



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 25 August 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

SWIMMING SCHEME PROMOTES ESSENTIAL SKILLS

We are almost at the end of another successful Swimming Scheme. 150 students have participated enthusiastically over the past two weeks and the majority, I'm told, have shown very pleasing progress in their essential skills. Over the summer months it's important for students to have the opportunity to go to a swimming centre so they can practice their skills.

The scheme will be offered again in 2012. Special thanks to all the team of teachers who have walked students up and back, but particular thanks must go to Mr Kranenberg and Mrs Hemming, as well as the other Department swimming teachers for their exhausting training of the students with their swimming skills. A wonderful effort!

THE BEST JOB IN THE WORLD

I often tell my students that I have the best job in the world. When students bring wonderful work to show me in my office it really makes my day. Each fortnight in the Newsletter there is a list of

names of students who have shown me some good or improved work. It doesn't have to be the best work in the world, but work that the teacher believes the student has tried hard to complete and is proud of.

Today, (Wednesday) these two students brightened up my day when they showed me their fantastic Science work on the Solar System and Family Tree.

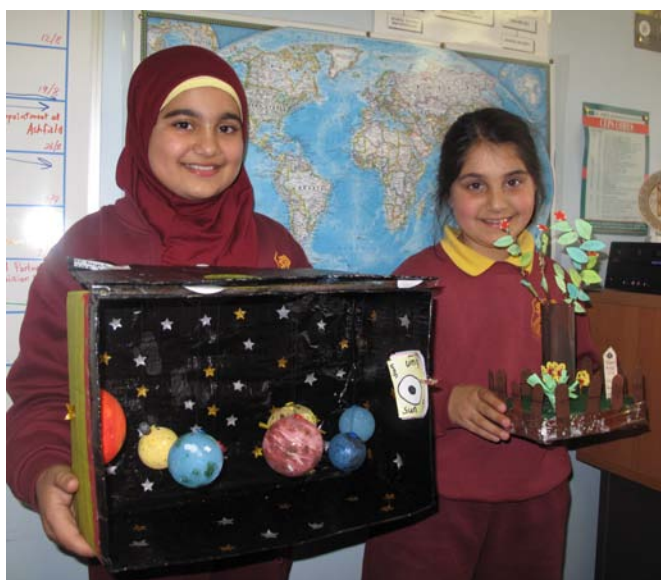
Congratulations to Deya Daoudi and accompanying friend Mouaminah Abdulrahman, from 3/4 Eucalyptus. Fantastic work Deya!

GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL TO JOIN THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE IN 2012

In May I spoke to you about our success in being selected to join the National Partnership Program for 2012 – 2016. Since then we have been working very hard to develop our understanding as a school community of how best the additional funding and resources should be used. Staff and students have all participated in surveys and discussions on what our needs are now and possibly for the future. Many parents also completed surveys which has really supported our investigations.

The National Partnership aims to transform the way that schooling takes place and to address the complex and interconnected challenges facing students in disadvantaged communities. It also aims to improve the educational outcomes of students, including literacy and numeracy outcomes and to improve student engagement in their learning. Through the collection of significant data from many sources we have developed a Situational Analysis. This is essentially an overview or summary of the data with a list of recommendations.

Next term I will inform you of the outcome of our submission and our 3 Year Plan. It will be transparent and available for all to see on our school's webpage. We are still working hard on



developing a comprehensive plan which will support the 3 main areas for improvement namely Literacy, Numeracy and Student Engagement. One area that I'm also excited about is our plan to employ a Community Liaison Officer to help us nurture a stronger community focus and support network. I will keep you informed of future developments. Thanks for your support.

COLES & WOOLWORTHS COUPONS

Please keep sending to school your Woolworths receipts and Coles docket coupons. These will go towards free books and sports equipment. Kindly put them in the two boxes in the office.

