



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

Term 2 is now on its way with our calendar already filling up fast. I hope you all enjoyed the Easter Season and our autumn holidays.

STAFFING NEWS AT GUILDFORD

I'm pleased to advise that Miss Walpole has returned to us after taking the role of Relieving Principal at Heckenberg Public School.

We were sorry to say farewell to Mrs Panagos, who received a transfer closer to home. She will be sorely missed after five years at Guildford. Mrs McGrath has taken over the role of 4 Wallaby teacher continuing with the program set up by Mrs Panagos. Miss Walpole, Assistant Principal, has taken on teaching Kindergarten to Year 6, through the Release from Face to Face (RFF) role.

I'm delighted to introduce a new member of staff to our school's leadership team. Miss Sophie Paterson is our Highly Accomplished Teacher (HAT) employed through the National Partnership for Low Socio-economic Status School Communities. Miss Paterson comes to us with

previous HAT experience and as a substantive Assistant Principal. Her role will be to support and work with all our teachers K-6 to enhance student learning outcomes and professional development of teachers. I know you will join with me in welcoming her to Guildford Public School.

TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS

This term will be a big one again. Please see our Term 2 Calendar included with this newsletter. The main events include:

- Week 3 - Bravehearts performance K-2
- Week 4 - NAPLAN test Years 3 and 5
- Week 6 - 30 May Multicultural Food Fair and Entertainment Day
- Week 9 - 3 Way Interviews Parents, Teachers and Students
- Week 10 - Semester 1 student reports go home.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The 2011 Annual School Report was completed last term. This is now available to read on our school's website;

(www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Click on 'Our School' then go down to the section Annual Reports.

Each year schools are requested to develop an Annual School Report. It covers most major areas of the year including evaluations of our target areas and sets new targets for 2012. The report also covers student information, staff information, school performance, financial summary and NAPLAN data etc.



If you don't have access to the internet and would like a paper copy of the Annual Report, please let the office staff know and I will organise a copy for you.

Please have a look at the report. It also has some nice photographs of some students.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Our biannual Multicultural Food Fair and Entertainment Day is only four weeks away. Please reserve the 30 May to attend your school. Over the past decade, our Multicultural Day is perhaps the highlight of the school year. It is a time to celebrate our wonderful school and community. We recognise the many different cultural backgrounds that call Australia home.

What support do we need from you? For new people to our school community, including Kindergarten families not involved in previous years the following dot points will assist.

- We ask each family to donate a plate of cultural food.
- Students and parents are encouraged to wear traditional clothing or costumes.
- Parent volunteers are needed to help sell the food at various food stalls in the courtyard.
- Parents assist students to prepare some cultural singing or dancing.
- Students, teachers and parents attend the Multicultural Fair buying samples of food (\$1 small plate).
- After lunch we proceed to the front courtyard for cultural performances including our guest High Schools.

I will give you more details in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, talk about the day with friends and community and start thinking of ways you'd like to help and foods you could donate. We'll also have a traditional Aussie sausage sizzle on the day too.

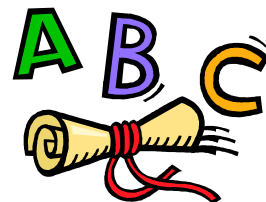
Have a great fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless.
Principal.



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



KB Angela Chen, Ahmed Ahmed

KSL Brian Mac, Zamar Hussain

K/10 Adem Arikan, Shanaya Hunt

YN Even Zhang

5/6P Thomas Barisic, Rachel Thorn

5/6Q Maxmurtazhan Olca, Mariam Moosawi

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE to see YOU next week!



Parents in Partnership

Parents In Partnership will continue to run this term. This program gives parents the opportunity to come along and help with a range of activities to support the school. These activities include cutting and laminating games for the classroom, organising fund raising activities and book covering. It is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and get to know our *Community Liaison Officers*. We look forward to seeing more of you there in Term 2.

This week there is a workshop for families with a guest speaker. This will be held on Thursday 3 May from 9.00 – 11.00 am in the school hall. All parents have been invited to listen to ideas for working in a positive way with children. Remember to visit the Parent Café and meet the Community Liaison officers and share ideas with other parents. The Café will be open each Thursday afternoon for parents to drop in from 2.00 – 3.30. Please come in and have a chat.

On Monday of this week a team of parents worked hard and wrapped about 400 presents ready for sale at the Mother's Day stall on Thursday 10 May. Presents will range in price from \$2 to \$10. Please encourage your children to support the stall. Each Thursday we will continue to meet either from 10.00 – 11.00am or 9.00 – 11.00am (depending on whether a workshop has been organised) to prepare resources for use in the classrooms.

