



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 16 June 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I'd like to thank the many parents and community members who attended last Monday's official opening of the new classrooms. For those who were unable to attend I have included a summary of my address delivered at the ceremony.

STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are currently completing reports for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Reports include progress across all six Key learning Areas. Reports place particular emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy. In these two major areas, teachers have highlighted particular strengths but also areas for improvement. These have been identified by dot points. Our school reports also include Community Language (Arabic) report and English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) reports.

I will be reading and signing all reports across the school. It is important that you discuss your child's progress and areas for improvement with their individual teachers.

3 WAY INTERVIEWS.

(PARENTS, STUDENTS & TEACHERS)

In week 10 we will once again hold interviews with parents to discuss each student's individual performance. It is most important that you attend with your child. At the interview with the class teacher, your son or daughter's report will be issued. We find 3 way interviews very beneficial, as the student gain valuable feedback from the teacher and parents, as we work together, to improve all student outcomes. Teachers can also explain and answer questions about the report. More information regarding these interviews will be sent home next week.

Building Educational Revolution (BER)

Opening Ceremony Monday 6 June 2011

Principals Message

Good morning special guests, parents and friends, teachers and of course students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Below Left to Right: Ms Pam Coleman, Mr Graham Bonwick, Mr Peter Lawless, Mr Paul O'Donoghue, Federal Member for Blaxland the Honourable Jason Clare, School Captains Nherrie Pillay and William Mendoza and Mr Murat Dizdar,



I would also like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land the Darug Nation where this gathering takes place today and acknowledge their elders both past and present.

It is wonderful to have our special guests here today. Particularly our Federal Member for Blaxland the Honourable Jason Clare, Our School Education Director for Granville Schools Mr Murat Dizdar, Ms Pam Coleman Counsellor for Holroyd and the President of Guildford Leagues Club Mr Graham Bonwick and Mr Paul O'Donoghue Director Guildford Leagues Club.

Today, as you know, we gather to celebrate the final product of the Federal Government's Building Educational Revolution.

For the students, teachers and community members of the Guildford Public School family this project has had an outstanding outcome.

I would like to explain briefly the project which commenced late 2009 and was completed at the end of 2010.

To start with we had the construction of this COLA extension. Then the commencement of the new 6 modern classrooms behind me. As well, the Computer Room was relocated from a tiny half classroom space to a larger more practical room with the conversion of the old kindergarten classroom.

The final phase was the demolition of the very old and termite ridden buildings near Military Road.

This has also contributed to the physical presence of the school. It looks much better! It has given us a larger playground and space for Physical Education lessons and sport.

We know how to use our new classrooms. My staff of enthusiastic teachers has already commenced the delivery of Quality Teaching daily in the new rooms, as they do across the whole school. The teachers in the new block are utilising the improved facilities.

So what about the new space provided in the playground? How best do we use this extra space? How can it now be maximised for improving student outcomes and indeed enhancing the whole community?

The Building Education Revolution has shown us how great achievements can happen to improve our schools. But it has also has stimulated our thoughts, plans and vision for the future in continuing to build our schools to promote the very best student outcomes.

After discussion and surveys in 2010 with the community and teachers we would like to have built a multi-purpose sports court to accommodate Newcomb ball, basketball and

netball and tennis. This will require a significant amount of funds which unfortunately we don't have. Quotes put this at least \$100,000 with a soft fall court. The seating we have just installed has cost close to \$20,000 so you see things are very expensive these days.

However, we will need to work together as a community to raise on-going funds now and for the next few years if we are to achieve this dream of making Guildford Public School's playground a site for excellence in sport. We have the room and the potential....this is our new dream!

Finally, while I promote our dream for the continuation of the improvements of our school, I am most grateful for what the Building Educational Revolution has provided for Guildford Public School.

On behalf of all the students now and in the future who will significantly benefit it from this initiative and our entire community, I sincerely thank the Federal Government for the project and improvement to Guildford Public School.

I ask the Honourable Mr Jason Clare, Member for Blaxland, to convey to the Government our sincere thanks and gratitude for this outstanding achievement.

