



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

17 MAY 2012



### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all is going well in your families as we enter the cooler days, on the verge of winter?

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy). We hope to receive the test results by September. You will receive an envelope containing information regarding your son or daughter's performance in Reading, Writing, Language and Numeracy. I am anticipating some pleasing outcomes as I know the students generally took the testing seriously and did their very best. As you know NAPLAN also is done in Year 7 and Year 9. Over time you can see your child's improvements across the various subject areas. Let's hope our Year 5 students made pleasing growth from their Year 3 results. Thank you for support during this busy week.

### MULTICULTURAL DAY IS ALMOST HERE

Our multicultural Day is almost here (30 May). We are excited about it and look forward to a wonderful community day as in past years.

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. Auditions in the Hall on Tuesday 22 May at 11am.
- 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.

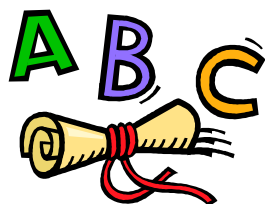
Have a great fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless. Principal.



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



**KSL SHAHNAZ KOWAIDER, EMILY FLOOD**

**1/2P Alan Wen**

**2K FAYOR ZEOGAR, YILI MASILA**

**2/3W ILAISA SAUKURU, MOXAMED KOWAIDER**

**3ED ALI MOOSAWI**

**4W TAYLAN YAG**

**5/6Q FRANCIS ASABRE, YASEMIN KULAK**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

**MR LAWLESS**

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



## Parents in Partnership

This week there is a workshop about Helping with Homework on Thursday afternoon, 17 May from 3.00 – 4.00 am in the school hall. All parents have been invited to share ideas for working in a positive way with children at home.

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 – 3.00. Please come in and have a chat.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with our very successful Mothers Day stall. There was a great variety of gifts and the students enjoyed the opportunity to choose and buy. The stall raised almost a \$1000 that will be put towards school resources.

Parents have suggested a major prize of a bicycle for our Multicultural Day raffle. They are helping to put together the raffle books and these will be available from Thursday 17 May. Please support this raffle.

Each Thursday we 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.*

<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
21/5/12	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

## Website Of The Week

### Getting involved reaps benefits

Did you know that the latest research shows the more involved parents are in their child's education, the happier their children are and the better they do at school. Being involved can include taking more of an interest in what your child is doing at school, helping out at school if you can and being supportive. Read more about this at School A to Z: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/children-thrive-on-parental-involvement](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/children-thrive-on-parental-involvement).

# ASSEMBLY STARS

Joyce Moeakiola 1/2P

Luke Whaanga 2K

Amar Yassine 4W

Safwan Hamdan 4/5N

Hamza Handulla 4/5N

## FEATURE CLASS 2012

### 1 DUGONG

The students in 1 Dugong have been learning about recounts in English. A focus has been on telling and re-telling and ways to do this other than through writing. The students in 1 Dugong demonstrated the re-telling of their favourite picture book, Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox. They worked in character groups to rehearse and made face masks to add to the fun of the lessons. They performed a wonderful re-tell of the story and should be very proud!



WE'RE TAKING IT  
IN OUR STRIDE ON  
FRIDAY, 18 MAY  
2012



Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2012!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

*Miss Ali Khan. Coordinator*

## Learn Music on Keyboard at

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## Theatre Excursion to Darling Harbour

On Thursday 3 May, 29 students from Years 2 – 4, accompanied by Mr Lawless and Miss De Marco, went on an excursion to Darling Harbour to see a theatrical production of **'The Bugalugs Bum Thief'**, an adaptation of the children's book by Tim Winton.

We had a wonderful day filled with fun and excitement. Even the weather was perfect. There was much to look at and appreciate: the city buildings and bridges and the beautiful harbour with boats of various sizes on the still water. We also saw many seagulls. They were more interested in our food than in us.

The students had a marvellous time playing in Darling Harbour's popular children's playground which included a huge slippery slide, challenging climbing equipment, swings and a whole lot more. After play and lunch we walked to the Darling Quarter Theatre where the theatre show was being performed. It was quite a show. The acting/singing was energetic, funny and entertaining. The students were very engaged and were kept on the edge of their seats. It was an immensely enjoyable show and day.