D Hemming Parents in Partnership Coordinator.

FEATURE CLASS 2012

K BILBY

The kindergarten students in K Bilby have been working very hard this year! During literacy and maths times we enjoy working together in small groups.

In these groups we play fun games and activities that help us to learn new things and practise different skills.

In week 1 and 2 of this term during maths groups we had fun doing the following things:

- * adding numbers on lady beetles and finding the number that matches
- * making colour patterns using peg boards
- * copying and continuing a pattern using coloured teddies
- * ordering and recognising numbers from 0-20

During literacy time we go to the engine room to read with our teacher. We also are very lucky to have Mrs Lazras to help us with lots of different things. During this time Mrs Lazras helps us to learn our special magic 100 words, put words into a sentence and practise rhyming words. Kindergarten Bilby are getting very good at literacy and maths! Miss Blewitt is always amazed at what her clever little Bilbies can do!!!



TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
10/5/12	Mother's Day Stall
14/5/12 – 18/5/12	NAPLAN
22/5/12	University Computer Skills Competition
22/5/12	Zone Cross Country
30/5/12	Multicultural Day
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

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition



During week 4 students in years 3-6 will be presenting a speech they have been working on for the Multicultural Public Speaking competition. I would like to encourage parents and caregiver to work with your child/children to help them prepare for this. Each class teacher will let the students in their class know what day they will have to present. Stay tuned for more information!

Miss Blewitt - Coordinator

ASSEMBLY STARS

None This Week

Website of the Week

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/>

A free website for Parents that contains information about the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy*. This assessment is for students in Years 3 and 5.



Whispers From The Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students from 2/3 Wombats to 5/6 classes are being taught how to register and add books so they can participate in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. Students who have the internet at home are encouraged to add any books that are part of the Premier's Reading Challenge on the website. Last year I ran a workshop for the Premier's Reading Challenge and am hoping I could present another one for those parents whose students are new to Grade 3 or want a refresher on how to do this. More information about this will come soon.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 2 are automatically enrolled in the Premier's Reading Challenge and I add their books that I read to them during library lessons.

If you would like to explore the website, please go to

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Children's Book Council of Australia Awards -
Nominated Books Review.

Last term I announced the nominated books for the CBCA Awards. This week I include reviews for 3 of the books nominated.

The Runaway Hug by Nick Bland.



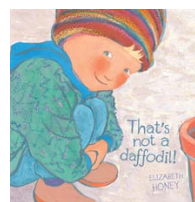
Lucy shares the hug with everyone in her family. Along the way it becomes softer, sleepier, bigger, even peanut-buttery. But when the hug runs away, Lucy discovers that it's not so easy to get it back. This book is a wonderful book that every member of the family can enjoy. The book is sweet and cute, yet honest and quite fun to read. (Review from [scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)).

Come Down, Cat! By Sonya Hartnett



The day is ending, night is falling, and Nicholas's cat won't come down. High on the roof she licks her paws while Nicholas worries about her up there all alone. How does he coax her into the safe, warm house? She doesn't even want to come down from the roof... or does she? This tale of friendship and bravery, and the things we are capable of doing for those we treasure most. (Review from <http://www.penguin.com.au>).

That's not a daffodill! By Elizabeth Honey.



When Tom's neighbour gives him a brown bulb, Tom can't believe it will flower. 'That's not a daffodill!' says Tom. 'Well,' says the old gardener. 'Let's plant it and see.'

A playful story that little children will enjoy again and again - about an inventive boy, a kindly gardener, a growing friendship and the promise of a bulb.

(Review from <http://www.allenandunwin.com/>).

Overdue Notices

Please remember to look for books at home when you get an overdue notice. These notices are more served as a reminder to return books or find them. Most books are returned, but if the book is lost or damaged, it please pay for the book at the office.

Thank you

Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian).



Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

the fresh food people



Last year Woolworths started an Earn and Learn program where you could collect dockets and hand them in with a special code on it.

This year Woolworths has decided to continue this program for school but changed a few things.

As of Wednesday 9 May 2012, when you shop at Woolworths, if you spend more than \$10 you will receive some stickers. These stickers are to be stuck on to a specially marked sticker card. Once the sticker card is full, place it in a special box which will be placed out front of the school's office. I have included a pamphlet in this week's newsletter which also gives you a sample of the sticker card. Please be proactive with this program. Last year we had enough points to get free home readers, sharpeners, glue sticks and pencils. It'd be great to have more resources to support our fantastic teaching as they continue to teach your children in class.

