



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

5 APRIL 2012



### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the final newsletter for Term 1 as we commence our Easter and Autumn holidays tomorrow. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and cooperation this term. We have had a particularly busy and very productive term at Guildford Public School.

May I also wish you all peace and happiness this Easter and an enjoyable holiday with your family. Regardless of one's religious beliefs, I believe Easter is an ideal time for all people to reflect on the importance of world peace, forgiveness and respect for all mankind.

### PARENT CAFÉ OPENS AT GPS.

Last Thursday we had the official opening of our 'Parent Café'. This is a new initiative for us. It will

be opened on **Thursdays** and operated by our Community Liaison Officers (CLO's) Ms Zena Zamerli and Mrs Asenati Mareko, and our Parents In Partnership group. Parents and community members can drop in for a chat and a tea or coffee. Maybe you have some questions or suggestions that our CLO's can help you with. I would like to thank everyone who attended, but particularly our staff who organised the event. Special thanks to Ms Evans for her inspiration to move ahead with this initiative.

### SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 2

Students return for Term 2 on **Tuesday 24 April**. Please note that Monday is a School Development Day for all teachers. Students should not attend on that day. Teachers will be undertaking professional development workshops in the school hall all day.



On Tuesday there will be a whole school ANZAC day ceremony in the hall commencing at 11:30am. Parents are invited to attend. This will be only a short assembly of about 20 minutes; however it is an opportunity for the school to commemorate this very significant day in our Australian culture.

Wednesday is a Public Holiday for ANZAC day across the whole country and New Zealand. It is important that parents and carers discuss with children the significance of this day. Commemorating and remembering all the men and women who gave their lives in all the wars of our history. Because of their sacrifice we are a free and democratic country. ANZAC Day is for all Australians and is also remembered around the world as a day to focus on world peace!

*Have a great fortnight!*

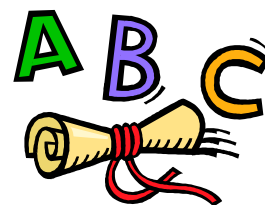



*Mr Peter Lawless.*

*Principal.*

TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
23/4/12	Staff Development Day Term 2. No Students.
24/4/12	All students return to school Term 2
25/4/12	ANZAC Day Public Holiday 
14/5/12 – 18/5/12	NAPLAN
22/5/12	University Computer Skills Competition
6/6/12	University Science Competition
11/6/12	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
19/6/12	University Spelling Competition
26/6/12	Parent /Teacher /Student Interviews
29/6/12	Last Day of School Term 2

**SPECIAL STUDENTS sent  
to SHOW GOOD WORK  
to the PRINCIPAL  
THIS FORTNIGHT**



**K/1E Ali Nabizadah, Roman Oymac**

**Amisx Gximire**

**2K Moxammad Yaxdani**

**3ED Ian Rivera**

**3C Selena Tan**

**4W Sherif Awick**

**5/6P Karen Tran, Amal Elhaj**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

**Mr Lawless**

**I HOPE to see YOU next week!**

## **INCORRECT DATES**

### **2012 University of New South Wales Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

The incorrect dates were included in the last Newsletter. The correct dates are as follows:

<b>Computer Skills</b>	<b>Tuesday 22 May</b>	<b>\$8</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 June</b>	<b>\$8</b>
<b>Spelling</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 June</b>	<b>\$11</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 July</b>	<b>\$8</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Tuesday 14 August</b>	<b>\$8</b>

If you would like your child/children to enter the English, Maths, Science, Computer Skills and/or Spelling Competitions, please complete the permission note and send it to the payment letterbox with the correct amount of money **by Thursday 5 April 2012** to ensure your child is registered for the competitions by the due date.

**No late entries will be accepted.**

**We apologise for any inconvenience caused.**

*Ms S Lazrus Coordinator*

## DEBATING GALA DAY



On Wednesday 21 March **Kayra Bozdagci, James Dower Junior Junior, Natalie Wang** and **Jasmine Lepua** travelled with Miss Ali Khan to Campsie Public School to learn about Debating at the Granville and Strathfield Debating Gala Day.

