



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWS UPDATE

9 FEBRUARY 2012



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this is the first newsletter for 2012, I would like to convey my best wishes for the year to all the Guildford Public School Community. I would particularly like to welcome all our new families from kindergarten to year 6. This year is the biggest Kindergarten enrolment we have had in my ten year history at Guildford (73 students). We have also had a number of new enrolments across all other years 1-6 as well as a number of families moving to other areas.

Our holding classes of last week, as we waited to know our school's population, saw us briefly move into a 15 class scenario on Monday only to have to shuffle again on Wednesday, as five new

enrolments pushed us into a 16 class arrangement. I am very pleased with the final outcome, as we increase our staffing and the classes formed now are not so large. So, unless we have a significant increase in student numbers we should remain fairly settled with our 16 classes set up for 2012.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

This year we are fortunate to have a number of new staff joining us. You will remember how last year I wrote to you about the National Partnerships initiative. As a consequence we have a Deputy Principal appointed for 2012, with the possibility of extension into subsequent years. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) allocation has increased, we have two Community Liaison Officers commencing as well as newly appointed permanent teachers and long term temporary staff.



Left to Right: Ms Sheri Evans, Mr Chris Nicolos, Mrs Linda Este, Ms Rebecca Glynn, Mrs Rita Edge, Ms Jane Szymanczuk, Ms Lisa Sunnucks

### Introductions Please!

- Ms Sheri Evans – Deputy Principal Quality Teaching.
- Mr Chris Nicolos – Merit Selected teacher replacing Mr Gadd.
- Mrs Rita Edge – Specialist Support Teacher.

TERM 1	DATES TO REMEMBER
15/2/12	Captains, Prefects & SRC Induction
16/2/12	Parent Teacher Information Evening
27/2/12 – 2/3/12	Life Education. Healthy Harold
27/2/12	Parramatta Eels Skills Session 1
5/3/12	Parramatta Eels Skills Session 2
26/3/12	Parramatta Eels Gala Day K-6
3/4/12	Multicultural Day
5/4/12	Last Day of School Term 1
23/4/12	Staff Development Day
24/4/12	All students return to school

- Ms Rebecca Glynn – Temporary replacing Miss Walpole.
- Ms Jane Szymanczuk – Temporary covering Mrs Ferguson and later Mrs Ali's maternity leave.
- Mrs Linda Este – Temporary replacing Mrs Haider's continued maternity leave.
- Ms Lisa Sunnucks – Temporary 16<sup>th</sup> class teacher Year 1.

## CLASSES 2012

Continuing with our Australian themes, this year classes are named after Australian mammals. A list of classes has been included in this newsletter. It is hoped that students may continue to develop an appreciation and understanding of Australia's unique flora and fauna, and the responsibility we have of protecting all species for future generations particularly supporting many endangered species.

I am pleased to inform you of our 2012 Staff;

## STAFF LIST 2012

Principal		Mr Peter Lawless
Deputy Principal		Miss Sheri Evans
AP Teacher Mentor		Mr Dan Sprange
Kindergarten Bilby		Miss Laura Blewitt
Kindergarten Kangaroo		Mrs Canan Ali
Kindergarten Sea Lion		Miss Alisha Smith
K/1 Echidna		Miss Ayesha Ali Khan (Rel AP)
1 Dugong		Miss Lisa Sunnucks
1 Bandicoot		Miss Melodie Bryceland
1/2 Platypus		Mrs Linda Este
2 Koala		Mr Brad Kranenburg
2/3 Wombat		Mrs Debbie Ferguson
3 Cuscus		Mr Nathan Crowther
3 Tasmanian Devil		Ms Rebecca Glynn
4 Wallaby		Mrs Claudia Panagos
4/5 Numbat		Mr Chris Nicolos
5/6 Dingo		Mr Peter Hanna (AP)
5/6 Possum		Miss Linda Racanelli