Mr Rhys Norambuena

Woolworths Earn & Learn Coordinator.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

THURSDAY,

10 MAY, 2012



(In the school hall from 9.00am)

Many lovely gifts will be on sale at our Mothers' Day stall

For mothers, grandmothers, aunts, special friends

Prices range from \$2 - \$10

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

Woolworths
earn & learn

my sticker card

Place your stickers in the squares below, then drop your completed sticker card into the collection box at school or your local Woolies.

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my name is: _____

my school is: _____

More sticker cards are available from your local Woolworths Store.

PSSA - TERM 2

PSSA for term 2 starts on Friday, 4 May, 2012. Below is the teams and where they are playing.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO PAY THE \$5.00 BUS PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS.

Netball

Date	Playing against	Venue
4/5/12	Merrylands East	Merrylands East PS
11/5/12	Auburn West	Guildford County
18/5/12	Granville	Guildford County
25/5/12	Rosehill	Rosehill PS
8/6/12	Bye	Bye
15/6/12	Granville East	Colquhon Park
21/6/12	Auburn North	Guildford County
20/7/12	Guildford West	Tom Uren
27/7/12	Lidcombe	Guildford County
3/8/12	Merrylands East	Merrylands East PS
17/8/12	Auburn West	Progress Park
24/8/12	Granville	Granville PS

Newcombe Ball

Date	Playing against	Venue
4/5/12	Merrylands East	Merrylands East PS
11/5/12	Auburn West	Guildford PS
18/5/12	Granville	Guildford PS
25/5/12	Rosehill	Rosehill PS
8/6/12	Bye	Bye
15/6/12	Granville East	Granville East PS
21/6/12	Auburn North	Guildford PS
20/7/12	Guildford West	Guildford West PS
27/7/12	Lidcombe	Guildford PS
3/8/12	Merrylands East	Merrylands East PS
17/8/12	Auburn West	Auburn West PS
24/8/12	Granville	Granville PS

Soccer

Date	Playing against	Venue
4/5/12	Merrylands East	Kings Park
11/5/12	Auburn West	Guildford County
18/5/12	Granville	Guildford County
25/5/12	Rosehill	Robin Thomas
8/6/12	Bye	Bye
15/6/12	Granville East	Colquhon Park
21/6/12	Auburn North	Guildford County
20/7/12	Guildford West	Tom Uren
27/7/12	Lidcombe	Guildford County
3/8/12	Merrylands East	Kings Park
17/8/12	Auburn West	Progress Park
24/8/12	Granville	Granville Park

EASTER RAFFLE

Money Raised = \$2034.00

RAFFLE WINNERS

- Christina Borg 3C
- Julie Thorne 5/6P
- Serina Georgis 1B
- Hayne Htut Khaung 3C
- Dylan Yag 5/6P
- John Paul Charbel 5/6P
- Nicole Croombs 3TD
- Lyn Kachen
- Kim Hawkes
- Rouba Azzaz
- Clayton Foster GA
- Joseph Ishack 1B
- Maya Elsamad 4/5N
- Tama KSL
- Cindy Nguyen 4/5N
- Kelly Estephan
- Jane Waqa 4/5N
- Lyn Kachen
- Lenny Krisneri
- Sarah Sabra 4W
- Pena c/o Vili 4/5N
- Mohammed Tabir 4W
- Francis Asabre 5/6Q
- Calvin Jo 2/3W
- William Lam 4W
- Amir Awick 3C
- Sonia Lingad 5/6D
- Serina Georgis 1B
- Jean Beazley KB
- Lisa Sharp
- Christopher Rivera
- Nagha
- Jitty Jo 5/6Q
- Ian Rivera 3TD
- Phillip Baldacchino 2K
- Justin Phan K/1E
- Brayden Borg c/o 3C
- T. Jones
- Ivy Tran 2/3W
- Allan Walsh
- Lynne McC
- Sarah Asabre 4W
- Charlie Hosea 3TD
- Leyal El-Hadi 2K
- Samir Hamze 1B
- Brian Lolohea 1D
- Anjani Jayarathne 2/3W
- Michael Vazquez
- Abby
- Saleh
- Mariam Elsamad KB
- Aphirak Nawara 3TD
- Stephen Hawkins
- Zoe Turner
- Abbir Taleb 4W