We learnt that there are 3 main structures, Manner, Method and Matter which adjudicators look for in debating. We also learnt how to plan a debate, how to make a team line and the key points of what to include in a debate.

It was an interesting day and we are looking forward to debating this year. Guildford PS first debate for this year will be in Term 2 Week 3.

*Kayra, Natalie, James and Jasmine (Team members of the 2012 debating team)*

*Miss Ali Khan Coordinator*

## Parents in Partnership



A **BIG thank you** to all those parents who created the magnificent baskets for the Easter raffle on Monday morning. The created over 80 baskets!

Thank you also to all members of the school community who donated eggs, cuddly toys, baskets and other items. This will be one of our most successful Easter raffles yet!

Last Thursday a number of parents attended the Naplan Workshop and were pleased to become more familiar with the process.

In the second week of Term 2 there will be a workshop for families with a guest speaker. This will be held on **3 May 2012, from 9.00 – 11.00 am** in the school hall. All parents are invited to listen to ideas for working in a positive way with children.

Our big story for this week was the Launch of the Parent Café. This was a resounding success with many parents visiting, meeting the Community Liaison officers and sharing with other parents. Remember that the Café will be open each Thursday afternoon for parents to drop in from 2.00 – 3.30pm. Please come in and have a chat.

*D Hemming Parents in Partnership Coordinator.*

## FEATURE CLASS 2012

### 1 BANDICOOT

This term, 1 Bandicoot has been really working hard with reading and writing. They have enjoyed learning new games to help them to hear and say sounds in words. This is helping them to spell some tricky words when they write.

Three days a week the students in 1 Bandicoot have the privilege of working with Mrs Hemming during literacy sessions. They have been learning about retelling stories through drama, role play, talking and writing. The children look forward to this time and participate eagerly when learning about new words and meanings. I am very proud of their efforts at this stage in Year 1.

All students in 1 Bandicoot have settled in well to the challenges of Year 1 and are enjoying showing off their newly developed skills in all areas of their learning. Keep it up 1 Bandicoot!!

*Miss Bryceland*



## **ASSEMBLY STARS**

Kimmy Chung KSL

Nicole Croombs 3TD



# Whispers From The Library

Children's Book Council Award

## Nominated Books for 2012.

The nominated books for 2012 were announced Tuesday 3 April 2012 at 12pm. These books will be used for our Book Week program in Term 3.



And the nominees are.....

## 2012 Book of the Year: Early Childhood

*The Runaway Hug*

by Nick Bland & Freya Blackwood.

*Come Down, Cat!*

by Sonya Hartnett & Lucia Masciullo

*That's Not a Daffodill*

by Elizabeth Honey

*The Last Viking*

by Norman Jorgensen & James Foley

*No Bears*

by Meg McKinlay & Leila Rudge

*Rudie Nudie*

by Emma Quay

## 2012 Book of the Year: Picture Book of the Year

*Look A Book*

by Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood

*The Dream of the Thylacine*

by Magaret Wild & Ron Brooks

*For All Creatures*

by Glenda Millard & Rebecca Cool

*A Bus Called Heaven*  
by Bob Graham

*No Bears*  
by Meg McKinlay & Leila Rudge

*Flood*  
by Jackie French & Bruce Whatley

*I would also like to mention a book that has become a favourite of mine. It's also been nominated for an CBCA award. The award category is 2012 Eve Pownall Award for Information Books.*

*One Small Island: The Story of Macquarie Island* by Alison Lester & Carol Tulloch.

*I mentioned this book simply for the fact that the students have really enjoyed it and apparently some parents have enjoyed it too. ☺*



Thank you

Mr Norambuena. Teacher Librarian

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**Saturday 14th**

**BLAST OFF! 3...2...1...**

(Suitable for 5-12yrs)



Walk like an astronaut, explore the landscape of Mars, Pluto and Venus and maybe even meet some aliens!!! All the while learning about physical theatre, the effects of space, weight and time on movement. Tutor Zuzi Fort

**Tuesday 17th**

**COME AND MAKE YOUR OWN MASK!** (Suitable for 5-12yrs)



Explore your creative potential, take on another persona in this mask making activity with artist Kathy Raco.