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

ASSEMBLY STARS

Assembly Stars Week 4

Fantasia Dokolo 1/2P
George Duwai 5WP
Abbir Taleb 3B
James Taia 4/5C

Assembly Stars Week 5

Fiona Chau 6W
Sayed Moosawi 4/5C
Grace Tokabobo 3/4E
Tiana Setefano 1CO

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



KB Ayan Anwar
1FF Raziq Naaseri, Connor Flood
1/2P Tamim Nasiri
3/4E Deya Daoudi, Mouaminah Abdulrahman

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

School Photos

Monday 5 September

On this day photos will be taken of each class and of each individual student. There will be special group photos and family photos as well.

ALL students need to wear the following on this day: **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**

Girls: Guildford Public School **dress**, white socks (or maroon tights if necessary), plain black shoes. All hair needs to be pulled back and neat. **ALL** head scarves, hair clips, ribbons and headbands **MUST** be **maroon**.

Boys: Guildford Public School yellow polo shirt, maroon **shorts**, white socks, plain black shoes. Please note: T-shirts, skivvies etc. are NOT to be worn under dress or boys' shirts.

Special group photos:

1. Year 6 muck-up photo - **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**
2. School captains and prefects - **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**
3. SRC - **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**
4. Our Spectacular – This is for all students who attended the Opera House Show. These students need to bring the following to school on the photo day:
 - o Orange 'Sensational Seventies' T-shirt
 - o Plain **BLACK** long pants; Girls may bring a black skirt with long black tights (No bare legs)
 - o **BLACK** socks
 - o Girls' head scarves **MUST** be black for this photo
5. School choir – As Our Spectacular photo
6. Dance Group – Full costume as performance; Girls are to bring a comb and elastics to change their hair at lunch time.

All students will receive envelopes to order class, individual and special photos. Family photo envelopes are available at the office.

Envelopes are brought to school on the photo day – Monday 5 September.
**PLEASE DO NOT POST PHOTO
MONEY IN THE BOX.**

FEATURE CLASS

1/2 PERSOONIA

This term 1/2 Persoonia have been very clever mathematicians during Monster Math which occurs every day of the week for 10 minutes. This is part of K-2 Targeted Early Numeracy that mainly focuses on strategies for adding and subtracting.

Students are placed in a group according to their level and they participate in the same activity for the whole week. Students are trained to take turns and help each other when needed. The pictures below show students engaged in activities that require them to add and find the total of a couple or a few dice rolled together. The best and fastest way to add is by using a variety of strategies like doubling numbers, finding numbers that add up to ten and counting on from a larger number.

Students in 1/2 Persoonia have made positive comments about the program:

- *It teaches us how to count back and forward (Pallavi Kamoda)*
- *It is fun because the activities are like games and are at our level (Selena Tan)*
- *It helps us count by 10s and 20s (Adam El-Bortol)*

Monster Math time is definitely looked forward to everyday of the week. The activities are extremely engaging and effective in developing addition and subtraction strategies.



Mrs
Panagos
Classroom
Teacher



PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Well done to the following students for representing their classes in the stage finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee competition this term.

Stage 2

3 Bluebell- Jeyda Olca and Chelti Madamba

3/4 Eucalyptus- Jason Ly and Kathy Tran

4 Rose- Matthew Feng and Grace Taufa

4/5 Cassia- Sharon Thio and Natalie Batistic

Stage 3

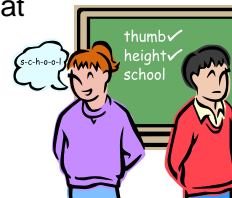
4/5 Cassia- Andrew Chen and Ricky Newell

5 Wollemi Pine- Thomas Batistic and Gihan Perera

6 Waratah- Jimmy Yip and Terrence Halagigie

6 Correa- Shehan Wijesurendra and Billal Sediqi

Congratulations to Matthew Feng and Thomas Batistic for achieving 1st place in their stage spelling bee finals. Well done to Sharon Thio and Shehan Wijesurendra for achieving 2nd place. All four students will compete in the regional Premier's Spelling Bee finals at Lansvale Public School next month. We wish them the best of luck!



Mrs Byrnes

AUBURN ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2011

On Tuesday 9 August, a team of 39 athletes from Guildford Public School competed at the 2011 Auburn Zone Athletics Carnival. The students did our school very proud, with competitors representing our school in all events held on the day.