*Miss De Marco. ESL Teacher*



## **BRAVEHEARTS**

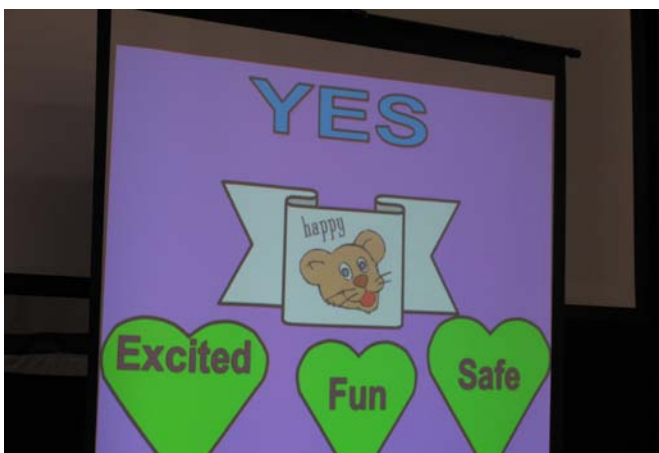
On Tuesday 8 May all Kindergarten – Year 2 students met Ditto the Lion, one of Braveheart's presenters in an interactive and learning filled performance. The important message shared by Ditto and his helper included:





- ✓ We all have the right to feel safe with people.
- ✓ Yes and No feelings and how our body lets us know how we feel.
- ✓ It's OK to say 'no' if you feel unsafe or unsure.
- ✓ Private parts – which means special parts of our body that belongs to us and that no one else should touch or see.
- ✓ Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it.

The students enjoyed meeting Ditto, singing songs about these important messages and receiving a show bag with an activity book. Have a look at the photos of K-2 enjoying this learning experience.



## Whispers From The Library



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

This week I will continue with book reviews for books that are nominated for the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards.

#### The Last Viking



Josh is a nervous kid and when he gets sent to stay with his grandparents, he has even more reason to worry. He really loves them, but his last visit wasn't a great success; Pop has a passion for scary stories that Josh doesn't share. This time though, Pop introduces

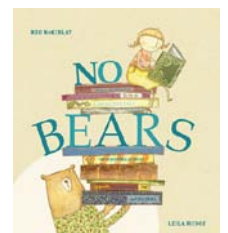
Josh to the Viking legends and Josh is hooked. He decides he'll become a Viking, because they're so brave and strong - just like him. When Josh is tormented by the local bullies he channels his inner Viking, with a little help from the Norse gods, to overcome their threat.

(Review from

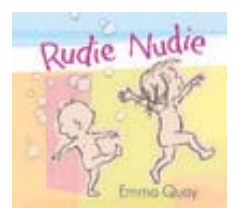
<http://www.fremantlepress.com.au/books/1253> )

#### No Bears

Ruby wants to tell you a story. A story with absolutely no bears. You don't need bears for a book. You need pretty things like fairies and princesses and castles. And maybe funny things and exciting things but definitely no bears! (Review from <http://www.walkerbooks.com.au>).



#### Rudie Nudie



by [Emma Quay](#)

A charming bath time and bedtime book for very young children. Two little children go through their night-time routine in this fun picture book. From the bath to the bed - a classic tale all children (and parents!) are familiar with. (Review from <http://www.readings.com.au/>)



Thank you

Mr Norambuena (Teacher Librarian).

## REMINDER

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

## 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
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
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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
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

## SPORTS RESULTS

### NETBALL – Guildford vs Auburn West

Juniors: 5-4 Guildford  
Seniors: 10-14 Auburn West

Junior Player of the Week  
Crystal Howell 3TD

Senior Player of the Week  
Talei Qoriniasi 5/6P

### NEWCOMBE BALL – Guildford vs Auburn West

Juniors: 2 1-16 Guildford  
Seniors: Draw

Junior Player of the Week  
Ahmad Hussein 4W  
Senior Player of the Week  
Sarah Kochergin 5/6P

### OZTAG – Guildford vs Auburn North

Juniors: 4-2 Guildford  
Seniors: 8-2 Guildford

## Beginners English Course

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>English Conversation Class</b>	<b>This class is for parents who are learning English.</b> The class will run for <b>8 weeks every Friday</b> in the <b>school library</b> .
<b>9am</b>	Jin Liang	
<b>School Library</b>	Regional Community Information Officer	
<b>Friday 8 June</b>		
<b>Friday 15 June</b>		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.
<b>Friday 22 June</b>		
<b>Friday 29 June</b>		
<b>Friday 10 July</b>		
<b>Friday 27 July</b>		
<b>Friday 3 August</b>		
<b>Friday 10 August</b>		

		and write at school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how you can help your child at home</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 14 June</b>	<b>Numeracy Workshop</b>	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.
<b>9am</b>	TBA	This workshop will:
<b>School Hall</b>	Interpreters available for Arabic, Samoan and Farsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>talk about how we teach maths at school</li> <li>show you some of the difficulties students have with the words in maths</li> <li>discuss how you can help your child at home</li> </ul>

## Parent Workshops

<b>Thursday 31 May</b>	<b>Literacy Workshop</b>	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.
<b>9am</b>	Ayesha Ali Khan	
<b>School Hall</b>	Assistant Principal	
	Interpreters available for Arabic, Samoan and Farsi	Ayesha will talk about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how we teach children to read</li> </ul>