**Friday 20th**

**CUPCAKE BAKING & DECORATING WORKSHOP** (Suitable for 5-12yrs)

Make & decorate your own baked cupcakes with resident artist chef Linda Brescia



**Saturday 21st**

**PHYSICAL THEATRE & STAGE COMBAT** (Suitable for 10-16yrs)



Do you really have a handle on stagecraft? Can you believably throw a punch or receive one without getting hurt or hurting someone else? This workshop will introduce you to basic body control skills, stage combat and the power of our bodies, there is never any physical contact between the participants with strong emphasis on creating trust & building strong group dynamic. This is a super fun, super energized and super imaginative session. Tutor Zuzi Fort

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## Fairfield City Museum & Gallery April School Holiday Program

**For bookings telephone: 9609 3993**

**All workshops start at 10.30am**

**Cost: \$5 per participant.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**COOKIE BAKING & DECORATING WORKSHOP** (Suitable for 6-12 yrs)

For all you budding junior masterchefs! Make scrumptious artistic cookies with resident artist /chef Linda Brescia.



**Friday 13th**

**GEMSTONE & ORNAMENT MAKING**

**WORKSHOP** (Suitable for 6-12yrs)

Watch and make plasticine transformed into bedazzling jewels with artist David Capra.



# PARENT CAFÉ OPENING



29 March 2012





# PARRAMATTA EELS GALA DAY



26 MARCH  
2012

## Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park

**FREE**

**When: Saturday 28 April 2012**

**Time: 5.30 pm to 8 pm**

**Where: Telescopes located on Salter's Field  
(in front of the Dairy)**

**Free talks located at the Parramatta  
Park Café and Event Centre**

### **Galileo, Newton, the Governor and the Parramatta Observatory**

Come along and share the mystery of our place in the universe at Parramatta Park's popular Star Gazing @ Parramatta Park. There will be up to 20 telescopes provided by members of the amateur astronomical societies who will be there to share their knowledge with you, or you can bring your own telescope and get pointers on its use from fellow enthusiasts.

In addition there will be two talks about Governor Brisbane and the Parramatta Observatory by experts Dr Ragbir Bhathal of University of Western Sydney and Dr Peter Tyler; Historian: Royal Society of New South Wales.

### **What's happening**

Night sky viewing on Salter's Field, through telescopes provided by Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group Sutherland Astronomical Society Inc., Astronomical Society of New South Wales, 3RF Australia, and Northern Sydney Astronomical Society Inc. (weather permitting).

Talks will be at the Parramatta Park Café and Event Centre, seating is limited so be prepared to come early to secure a seat.

- 6.00 pm Dr Ragbir Bhathal: The scientific achievements of the Parramatta observatory.
- 6.45 pm Dr Peter Tyler: Governor Brisbane: Patron of Australian Science

Refreshments are available at the Cafe, and the park will remain open to vehicles until 8.30 pm. Bring a torch, with a red cellophane covering to preserve night vision, to light your way.

Info T 8833 5000 or [www.parrapark.com.au](http://www.parrapark.com.au)

## Kids in the Park,

Sydney's biggest school holiday program returns this autumn with over 50 options of sports clinics, creative workshops and fun events to keep your kids active, challenged and entertained. A range of activities are free or cost under \$20, making it affordable to discover Sydney's biggest playground these holidays, including;

AC Milan Soccer Camp  
All day vacation care  
Archery and diving lessons  
ARTEXPRESS - new workshops  
Bike circuits and bike hire  
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Discovery Tour  
Monster Actions Sports Academy  
Orienteering Race & Egg hunt  
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Splasher's  
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Tennis Camps and  
Phizz Kidz multi sports  
Writing workshops  
....and lots more

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## National Youth Week 2012

Imagine. Create. Inspire is this year's theme for National Youth Week is held this year from 13-22 April. Hundreds of events are being held across NSW, and nationally, to celebrate the positive contributions 12-25 year-olds make to our society, and provide opportunities for young people to organise their own events. More info:

[www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/)

## Help for carers

The NSW Carer Line provides access to information, registration for the Better Start for Children with Disability initiative, counselling services and a referral to a range of services for carers and the people they care for. Call 1800 242 636, 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Calls are free from fixed phones.