All students competed well and contributed to Guildford Public achieving a pleasing result by the conclusion of the day's events.

Not only were our athletes successful in securing a place in many of the finals events, but the behaviour of our students is to be commended.

It was a memorable day enjoyed by all who participated.

Thank you to all the parents that supported our school on the day and for all your support in the rescheduling of the carnival.

Although results from the day have not yet come in, I will keep you posted on the Sydney West Region carnival coming up on Wednesday 14th September at Blacktown Olympic Park.

Mr Crowther Sports Coordinator

INTERNET SAFETY



Parents are again to be reminded of the importance of supporting the safe use of the internet with their children. The internet is a great resource but needs to be used in a safe way. Here are a couple of simple steps you can take to ensure the safety of your child:

- Ensure the computer is in an easily seen place and not a bedroom.
- Monitor the websites your child uses by checking on them regularly. Social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Bebo and Myspace are not suitable for children under 13 years of age and can often lead to other personal issues.
- Talk to your child about the safe use of the internet and set clear expectations about how you would like them to use the internet.
- Check out the wide variety of resources available online with your child.

By following these simple steps you will go a long way to supporting your child in the safe use of the internet.

If you have any questions feel free to speak to me at school.

Regards

Mr Gadd

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

1/9/11	Book Parade
2/9/11	Book Club Due Back
5/9/11	School Photos
6/9/11	Years 1 and Year 2 Bicentennial Park Excursion
6/9/11-8/9/11	Canberra Excursion. Stage 3
12/9/11	NSW Cricket Clinic. K-6
13/9/11	Kindy Farm Excursion
23/9/11	Last Day of Term 3

Reminders:

FINAL PAYMENT FOR THE STAGE 3 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION IS DUE THIS FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST. PLEASE PLACE PAYMENT IN THE PAYMENT BOX OUTSIDE MRS ALTERIO'S WINDOW.

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 BICENTENNIAL PARK EXCURSION IS ON TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER.

KINDERGARTEN CALMSLEY FARM EXCURSION TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER. PAYMENT FOR EXCURSION IS DUE BY THE TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER. PLEASE PLACE PERMISSION NOTE AND MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND PUT IN PAYMENT BOX OUTSIDE MRS ALTERIO'S WINDOW.

Whispers from the Library



Story Teller. Please PAY!!!!

Unfortunately there has been a real lack of response for the storyteller that is coming to visit on Tuesday 30 August 2011. The last day to pay this is on Monday 29 August 2011. Please support this as this woman is a fantastic storyteller. She is not here to sell books, or to promote a book, she's solely here to tell the students stories about legends and tales from different cultures.

The cost is ONLY \$4. This is a very reasonable price.

Time: 10:30am to 11:30am for Year 3B, 3/4 E and 4 R

11:40am to 12:40pm for Year 4/5C, 5W, 6C and 6W

Date: Tuesday 30 August 2011

Place: School Hall

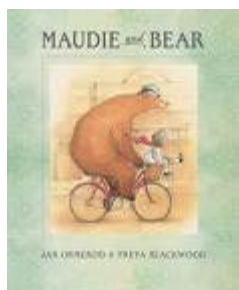
Cost: \$4 each child.



Winners of the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards



Early Childhood Book of the Year 2011



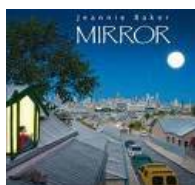
Winner: *Maudie and Bear* by Jan Ormerod, Illus: Blackwood, Freya

Picture Book of the Year 2011



Joint Winners:
Hamlet by Nicki Greenberg

&



Mirror by Jeannie Baker.

Book Parade



Book Parade is going to be on Thursday 1 September 2011. Please encourage your children to participate in this great event. I have already heard some wonderful ideas from both children and parents.

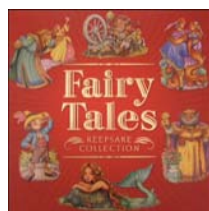
Time: 11:30am

Date: Thursday 1 September 2011

Place: Under the COLA at the School.