5/6 Quokka	Mrs Anita Byrnes
Librarian (Mon – Thurs)	Mr Rhys Norambuena
R/F/F	Ms Chrissy McGrath
Support (ESL/STLA)	Mrs Rita Edge
ESL	Mrs Sashi Lazras
ESL	Miss Maria DeMarco
Reading Recovery	Miss Janelle Lee
STLA(Mon-Thurs)	Mrs Dot Hemming
Community Language (Mon-Thurs)	Mrs Eman Soryal
Counsellor (Tues & Fri)	Mr Troy Toshack
School Administrative Manager	Ms Wendy Coaldrake
School Administrative Officer	Mrs Cindy Alterio
School Administrative Officer	Ms Deb Sheehy (Wed)
School Support Officer	Ms Debra Sheehy
	Mrs Michelle Lewis
	Mrs Linda Puckett
CLO – Arabic	Ms Zena Zamerli
CLO – Pacific Islander	Mrs Asenati Mareko
School Library Assistant (Wed)	Mrs Norma Cullen
General Assistant(Mon & Wed)	Mr Clayton Foster
Canteen	Ms Deb Tye

## PRIORITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Eight years ago Guildford Public School entered the Priority Schools program receiving additional and very much needed, funding to support student learning. We have now moved through two four year periods of this funding which concludes at the end of this year.

Next month we have the opportunity to apply to continue on the Priority Schools Program for another four years. For parents unsure about what this means, Priority Schools Funding (PSP) targets school communities of low socio-economic status.

All students have a right to the best education possible; however students who come from disadvantaged communities may not have the same opportunities due to lower income families, single parent families, or social or cultural disadvantage. PSP funding helps support schools

in such communities. This is not to say that every student at Guildford comes from a disadvantaged background, but it's fair to say that many do. Essentially what I'm saying is that we are not in an affluent area. We have many families struggling financially. PSP funding is essential for Guildford.

So, next month parents of students from Kindergarten to Year 3 will be asked to complete an anonymous survey. We need every family to complete it and return it to school. Surveys will be analysed by the Department and schools identified as less affluent or disadvantaged will receive additional funding and staffing for the period 2013 – 2016. Look out for the PSP survey package which will be sent home next month. More information will be given in the next newsletter.

## **DON'T INTERRUPT ME...I'M LEARNING!**

Kindergarten students (all 73 of them) are settling in well to school life. On my visit to Kindergarten on Tuesday 100% of students were engaged in learning.



It's so important for children to start school knowing that learning is exciting and fun. That's what's happening at Guildford. Please ensure that kindergarten students attend every day and that goes for years 1-6 too. Stay home only when sick! Please ensure your son or daughter gets a good start to school by attending every day. Each and every day new things are learnt!

**See other Kindy photos further on in our Newsletter**

## **WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS**

Another advantage of commencing on the National Partnership initiative is the ability to use additional funding in creative ways. Through surveys and discussions last year with staff and community we could see the need to employ community liaison officers. (CLO's).

I am delighted to inform you that I have employed two officers who will work with our whole school community.

**Mrs Zena Zamerli (Arabic) and Mrs Asenati Mareko (Pacific Islands) will be with us each Thursday.**

## **PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING**

I invite all parents to attend an information session for 2012 in the hall next Thursday evening at 6:30pm to 7:45pm. This year we have decided to return to an earlier model of having all stages covered in the same session. Information about class organisation, student welfare, programs, excursions, homework, attendance etc will be covered by teachers, as well as an informal opportunity to meet your son or daughter's teacher for 2012. Coffee, tea and nibbles will be served. Hope to see you all there!

## **SCHOOL CAPTAINS, VICE-CAPTAINS, PREFECTS, SRC INDUCTION CEREMONY**

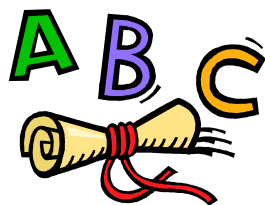
Please also join us for our first K-6 Assembly where our school leaders will be inducted, recite their pledge and receive their leadership badge.  
**Wednesday Assembly 2pm in the school hall.**

Have a great fortnight!