56. Charlize Krupowicz KB
57. Katherine Henry 4W
58. Chelti Madamba 4/5N
59. Mrs Byrnes 5/6Q
60. Elham Houda 4W
61. Laqualle
62. Kassam
63. Safwan Hamdan 4/5N
64. Mary-Lou
65. Adam Santoro 5/6Q
66. Aphirak Nawara 3TD
67. La-Teesha Maisema KK
68. Hamze Hasna KK
69. Mrs Byrnes 5/6Q
70. William lam wW
71. Safwan Hamdan 4/5N
72. Michael Vazquez
73. Exodus Rees KB
74. Roma Agha c/o 5/6Q
75. Ranni El Assani KK
76. c/o Jayden Christmas Estephan 3TD
77. Fatema Elsamad 3TD
78. Norah Ayouch KSL
79. Hassan Awick 5/6D
80. Chantelle c/o Jayden 3TD
81. Joy Helmstedt
82. Tiresa Rees 3TD
83. Hadell kerdi
84. Betoul Alameddine 5/6Q
85. Christina Borg 3C
86. Rita c/o Darren Mensah KB
87. Mahmutjahn Olca 5/6Q
88. Kathy Tran 4/5N
89. Mr K Newcombe
90. Sybelle Alameddine 1D
91. Gina
92. Liquele Phillips
93. Sophia Wallis 3C
94. Dylan Yag 5/6P
- Lucky Last Brodan Wallace 2K



Parents and Community

Term 2 is a busy term for students and teachers, but it will also be a busy term for parents and community. We have planned a range of workshops and opportunities to learn more about the school and help your child. We know that when parents and schools work together, children have more success at school and get higher grades. So we hope to see you soon at one or more of our events.

Ms Sheri Evans Deputy Principal

Parent Workshops

Thursday 3 May 9am School Hall	The Power of Positive Parenting (Triple P Beginner) Fatima Amr Regional Partnership Officer Interpreters available for Arabic, Samoan and Farsi	This workshop is not to be missed!! It will give you tips and tricks to help get your child ready for school in the morning, help you to get them to do their homework, to eat dinner and get to bed on time. It will also give you ideas to involve them with helping around the house. During this workshop you will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn ways to encourage good behaviour Tips to help with routines Ways to get children helping around the house
Thursday 17 May 4 - 5pm School Hall	Homework Workshop Dan Sprange Teacher Mentor Auburn North, Hampden Park and Guildford Public Schools Interpreters available for	This workshop is good for parents with children in Years 3 – 6. Homework is a great way to connect school with home and to be involved in your child's learning. During this workshop

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	Arabic, Samoan and Farsi	<p>you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> learn more about homework in NSW Public Schools look at the school policy for homework get different strategies to help your child with homework get other ideas to help your child
Thursday 31 May 9am School Hall	Literacy Workshop Ayesha Ali Khan Assistant Principal Interpreters available for Arabic, Samoan and Farsi	<p>Helping your child at home with Literacy in English (as well as your first language if you are lucky to be bilingual) will give them a great start in education.</p> <p>Ayesha will talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how we teach children to read and write at school how you can help your child at home
Thursday 14 June 9am School Hall	Numeracy Workshop TBA Interpreters available for Arabic, Samoan and Farsi	<p>The way we teach maths at school has changed a lot since you and I were there. We now know much more about the way children learn to add, take away and do multiplication.</p> <p>This workshop will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> talk about how we teach maths at school show you some of the difficulties students have with the words in maths discuss how you can help your child at home

Beginners English Course

Term 2	English Conversation Class	<p>This class is for parents who are learning English. The class will run for 8 weeks every Friday in the school library.</p>
9am		
School Library	Jin Liang	<p>You will have the opportunity to practise your English with others and the help of Jin, whilst meeting new people. Jin will also include opportunities to work with computers and show you websites which can help with your English.</p>
Friday 8 June	Regional Community Information Officer	
Friday 15 June		
Friday 22 June		
Friday 29 June		
Friday 10 July		
Friday 27 July		
Friday 3 August		
Friday 10 August		

Parent Cafe'

In Term 1 on the 29 May, Guildford Public School launched the *Parent Cafe'*. The *Parent Cafe* is a drop-in centre for parents where you can meet other parents, talk to our *Community Liaison Officers* and get information about the school, community support organisations and raising children in the 21st Century. You can also come along and relax with a cup of coffee and friends.

The Parent Cafe' will be open every Thursday from 2-3pm and is located next to the school assembly hall.