Book Fair

Thank you for all those parents, students and teachers who have been buying books from the Book Fair in the library. This is a great way



of us getting free books from the company. Please remember that not all books can be ordered and that the company I work with has very reasonable prices but only give me the books they have chosen for me to sell, I do not have a say in what comes in the boxes.

Book Fair will continue on until Monday lunch time.

Book Week Competitions



I'm very impressed with some of the competitions that have been handed in to be judged by the book week committee. We love seeing children participate in this effort. I hope to see more come. I have extended the due date for Wednesday 31 August 2011.

Book Week competitions will be judged in Week 7 or Week 9.



Overdue Notices

There will be some overdue notices sent out by the end of next week. Please do not take offence when you receive a notice, it is simply a reminder that your child has overdue books and should have them return to the library as soon as you can. Lost books will need to be paid for.

Damaged / Vandalised Books



Recently I have discovered some books that have been returned with rips, tears and scribbles in them. Our school spends a lot of money on books each year and it is very disappointing to see that students are NOT respecting the books. Remember that when your child is borrowing a book from our school that it is like borrowing a book

from the public library or a DVD from a DVD Rental Shop. You should take EXTRA care of them and place them in a safe area in your house.

Thank you and Happy Book Week.

Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).



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IT'S ON NOW!



Start Collecting!


Make sure your school is registered.

500 bonus vouchers if registered before 11th Aug.

→ Register here

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Parents in Partnership

Once again the team of hardworking parents have been busy. They have laminated new materials for Stage 1 maths lessons and Mrs Ferguson sends her thanks. In addition they have been preparing for the Fathers Day stall to be held on Thursday 1st September in the morning before the Book Parade. Tuesday of this week was spent wrapping some very interesting presents. The cost this year will be from \$3 to \$14.

D Hemming

Parents in Partnership Coordinator.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2011

Many lovely gifts will be on sale at our Father's Day Stall for fathers, grandfathers, uncles etc.

Prices range from \$3 - \$14

Please send a plastic bag along for your child to bring their gifts home

PetFest

Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership

2011



Sunday 18 September
10am - 3pm

Holroyd Gardens

Corner Pitt and Walpole Streets, Merrylands

ENTRY: Gold Coin Donation

All funds raised go towards helping less fortunate animals



See PetFest's first Cat Exhibition

Kitty Korner

Enter your cat to win great prizes in each CATegory!

Lots of prizes, giveaways, demonstrations, workshops, competitions and kids activities

Dress up your pet for a chance to win great prizes

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Stage Program

- 10.00am Official Opening by Mayor
Introduce Poppy the Possum
Competition Winners Announced
- 10.10am Stockland Jack, Jess & Fetch Show
- 10.30am Jack, Jess & Fetch meet & greet
- 11.00am Holroyd Band
- 11.30am Spot Meet & Greet
- 12.30pm Cat Grooming (Kitty Korner)
- 1.00pm Stockland Jack, Jess & Fetch Show
Kitty Korner Competitions (Kitty Korner)
- 1.30pm Dr Joanna Righetti –
'Pet Problems Solved'
- 2.00pm Spot Meet & Greet
- 2.30pm Flyball Trophies Awarded- Flyball

Arena Program

- 10.30am German Shepherd Dog League
- 11.30am Pet Passion for Fashion Parade
- 12.00pm Competition judging
 - Best Dressed Pet
 - Most Unique Pet
 - Working Dog Award
 - Best Pet Strut
 - Pet Owner Look Alike
- 12.30pm German Shepherd Dog League
- 1.00pm Spot Meet & Greet
- 2.00pm German Shepherd Dog League



Smile!

PetFest
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PetFest Paparazzi

PetFest 2011 Photography Competition

Complete the online entry form and
upload your photo.
Entries Close 5pm Friday 9 September.

Categories:

5 - 8 yrs / 9 - 12 yrs / 13 - 18yrs

Winners will be announced at PetFest on
Sunday 18 September at 10am.
Category winners will receive great prizes
and their photos will be displayed
at the event. All entries will be displayed
on Council's website.

To view the Rules and Guidelines, Photo Specifications and
to enter visit www.holroyd.nsw.gov.au/petfestpaparazzi