*Mr Peter Lawless.*

*Principal.*

**SPECIAL STUDENTS SENT  
TO SHOW GOOD WORK  
TO THE PRINCIPAL  
THIS FORENIGHT**



**2K Abbas Mekdadi, Linda Trieu Phu**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

**Mr Lawless**

**I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!**

**ASSEMBLY  
STARS**

**None this week!**

## Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students have settled in well and have been completing lots of different activities in their colour groups. The kindergarten teachers have been busy completing the Best Start assessments this week and should have it completed shortly. Thank you, parents for your cooperation during this initial time which has allowed the students to become familiar with many of the staff from the school as well as learn many of the routines that they need to follow daily. Kindergarten children should be placed in classes by the end of next week.

We have scheduled 3 information sessions for Kindergarten parents.

**Thursday 16 February 9-10am**

What is school in New South Wales?

Presented by Fatima Amr

Partnerships Officer

This session will provide information about schooling in New South Wales.

**Thursday 16 February 6:30pm**

K-6 Meet the Teacher evening

At this event parents will have the opportunity to meet all the teachers and find out about the programs at Guildford Public School during 2012.

**Thursday 1 March 9am**

Best Start Parent Session

Presented by Lisa Goss

Best Start Literacy and Numeracy Leader

At this meeting Best Start feedback reports for each kindergarten student will be given out and discussed with parents.

*Miss Ali Khan*

*Early Stage One (Kindergarten) Supervisor*

## FEATURE CLASS 2012

NO FEATURE CLASS THIS NEWSLETTER

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS 2011

1. Connor Flood 1FF
2. Vanessa Lam 4R
3. Alaa Agha 4R
4. Amy Tran KB
5. Vanessa Lam 4R
6. Mrs Deb Sheehy
7. Fhiras Agha 5W
8. Dalores Katoa 2KP
9. Alaa Agha 4R
10. Favor Zeogar 1/2P
11. Christian (Tooa Rees 6C)
12. Paul Charbel 3/4E
13. Sue Hamze (Samim KD)
14. Merryn Lynch (Mrs Ferguson 1FF)
15. Frank Rees 4/5C
16. Wally
17. Gihan Perera 5W
18. Pallavi Kamoda 1/2P





19. Gihan Perera 5W
20. Tavita (Andre Meauli 3B)
21. Mary Grace Malores
22. Mrs McGrath 4/5C
23. Soheib Agha KB
24. Gina (Jack Jabbour 2A)
25. Samira Kamoda KLP
26. Bassam Kassem 6C
27. Adam Santoro 4R
28. Markeisha Bolano 1/2P
29. John Farjado (Connor Flood 1FF)
30. Favor Zeogar 1/2P
31. Karen P
32. Kitty Jo 5W
33. Katherine Henry 3/4E
34. Tiresa Rees 2A
35. Jack Jabbour 2A
36. Ahmelia Katoa 1CO
37. Miss Ali Khan 2A
38. Karen Tran 4R



## Whispers From The Library.

Borrowing starts next week for years 1-6. Can parents please pack their child's library bag daily until we know the timetables for classes? Library bags are available from the Library for \$4.00

Mr Norambuena. Teacher Librarian

## Parents in Partnership

**Our first meeting for Parents in Partnership will be held on Thursday 16 February from 9.05 am until about 10.30 am.** All parents are invited to participate whenever they are able. Come along for the whole session or just for half an hour. Your assistance is appreciated by the staff.

Our first session will start with a workshop led by the Parent Officer from Granville/ **Strathfield** Office of the Department of Education. She will be talking about Public Schooling in NSW and will be able to answer many questions you may have about your child's future progress through the school years.

You will also have an opportunity to meet the newly appointed Deputy Principal and Community Liaison Officers who have been employed as part of Our National Partnership Program.

If there is time there are books to be covered to help in the implementation of our school welfare policy. Later in Term 1 there will be a workshop on Best Start presented by Early Literacy consultants.

I look forward to meeting as many parents as possible at future meetings. Remember that most Thursday mornings are spent making resources with time for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. This is an ideal way to meet other members of the school community. Your children benefit from your obvious interest in their school.

*D Hemming*

*Parents in Partnership Coordinator.*



## Life Education

**All students K-6 will be visiting the Life Education Van between 23 February and 2 March. Please return the permission note and \$10 to the office as soon as possible.** Healthy Harold's visit will promote a healthy lifestyle and positive living.



*Miss Smith. (Coordinator Life Education)*

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