



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 19 May 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

NAPLAN 2011 - National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

Students in Years 3 and 5 participated last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the NAPLAN Tests.

Below I have outlined some possible questions you may have regarding this process. If you have any other queries please don't hesitate to ask your son or daughter's teacher.

Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs

and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.

- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the *My School* Website.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- visit www.naplan.edu.au
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAPLAN website).



MOTHERS DAY STALL WAS A FANTASTIC EFFORT

Many thanks to the many cheerful and happy mums who supported this year's Mother's Day Stall.

The parents purchased, wrapped and sold a variety of gifts last Thursday. All students K-6 had the opportunity to purchase something for their mum or grandmother or special person.



Thanks to all for your support of this worthwhile initiative and fundraiser. We raised \$988.



OUR SPECTACULAR AUDITIONS

During this week Miss Walpole and I have been visiting many schools across the Granville, Strathfield and Bankstown School Education areas as we audition (once again) students for the 11th Annual Our Spectacular.

The production will be held on Thursday 28 July at the Sydney Opera House. Although Miss Walpole and I are the coordinators of the show we have to remain impartial as we audition our own students. We will let you know shortly whether our Senior Dance Group has been successful. There are many schools auditioning and only 24 schools can actually be selected out of close to 40.

Keep your fingers crossed! Our choir will definitely be part of the massed choir as usual. Already they have had a combined practice and I know Mrs Hemming is working them toward another successful performance.

HOW MUCH SLEEP DOES YOUR CHILD GET?

If you are honest with yourself, I'm sure you will agree, that you feel better, perform better and actually look better when you've had a relaxing and decent sleep. This is no different for children however their sleep is more critical. The average Kindergarten to Year 6 student requires up to 11 hours sleep each night. Does your son or daughter get this much sleep?



For many years I have been saying that from my experience I've noticed students who get a good night's sleep perform better at school socially and academically and generally exhibit better behavior and attitude. Research now backs this up 100%! Please read the articles I've included in this newsletter which I have taken from the internet. You may like to follow this up yourself? Together we can do more for our children's school work by insisting on, but also creating and supporting good sleep routines for our children. A good sleep, together with a nutritious breakfast and your son and daughter are well on the way to performing considerably better with their school work and social relationships.

Too many of our children tell me and their teachers of the late bedtime they often have. Parents need to develop definite routines and be strong and consistent in not allowing their children to stay up late watching television or playing on computers. Even Year 5 and 6 students should be in bed by 8:30pm. A good tip is to not allow sugary food or drink to be consumed too late as it will tend to keep the child awake longer also no television/computer in bedrooms.

Good luck!

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

ASSEMBLY STARS

Jessica Trein Phu 1/2P

Jakob Masters 2A

Sayed Moosawi 4/5C

Christine Yau 5W

Bryce Bouton KLP

Sayed Moosawi 4/5C

Mariam ElKassab 3B

Sofia Wallis 2A

Parents Of Anxious Kids Group

1 in 10 children are adversely affected by anxiety, making it the most common disorder in children.

We offer a **FREE** Group for parents over 2 days to learn the strategies that can be used with their child. The group is safe and private, and is open to any parent of a child with problem anxiety.

Granville
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June
From 10am to 1pm both days

For questions or to register your interest for this group or future groups contact:
David Belasic (02) 9339 6088
dbelasic@mentalhealth.asn.au

READ ME! READ ME!
Your Lucky Chance!
Secret Lucky Parent Newsletter Prize
Valued at \$100

If you are reading this then I have your attention! We are trying to gather data on how many parents actually read our newsletter. Please ring the office and register an entry in this secret newsletter prize. Ring the office and leave your name. Keep it a secret as we want to know how many people have actually read this box! The Secret raffle will be drawn later this month. The winner will be announced and contacted. Thank you! Ring office and leave your name with Ms Coaldrake or Mrs Alterio.

Good Luck! Mr Peter Lawless

Learn Music on Keyboard at Guildford Public School

- * Music theory * Instrument playing
- * Ensemble practice * Fun music games
- * 45 mins lesson weekly, small group
- * Music material included
- * Instrument not required initially

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www.learnmusicatschool.com.au



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



KB Alan Wen
KLP Faria Moosawi
Samim Golestani
1CO Ruvimbo Sitima, Mya Zreika
1FF Luke Whaanga, Linda Trieu Phu
1/2P Huazhen Liu
2A Lawrence Ly, Harnoor Brar
2KP Aguer Deng, Aydin Yag
3B Luke Dannawe
Augustina Asabre
3/4E Jason Ly, Grace Tokabobo,
James Dower-Junior
Amal Elhaj, Kathy Tran
Deya Daoudi
4R Ali Rezaee

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

Reminders:

**** Stage One Excursion to Bicentennial Park is on Thursday 2 June. Permission note and money needs to be returned before Tuesday 31 May.**

**** A reminder that if your child attends the Creative Arts group after school in the K-2 Hall, they need to be picked up at 4:30pm sharp by a person over 16 years of age.**

**** If you have a child in year 4 and would like to apply for an Opportunity Class placement for 2012, application forms must be in to the school by Friday 27 of May. You can pick up an application form from the office. You can also go online to apply. Online applications need to be completed by Friday 20 of May. Visit <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement> for forms and information.**

FEATURE CLASS

4 ROSE

This term 4 Rose has been learning about persuasive writing. In particular we have studied expositions and ways of making



sentences more convincing to the reader.