Thank you

Peter Lawless
Principal
6/6/2011

Have a great fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

**ASSEMBLY
STARS**

Alyssa Turner 6W

Agner Deng 2KP

Hope Croombes 1CO

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



KB Sueda Aslan, Brian Lolohea
1FF Akech Athian, Brodan Wallace
2A Sarah Tarabiya
3B Vishu Garg, Caylib Biggs
4R Maddison Biggs, Diab El Omran
Mohamed Bouchelouha
4/ 5C Amar Elnour
5WP Wesam Niem, Sela Masila
6C Mehmet Zeyrek, Waqar Ali

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2

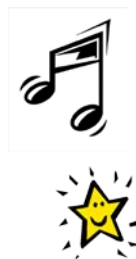
21/6/11	Spelling Competition
29/6/11	Parent /Teacher/Student Interviews and Reports 3pm-7pm
1/7/11	Athletics Carnival
1/7/11	3 rd Canberra Payment Due \$50
1/7/11	Last Day of Term 2

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ms Patricia Punzalan (Michaela Juco Kinder Daisy) who won the 'Who reads the Newsletter Raffle' held recently. She won a \$100 Voucher.

Thank you to the following parents who also rang and entered:

Samia Charbel, Mrs Rees, Mrs Kholavine, Mrs Masila, Mrs Lepua, Mrs Kowaidar, Mr Huynh, Mrs Thio, Debra Christenson, Julie Baldacchino, Mary Mendoza, Que Chi Dang, Min Hu, Kayleen Flood, Linda Lin, Tina Tran

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

Parents in Partnerships was a huge success. This week they focused on how to support their children in literacy and numeracy when using technology. Parents enjoyed looking at useful websites and resources that can be easily accessed through the DEC home page. They also enjoyed looking around the Guildford Public School website. Presentation discs will be sent home with students to the parents that attended today's workshop.

Mr Gadd – Workshop Organiser

FEATURE CLASS 1 FLANNEL FLOWER

During Term Two, One Flannel Flower children have been studying the Science topic Mini-Beasts. The children have written stories and poems about spiders, ants and butterflies. We have enjoyed learning unusual facts about different Mini-beasts from information books. Our favourite time of the week is Friday afternoon when we have learnt to draw mini-beasts. Visitors to our classroom have been scared of our drawings of scary spiders, angry ants and beautiful butterflies.





Whispers from the Library

™ Story Teller to Visit Guildford during Book Week.



a World Famous and Award Winning Storyteller. Her name is Donna Jacob Sife.

Donna Jacobs Sife is a writer, award-winning storyteller and peace -worker. Her international reputation is built on her capacity to bridge difference - be it within our societies, our communities or ourselves. For nearly two decades she has travelled widely throughout the world teaching and telling stories. She has traveled throughout Australia, Israel, the United Kingdom, and the United States to international acclaim, telling and teaching about story.

Donna is a performing artist for the Department of Education. She tells stories to uplift the spirit, to awaken hope and to celebrate the soul. Donna draws from all traditions, and in doing so she takes pleasure in both the unique elements held within different cultures, and the golden thread that links them all. In 1997 she was awarded first prize for original storytelling at the Australian National Storytelling Festival

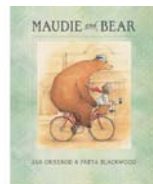
MORE DETAILS ABOUT COSTS AND DATES WILL BE RELEASED IN TERM 3.

Book Week will be held during Week 6 of Term 3 and although it is early days yet, it's going to be a very exciting week! Not only have we managed to get the usual selection of books from Central Books for our Book Fair, but we have also managed to book

Children's Book Council of Australia Award Nominated Books for 2011.

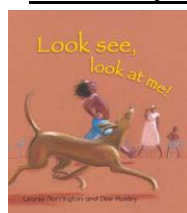
This week I will review 3 more books that are nominated for the 2011 CBCA Awards. The next 3 books are nominated for Early Childhood Book of the Year.

Maudie and Bear by Jan Ormerod & Freya Blackwood.



Maudie's world revolves around Maudie. Bear's world also revolves around Maudie - he is as patient and solid as a rock. Maudie is so confident of Bear's love that she makes demands, throws tantrums, lays down rules and lets Bear do all the work, knowing he will love her unconditionally. And he does... right to the end. This beautifully written and illustrated book is very touching. The unconditional love the bear gives to Maudie even through her horrible behaviour shows us an example of how inexhaustible love is. I highly recommend this book for Kindergarten up to Grade 3.

