



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 5 May 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a relaxing school holiday and a happy and peaceful Easter. Like most terms there is going to be plenty happening at Guildford Public School over the next two months. Term 2 continues until Friday 1 July.

This term we embrace the annual NAPLAN testing and assessment (week 3), Winter PSSA, Sport, Excursions, Computer and Spelling Competitions, Choir Rehearsals and auditions for Our Spectacular and many more exciting events. Students will also receive their Semester 1 Report at the Parent/Teacher/Student 3 Way Interviews in Week 10.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held across the country in Week 3. All students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 will sit the tests.

Tuesday	May 10	Language Conventions
		Writing
Wednesday	May 11	Reading
Thursday	May 12	Numeracy
		(Space, Number, Measurement)

Students need to be ready for these tests by:

- Having a good night's sleep the night before;
- Having a good nutritious breakfast each morning before the tests;
- Be on time for school;
- Take the test seriously and aim to do their best.

Parents can help by:

- Encouragement;
- Being interested – ask children how they felt they did each afternoon when they come home from school;
- Practice revision at home.

HAT PARADE WAS EGGCELLENT!!

Congratulations to all the students, teachers and parents who got into the spirit of celebrating the end of term by making and parading a hat at our Hat Parade on Thursday 7 April. Below is a photograph of the winners of the raffle and later in the newsletter we have some great models showing us their hats.

Wow we had so many great Easter hats too!

Thank you and congratulations!

Below: Our Raffle winners from our Easter Hat Parade Term 1.



NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

In 2012 Guildford Public School will enter into the National Partnership program. This new initiative involves government and non-government schools and the State and the Commonwealth Government working together to deliver better outcomes for students.

The National Partnerships represent significant additional funding from the Commonwealth Government to New South Wales schools, as well as a co-contribution from the State Government.

Guildford Public School has been identified and selected to be one of the schools that will go onto National Partnerships. We have been selected due to our lower socio-economic status. This is great news for all the Guildford school community.

The Implementation Plan:

- Is built on the consistent evidence that teacher quality is the single greatest in-school influence on student engagement and outcomes, that literacy and numeracy attainment is a cornerstone of schooling and that socio-economic status remains a significant determinant of educational outcomes.
- Includes specific reforms and strategies to accelerate progress in improving outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Over the next two terms it is my responsibility to develop a comprehensive Situational Analysis of Guildford Public School that can be submitted so as to secure the National Partnerships funding.

Obviously, I can't do this alone. I will be seeking the support of all staff and contributions from parents, students and community. Soon you will be asked to complete surveys, attend discussion forums and participate in gathering data to support and determine our school's specific needs. How will the funding be used? What extra staff will be employed etc.

As the year progresses you will hear much more about this exciting new chapter in our school's history, that of NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS.

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

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



KD Fatma El Omran, Austin Flood
1FF Jemima Kassem, Zaynab Sadiqi
1/2P Markeisha Bolano
Crystal Howell
3B Taylan Yag, Mirna Abdulwahab
5WP Jessica Vidler, Hussan Awick
6C Andrew Huynh, Alex Vlahos
Chritian Aquino
6W Liam Payne

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!



PBIS: SAFE

Students have been working hard in Term 1 to earn Guildford Stars.

In particular, many students are showing great enthusiasm and displaying appropriate behaviour essential in earning a 'Guildford Star' by following our school rule of being Safe. Being safe means we are staying out of harm in all areas of the school.

We must remember to:

- * Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves;
- * Walk to your destination; and
- * Be mindful of students and classes you are passing.

Good luck earning Guildford Stars in Term 2! And remember at Guildford we are always safe, respectful, responsible learners.

