



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 30 June 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are just about at the end of Semester 1, as Term 2 draws to a close this Friday. Once again we have had a busy and very productive term. Students are looking forward, I know, to their two week winter holidays.

School resumes for Term 3 on Tuesday 19 July.

Teachers will return the day before for a Staff Development Day. Teachers will undergo their annual Emergency Care training and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training, as well as an afternoon dedicated to Literacy Teaching Development.

DANCE GROUP LOOKS TERRIFIC AT DRESS REHEARSAL

On Wednesday the Senior Dance Group, under the direction of Miss Walpole and Ms Blewitt, performed for the audition team. This was a dress rehearsal before their big performance next month at the Opera House.

Congratulations to all the students who are looking great. Most students have their dance routine at a high standard. Keep up the energy levels! Keep up the practice! The show is on the 28 July at 7:00pm. Students also attend a full day rehearsal that day prior to the evening performance. Thanks also to Mrs Cullen and Miss Walpole for the costumes. Well Done! As Director of the Opera House "Sensational Seventies" production, I am particularly proud of our Guildford students. Hope to see you at the concert!



PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you to the majority of parents who attended these very important interviews regarding Semester 1 student progress. Parents who couldn't make it will have their son or daughter's report issued at the beginning of next term. For those who received the report at the interview please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Overall, the majority of students have made progress to varying degrees. I have read and signed off on all 400 student reports, as well as Community Language and ESL Reports.

Overall areas for development include ;

- students need to practice class work at home including regular reading, maths tables practise and other homework activities;
- students need to take more care with written work and check spelling and punctuation;
- students need to think carefully in mathematics to solve problems. Again they must check their work thoroughly; not guess answers;
- all students should borrow regularly from the library and read for pleasure;
- improvement in writing, setting out and book work is essential for all students;
- all students should ask questions in class by putting up their hand;
- students should show respect to teachers, visiting teachers and other students. There is no excuse for rudeness to teachers or bullying of other students.

DANCE TO BE FIT

In Term 3 all students from years 3-6 will participate in this outstanding dance skill, exercise and coordination course run by professional dance teachers in our hall. Each year group will participate in a weekly 40 minute lesson for the duration of the 10 week term. This course usually costs \$25 per student however for the next term the entire cost for every student will be covered by the school. I hope each student makes the most of this exciting opportunity next term at Guildford.

Have a wonderful holiday and keep warm. See you on 19 July!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

ASSEMBLY STARS

Ahmad Al Jebori 1CO

Adut Deng 4/5C

Rebel Smulders 6W

Ritika Garg 5WP

Oscar Yau 3/4E

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



KD Austin Flood
1CO John Tuuholoaki, Mya Zreika
1FF Metha Mahek, Anna Chung
2A Calvin Jo, Farah Hussaini
3B Muhammed Tobbieh
Christopher Hu
3/ 4E Jane Waqa, Jason Ly
Mouaminah Abdulrahman
Zehra Khany, Cindy Nguyen
4/ 5C Abdi Mohamed
5WP Sam Kassem, Yvonne Lariosa
Community Language
Mouaminah Abdulrahman
Razzan El Kassab,
Joumana Ayouch, Sarah Tarabiya

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

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FEATURE CLASS

3 BLUEBELL

3 Bluebell students have been visiting the computer lab for maths lessons this term. They have enjoyed learning new maths concepts while working on interactive maths activities with Mrs Byrnes and Mr Gadd.

StudyLadder is an educational website which focuses on literacy and mathematics. It includes interactive activities, video lessons and assessments. Students enjoy using StudyLadder as they receive online rewards and certificates for achievement and instant feedback on what they need to learn.