Students looked at the topic: 'It's cruel to keep animals in cages'. They were divided into groups and worked together to come up with as many convincing arguments as they could for this topic.

Groups were then given the opportunity to report back to the rest of the class and make comparisons between other groups' responses. Finally, 4 Rose had a go at writing their own expositions independently.

Miss Racanelli



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

20/5/11	Sydney Writers Festival Excursion
24/5/11	Computer Skills Competition
31/5/11	Jump Rope For Heart
2/6/11	Bicentennial Park Excursion Years 1 & 2
3/6/11	2 nd Canberra Payment Due \$50
8/6/11	Science Competition
13/6/11	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
16/6/11	Field of Mars Excursion. Years 3 & 4
21/6/11	Spelling Competition
29/6/11	Parent /Teacher/Student Interviews and Reports 3pm-7pm
1/7/11	3 rd Canberra Payment Due \$50
1/7/11	Last Day of Term 2

Carol Murray's

School of Dancing Performing Arts

GREYSTANES STUDIO

Greystanes Uniting Church
Cnr Elridge & Cumberland St's

(\$11 per 1 hour lesson)

STUDIO 1:

3:30 - 4:00 Private Lesson
4:00 - 5:00 Juniors-Jazz, Tap & Singing 6-10 yrs
5:00 - 6:00 Intermediate Jazz & Tap 11-13 yrs
6:00 - 7:00 Senior Jazz & Tap 14 yrs up
7:00 - 8:00 Hip Hop Class - All Ages
8:00 - 9:00 Adult Class

STUDIO 2:

3:30 - 4:00 Private lesson
4:00 - 5:00 Beginners Class Juniors-Jazz, Tap & Singing 2-5 yrs
5:00 - 6:00 Junior Ballet 5-10yrs
6:00 - 7:00 Level 1. Acro/Gym under 13 yrs
7:00 - 8:00 Senior Classical/Modern 11 yrs up
8:00 - 9:00 Level 2 Senior Acro/Gym 14 yrs up

PBIS Respectful



At Guildford Public School it is important to be respectful at all times. Teachers encourage students to display respectful behaviour at school. Respectful students are often rewarded with a 'Guildford Star'. One way to be a respectful student is to be polite. Polite students can be heard saying 'please' and 'thank you'. Teachers often listen for these words at the canteen and in the classroom. Parents should encourage their children to use these simple words too.

We must remember to be respectful by:

- * Saying 'please' and 'thank you' and being polite
- * Greeting people with a friendly smile and being nice to each other
- * Showing respect towards teachers, parents and other adults

Remember that at Guildford we are always safe, respectful, responsible learners.

Mr Gadd

PBIS Team



Whispers from the Library



Library Bags

There are some students who have turned up to school with a plastic bag as a library bag. Our Library policy states that students need to use a canvas enviro bag or a special library bag (which can be purchased from the school library). These library bags are \$4 each and have the school's logo and name printed on the front. Please come to the library after 3pm or on Tuesdays (9:00am-3:00pm) to buy a library bag.

Alternatively, give your child money to purchase a bag.

Children's Book Council Award Nominated Books for 2011.

Last week I announced the nominated books for the Children's Book Council Awards 2011. This week I have written reviews of 3 books that have been nominated this year.

The Tall Man & the Twelve Babies by Tom Champion and Kilmeny Niland.

This wonderful book written by the talented Niland family is great fun to read. It's adorable, kooky and strikingly illustrated... the perfect combination for kids.



The story is about a man with twelve babies who ends up getting locked out of his apartment. In his attempt to get back inside, he crawls through the cat flap, only to get stuck. While the man panics, the babies scream with delight. The Charlenes ride on his legs and the Alistairs play with this curly hair.

A fun book which has become a favourite of mine.

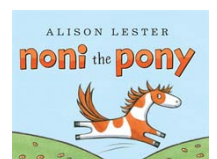
The Deep End by Ursula Dubosarsky.

This book is part of the Aussie Nibbles Series. The main character, Becky, has reached the point in her swimming lessons where she has stopped being a Frog and has moved up to being a Platypus. Becky now has to go into the deep end and she's not at all sure that she's ready for it. She wishes she could be in the Frog group for just a little bit longer.



Noni's Pony

A delightful, rhyming pony story for young children by the much-loved author Alison Lester. Noni the Pony is the nicest pony any little child could ever hope to meet. A great book for K-2 students.



Mr Norambuena (Teacher Librarian).