Look see, Look at me!



From the acclaimed author and illustrator team of *You and Me: Our Place* comes a delightful celebration of outback family life in an Aboriginal community. Leonie Norrington and Dee Huxley visited three northern communities, Wugularr, Barunga and Manyalluk, to workshop words and drawings for this book. With its cheerful rhyming text and wonderful illustrations, *Look See, Look at Me* perfectly captures a child's everyday life and will be wonderful for sharing with your toddler over and over again.

Thank you!

Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).



The Sydney Writer's Festival

On Friday the 20th of May 2011, I went to the Sydney Writer's Festival with a group of students. I went to school and met the other students at the bottom gate at 8:15 am. We walked to the train station with Mrs Byrnes and Mrs McGrath. Once we were on the train it was about 8:30 am. I stood up for most of the train ride but before I knew it we were at Town Hall station. We got off the train, went up an escalator and walked around for a while. We went up another set of stairs and then saw the magnificent Sydney Town Hall. By the time we walked up the stairs it was 9:25 am. The Town Hall was where the Sydney Writer's Festival was being held.



Once we had crossed the busy street in front of the Town Hall, we went inside and saw fantastic ceilings with golden chandeliers hanging from them and a desk piled with books. We walked through many rooms until we got to the main room. It was gigantic! The hall had rows of red seats and a beautiful organ too. There were other schools attending the Sydney Writer's Festival on the same day. A man walked onto the stage next. The man introduced himself as an author named Tristan Banks. He was the host of the festival. He gave us clues about which author would be talking first. A student asked if it was Morris Gleitzman. Then Tristan Banks answered "Yes!" He walked off the stage and then Morris came on. Morris Gleitzman talked about his new book called 'Too Small to Fail' and how he creates his characters. He let the audience ask him questions. Our time with Morris Gleitzman was really fun.

Next came Deborah Abela who is famous for her 'Max Remy: Super Spy' series. At the beginning of her talk, she told us about her books. Deborah told us that she got ideas for her books from the television show 'Get Smart'. She also presented a video clip about the 'Max Remy' series. Then she asked a girl to do a spy mission for her up on the stage. Deborah then started talking about another book called 'Grimsdon' and presented a video about it. She let the audience ask her questions too.

Soon after that it was time for recess and lunch. I ate my apple and my pancake. I enjoyed them both. After the break, we sat in our seats again. Then we saw two authors on the stage at the same time. They introduced themselves as Garth Nix and Sean Williams. They both showed us the covers of their books, read a little of their new book 'Trouble Twisters' and finally answered

questions from the audience. Next up was Richard Newsome who talked about his books and his journey to India.

The festival ended and we returned back to school. The festival was a day I will never forget. It was very enjoyable.

By Matthew Feng- 4 Rose



PBIS Learners



At Guildford Public School students are encouraged to be efficient learners at all times. The meaning of being a great learner is to learn by looking, listening, and thinking about what is explained. Here are some ways to show you are an effective learner:

- Pay attention in class; do not talk to others while the teacher is talking
- Be a good learner in all areas of the school such as RFF times and at assembly
- Complete all class tasks with care
- Use your time in class wisely to finish all your work instead of talking or distracting others

Remember being a great learner means you will reach your full potential and be the best you can be!

Mrs McGrath
PBIS Team

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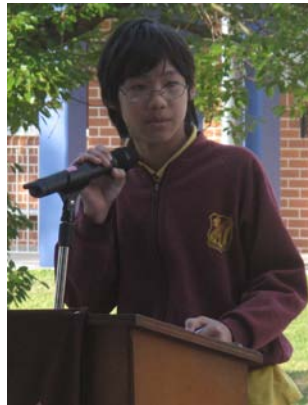
Reminders:

- In this wet weather parents are asked to pack a spare change of clothes for their children. **This includes underwear AND track suit pants and jumpers.**
- Parents are again asked to try and make any appointments for themselves or their children **after school hours.** Too many students are missing out on valuable learning time because parents are taking children early because of appointments they themselves have.

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