Mrs McGrath
PBIS Team

ASSEMBLY STARS

No Winners This Week

BUDDHIST SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED

URGENT request from the Buddhist Council of NSW. (BC) Guildford school has asked the BC to make Buddhist Scripture classes available to its students. We are asking you to consider volunteering as a Buddhist Scripture teacher. We conduct workshops in which you will meet people just like you who have been enjoying this role. Training in teaching methods and classroom management, as well as provision of resources and mentor support, is ongoing. No previous teaching experience is necessary. This invitation is open to all adult members of the community who have knowledge and interest in Buddhism. Please consider and tell your friends. Please ring 9966 8893 or e-mail education@buddhistcouncil.org for further information.



Whispers from the Library

Term 2 Topics This term the classes are going to be studying new and challenging topics.

Kindergarten: This term's topic is colours! Each week kindergarten will have a book based on a colour and an activity to relate to the story.

Year 1C, 1FF, 1/2P, 2A and 2KP: Students from Stage 1 will learn about books with poetic language. Rhyming will be the focus this term with other books involving simple and easy poetic language.

Yr 3B, 3/4E and 4R: Life in the Undergrowth - students in Stage 2 will learn about insects. A research project will be given to the students. This will support the library's main focus of exposing students to information literacy, which is based on the English Syllabus.

Yr 4/5C, Yr 5WP, Yr 6C and Yr 6W: Students from Stage 3 will learn about books that have poetic and figurative language in it. Students will learn about idioms, alliteration, onomatopoeias, etc.

Library Bags

The library is now offering new library bags with the school's logo and a cute picture to go with it. The library bag is on display at the front office counter on the glass. If you would like to purchase one please see me after school or see Mrs Cullen (Librarian's Assistant) in the library ALL DAY Tuesday. These new bags cost \$4.



Children's Book Council Award Nominated Books for 2011.

The nominations for the Children's Book Council Awards were announced during the school holidays. As usual I will give you a short review about each of these books. We have a couple of these books and I've ordered some we have not got.

Here are the nominations for the awards I mainly focus on.



2011 Book of the Year: Early Childhood

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

The Deep End by Ursula Dubosarsky.

Noni the Pony by Alison Lester.

It's Bedtime, William! by Deborah Niland.

Look See, Look at me. by Leonie Norrington

Maudie and Bear by Jan Omerod.

2011 Book of the Year: Picture Book of the Year

Mirror. by Jeanie Baker

Why I love Australia. by Bronwyn Bancroft

Hamlet. by Nickie Greenberg

Family Forest. by Kim Kane & Lucia Masciullo

Two Peas in a Pod. by Chris McKimmie

My Uncle's Donkey. by Tohby Riddle



Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).

FEATURE CLASS KINDERGARTEN DAISY

Last term Kindergarten Daisy and 4/5 Cassia formed a buddy system, where the two classes get together for one hour each week and complete various activities. Each student in Kindergarten Daisy has been allocated a partner or 'buddy' that he or she will work with for the rest of the year.

The Buddy system has given a chance for Kindergarten students to become familiar with other students in the school who they can identify and befriend in and outside the classroom. Buddies also gives an opportunity for students in 4/5 Cassia to demonstrate their leadership skills and be responsible for other students in their school.

So far activities students in Kindergarten Daisy have worked on with their buddies include making Easter Hats for the Easter Hat Parade in Term 1 and poppies to commemorate Anzac Day at the beginning of this term. Both Mrs McGrath and I have been extremely pleased with the outcome of buddies. It is a pleasure to see students in Kindergarten and Years 4 and 5 on task, completing otherwise difficult activities and most importantly enjoying themselves.

All students in Kindergarten and 4/5 Cassia should be proud of themselves. Well done!