Here are a few of the reasons why 3 Bluebell enjoy going on StudyLadder:

- We learn lots of new things on StudyLadder. (Sherif)
- StudyLadder is fun because it's different to working in our books all the time. (Aaliyah)
- It isn't boring and makes me concentrate. (Luke)
- StudyLadder makes me think. (Augustina)
- It makes me smart and intelligent. (Prayer)
- We can play it at home too! (Mena)
- We can play StudyLadder games for extra homework. (Taylan)
- We get to go on the computers. (Farah)
- We can get awards and new activities as rewards on StudyLadder. (Mitch)

Pictured below are 3 Bluebell students recording in their maths books as they are completing a measurement activity online.



DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 & TERM 3

1/7/11	Athletics Carnival
1/7/11	3 rd Canberra Payment Due \$50
1/7/11	Last Day of Term 2
18/7/11	Staff Development Day. Term 3 No Students at School.
19/7/11	Students Return to School. Term 3
28/7/11	Our Spectacular

PBIS

Learners



Safer Kids

In the same way traffic moves around our city, students have to move around the school. To do this in the safest way, we encourage students to line up sensibly and be considerate to others. This means students must:

- Move around the school in their class lines.
- Be polite at all times.
- Understand that the whole class is going to the same place and will probably get there at the same time.
- Walk sensibly.
- Avoid collisions by considering the space around them.
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves.

If this is done well, students have safe travels throughout the school, and learn some skills that could be applied to driving in the future.

Mr Gadd from the PBIS Team

COUGHS, COLD AND FLU SEASON



With the onset of Winter, colds and flu are inevitable. **Any student with cold or flu symptoms should stay away from school until they are well.**

Symptoms of cold or flu can include blocked or runny nose, headaches, fever, chills, sore throat, cough, tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

If children come to sick bay with cold or flu symptoms they will be sent home.

Reminders:

- Parents are asked to try and have the correct change when making payments. The office doesn't always have change to give.
- It's that time again. Swimming Scheme time! This program extends your child in their swimming ability at their level. It is 10 lessons for only \$25, so start saving your pennies over the holidays as it runs from the 15 August to 25 August.



- **To Parents of Catholic students who will be preparing for the 1st Rite of Reconciliation/Penance, you are invited to a meeting at St Patrick's Parish Hall, Calliope Street, Guildford on Tuesday 19 July at 6:00pm. It is important that one parent and child be present at this meeting. For more information please contact Mrs Markoulis on 9632 2672.**



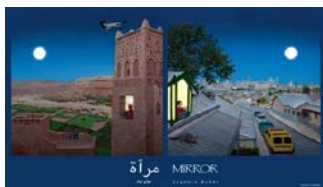
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Whispers from the Library

Children's Book Council Award

Nominated Books for 2011.

This week I will start reviewing some books from the CBCA Nominated Books for Picture Book of the Year.



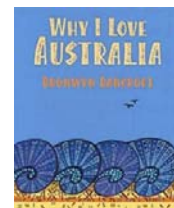
Mirror by Jeannie Baker

This incredible picture book compliments two stories designed to be read as one - one from the left, the other from the right. Page by page, we experience a day in the life of two boys and their families. An Australian family, whose way of life strikes a familiar chord, and a family from an Arabic country with a way of life that differs more than one can imagine. As we read we discover the simple truth that despite these differences we are all the same. We are the

mirror of each other. This is a bilingual book written in both Arabic and English.

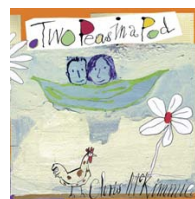
Why I love Australia by Bronwyn Bancroft.

Australia is a continent of many and varied landscapes. Each of them is dramatic and all inspire awe and reverence. In this glorious book, Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft explores both the country and her feelings for it.



This book is an excellent example of how to show respect to our nation and how important it is to protect it.

Two Peas in a Pod by Chris McKimmie



Marvin and Violet have been friends since they were babies. They are like two peas in a pod. But then Violet moves away.

With a unique Australian flavour, this story of friendship is both tender and truthful.

I hope you enjoyed these reviews.



Mr Norambuena (Teacher Librarian).

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