebration and the official opening of our new double story block of classrooms and computer room.

This will be a special assembly under the COLA with our Federal Member of Parliament, Hon. Jason Clare attending as well as other special guests. Keep the morning free if you are able to attend. I will give you more information about this special ceremony early next term.



GATE ON MILITARY ROAD

As you know the main gate and entrance to Guildford Public School is on [Apia Street](#). The Office is the official port of call for all visitors to our school. Visitors are expected to sign in.

The gate on Military Road is opened by our cleaning staff in the morning. For the security of all our children and teachers this gate is usually closed at 9:15am each day. The opening of the gate before 3:00pm is done as a courtesy however it should not be taken for granted that the gate will always be opened.

We have a General Assistant (Mr Mark) only for 2 days a week and he endeavours to open the gate before 3:00pm. However as teachers are on class

they can't leave students to open the gate for you. We do send a couple of students to do this on the alternate days. If the gate is not opened for you and you urgently need to enter the school grounds then please walk around the block and enter via Apia Street (Main Entrance). This gate is always opened. For your information, most schools will only have one gate opened so that it can be monitored effectively. However, for now, we will try to open the Military Road gate for you to enter by 3:00pm, but if it is closed please realize there must be a reason. I cannot see the gate from my office and I may be at a meeting, interviewing a parent or student or on the phone etc.

Please do not get angry if the Military Road gate is not opened. The school still has an open gate for you and students on Apia Street. I hope this is understood by all our parents and that you take the time to think of this situation from our perspective. If there is a security issue the bottom gate will not be opened!

Have a great holiday!

Take Care! See you on 28 April

Mr Peter Lawless Principal

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



KB Rabee Zreika, Nicole Tan Terles
1FF Fatima El Kassab
Zaynab Sadiqi

3B Nathan Tokabobo
4R Betoul Alameddine
Vanessa lam

6C Onyx Tautuhi

Community Language:

Mya Zerika, Badrie El Haj

**CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

ASSEMBLY STARS

Jason Ly 3/4 E
Kunwarbir Mahrok 4R
Rokya Aljebro 1/2P
James McGuire 4/5C
Layan Al-Sayed 1FF
Joseph Lingad 6W

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

26/4/11	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
27/4/11	Staff Development Day
28/4/11	Students Return for start of Term 2
28/4/11	Wrapping for Mothers Day Stall
28/4/11	ANZAC Day Ceremony
5/5/11	Mothers Day Stall
6/5/11	Winter PSSA starts
9/5/11 to 11/5/11	NAPLAN
24/5/11	Computer Skills Competition
8/6/11	Science Competition
13/6/11	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
21/6/11	Spelling Competition

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

ANZAC Day assembly is on the first Thursday back at school. The assembly will be held at 2:00pm in the front car park of the school and will go for approximately 30 minutes. All parents are invited to attend this special assembly.

Mr Gadd



PSSA REPORT

Term 1 Cricket Update

Both junior and senior Cricket teams have had a fantastic start to the PSSA cricket competition. The remainder of the competition will be completed in Term 4. All students have played with great spirit and are showing that they have plenty to offer with both the bat and ball. Seniors have been led well by Aiden Turner and Sheehan Wijesurendra while the juniors have some big improvers. Keep up the great sportsmanship and I look forward to coaching you in Term 4.

Mr Gadd



Parents in Partnership

This term has flown by. Once again we had another 2 successful workshops from Mrs Hemming and Mr Norambuena, with an

increased number of parents participating

On Monday of this week a dedicated band of parents worked hard to make the baskets for the Easter Raffle. They look fabulous! Next term promises to be just as busy with Mothers Day looming very early in the term. The first Thursday morning will be dedicated to wrapping. The Mothers Day stall will be on Thursday 5 May. Enjoy the holiday period and remember this is a great time to widen the experiences of your children by doing things that are different to your regular activities.

D Hemming

Parents in Partnership Coordinator.





DISCO FEVER 2011



The Best Disco In Town