Mrs Hawli



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DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

6/5/11	Winter PSSA starts
6/5/11	1 st Canberra Payment Due \$50
9/5/11 to 11/5/11	NAPLAN
17/5/11	Zone Cross Country.
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 School

EASTER HAT PARADE

WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS

EASTER THEME

- K - 2 1. Amir Awick 1/2P
2. Akanesi Matakaiongo 1FF
3. Zac Singca KB

- 3 - 6 1. Betoul Alameddine 4R
2. Elham Houda 3/4E
3. William Mendoza 6C

MULTICULTURAL

- K - 2 1. Mayset Elhaj 2K
2. Jessica Trieu Phu 1/2P
3. Joumana Ayouch

- 3 - 6 1. Kitty Jo 5W
2. Natalie batistic 4/5C
3. Neha Pillay 4/5C



AUSTRALIANA

- K - 2 1. Viliotu Masila 1C
2. Reynold Sar 1/2P
3. Connor Flood 1FF

- 3 - 6 1. Jessica Vidler 5W
2. James Dower Junior 3/4E
3. Saleh Eslami Natanzi 4R

COLOURFUL

- K - 2 1. Adam El-Bortol 1/2P
2. Jayden Christmas-Estephan 2KP
3. Mahdi Qanber Ali 1/2P

- 3 - 6 1. Thomas Batistic 5W
2. Prayer Zeogar 3B
3. Betselot Asrat 5W



UNIQUE AND UNUSUAL

- K - 2 1. Noshion Anbar 2KP
2. Phillip Baldacchino 1FF
3. Joelle & Sybelle Alameddine KL & KD

- 3 - 6 1. Even Zhang 3B
2. Samisoni Ikamau 4R
3. Irrvin Lariosa 4/5C

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1 Dylan Perera 2KP
2 Mrs Deb Ferguson 1FF
3 Jasmine Lepua 4/5C
4 Samira Kamoda KLP
5 Ali Ozcakmak 1CO
6 Rania Lingad 2KP
7 Hussain Akil 2KP
8 Alister Flood
9 Sheehan Wijesurendra 6C
10 Ahmed Taleb 2A
11 Akanesi Matakaiongo 1FF
12 Peter Marona Puhotau KD



- 13 Anthony Christiansen KD
14 Jayden Christmas-Estephan 2KP
15 Jireh Lungjung 3B
16 Phillip Baldacchino 1FF
17 Rayleen Turner c/o Aiden 4/5C
18 Zarah Singca c/o Zac KB
19 Kay Masters c/o Jakob 2A
20 Kitty Jo 5W



- 21 Brian Lolohea KB
22 Elham Houda 3/4E
23 Pooja Sandhu
24 Nadine Yasseer KB
25 Zoe Turner c/o Aiden 4/5C
26 Rebel Smulders 6W
27 Jan

- 28 Sherif Awick 3B
29 Frank Matta
30 Joumana Ayouch 2A
31 Hylan Yag 5W
32 Sharon Thio 4/5C
33 Richard Hosea KLP
34 Nicole Tan Terles KB



- 35 N. Workman
36 Jayden Christmas-Estephan 2KP
37 Kayra Bozdagci 4/5C
38 Kristy Newell c/o Ashley 6W
39 Particia Punzalan c/o Michaela KD
40 Mrs Marissa Edwards KLP
41 Junior Rokosuka 3/4E
42 Karina Naaman c/o Amani 1/2P

- 43 Ayse Sari 2A
44 Gihan Perera 5W
45 Joumana Ayouch 2A
46 Vi Ly c/o Lawrence 2A
47 Akech Athaian 1FF

- 48 Jessica Trieu Phu 1/2P
49 Alyssa Turner 6W
50 N. Workman
51 Aiden Turner 4/5C
52 Mohammad Yasseer 1/2P
53 Mr Mark GA
54 Akanesi matakaiongo 1FF
55 Mohammad Yasseer 1/2P
56 Dan

- 57 Elham Houda 3/4E
58 Gabriel Taleb KD
59 Mrs Deb Sheehy
60 Calvin Jo 2A
61 Vi Ly c/o Lawrence 2A

- 62 Kitty Jo 5W
63 Gihan Perera 5W
64 Mark Bolano c/o Markeisha 1/2P
65 Frank Rees 4/5C
66 Reynold Sar 1/2P
67 Dylan Ghamrawi 6C
68 Kathy Newell c/o Ricky 4/5C
69 Julia Hoang 1/2P



EASTER HAT PARADE



