



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

APIA STREET GUILDFORD NSW 2161

PHONE: 9632 9675 FAX: 9892 1325

NEWS UPDATE

23 AUGUST 2012



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This last fortnight has just flown! It hardly seems two weeks since I put pen to paper for the last newsletter.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE CRITICAL FOR STRONG LEARNING

It is without saying that students who attend school regularly perform better than students who have frequent absences. This is a fact from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Students should always stay home if really sick (with a note or phone call the next day from the parents). However, frequent unexplained absences for trivial things, unfortunately leads to lower performance from the student. Parents should not, unless absolutely necessary, take students out of school on holidays or overseas trips. If you take your son or daughter away for more than 15 days it is mandatory for you to complete an [Exemption from School Form](#). This form can be obtained from the office staff and must be completed well before departure. I will assess the information provided and will grant Exemption under certain circumstances. If away more than 50 days I have to send the application to the Regional Director, Mr Murat Dizdar.

Mr Hanna, Assistant Principal monitors school attendance, as does every classroom teacher. Please read his section in this newsletter regarding acceptable reasons and unacceptable reasons for non-attendance. Unsatisfactory student attendance at school can lead to parents receiving official warnings and prosecution for unexplained serious absences. Good attendance supports your son or daughter's social development as well as academic. It develops good habits, which will support them in later life and when they are eventually contributing to the country as part of the Australian workforce.

EID-UL-FITR

We hope all our Muslim families and friends had a very happy Eid festivity. It must be wonderful after 30 days of Ramadan to celebrate this special day with your family and community.

SCHOOL PHOTOS COMING UP

School photos will be taken on Monday 3 September. Please ensure children have their full school uniform including black school shoes. Please see me for assistance if you are having difficulty with providing full school uniforms.

SURVEYS

Soon the leadership team at Guildford will be requesting your support in completing surveys on school leadership and management. As part of our National Partnerships funding it is necessary for us to evaluate programs and school processes. Your opinions matter to us and will remain confidential. Please help us with returning surveys in the near future. The community has always been very supportive in the past in this matter.

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

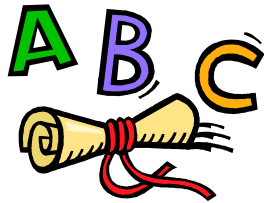


SUPERSTARS



Linda Trieu Phu 2K	Rayyan Arbess 3C
Angela Nguyen 5/6D	Betselot Asrat 5/6P
Qoussay Agha KSL	Tiresa Rees 3TD
Peter Marona Puhotau 1D	Gideon Mensah 2/3W
Austin Flood 1B	Ahmed Ahmed KB
Muhammed Anwar 1B	Raghav Puri 3TD
Yasemin Kulak 5/6Q	Richard Eng 3C
Mariam Moosaw 5/6Q	George Duwai 5/6Q
Charlie Hosea 3TD	Aphirak Nuwara 3TD
Michael Asbre 5/6P	Venice Pathak 1/2P
Andrew Abou Zeid KB	

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



KK	SARRAX MUSSAM, Kanwar Singh
KSL	MUXADESA EBRAHIMI, LAMA STEVENS
K/1E	KABIR KHARA, Aryan Patrak
1B	ZAKARIA LOBBIEH, IBRAHIM ARBESS
1D	SYTORI NOBLE, SYBELLE HAMEDDINE
1/2P	AYAT IMRAN
2K	BRODAN WALLACE
2/3W	AYSE SARI, OLIVIA TRAN
3TD	PETE BAUNISTA
4W	SHARLENE MURU-BUCKER
5/6D	ALAA AGHA, ZIYAD KASSEM
	FATEH ALJABERI

Community Language

Mohamed Bouckelouka
Ahmad Elias

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

Websites of The Week

www.google.com/earth

Take a virtual tour of your street, your neighbourhood or sites around the world with this free google application. A great way to explore distance, perspective and culturally and historically significant sites as a family.

Animal Welfare

<http://www.woaw.org.au/>

Is your child fascinated by all creatures great and small or interested in animal welfare? The World of Animal Welfare website features fun interactive games, fact sheets as well as information about the RSPCA. The site is split into sections according to age: 8 and under and 9-13.

Perfect Punctuation

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/help-sheets>

Want to help your child with their punctuation? Help them remember when to use a semicolon and when to use an apostrophe with a downloadable help sheet from the School A to Z website. The site also has a range of help sheets on English terms and usage.

Attendance & Absences

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to the

Mr Lawless, Mr Hanna or our school counsellor. An appointment will need to be made.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administration assistant at our school. A written note needs to be brought in to the classroom teacher as soon as possible, or within seven days.

Thanking you for your support.

Justified/Unjustified Reasons

Absences for reasons such as some of the following may not be justified:

- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding siblings/other children/older relatives
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Hair cuts
- Weather conditions: Rainy/Windy/ Hot...
- Frequent car problems
- Frequent late train/bus
- Excursions/Carnivals/Sports/Camps...
- Airport/Visitors from overseas or other states
- Other member of the family is sick
- Hospital Visits to relatives or friends
- Head Lice

Absences for reasons such as some of the following may be justified:

- Unavoidable medical or dental appointments (encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time)
- Religious holiday
- Urgent family situation (funeral)
- Sick or infectious disease

Mr Peter Hanna Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Mrs Virginia Villar HSLO Strathfield Office

REMINDER- What is Your Last Name?

Parents and students are reminded to please write your last name on all notes returned to school. We have a large number of students with the same first name, and sometimes it is difficult to identify who is who, especially if the class is not included as well.

Thank You

Cindy Alterio SAO

Fruit & Vege Month

27 August – 21 September

Every day during the Fruit and Veg. Month children will be asked to bring an extra piece of fruit and a drink bottle of water to have at 10 o'clock each day.

Nearly 1 in 4 children in Australia are overweight or obese. Research shows that fruit and vegetable consumption is lower than recommended in children. Therefore during this month the teachers at our school are aiming to:

- * Increase awareness of the need to eat more fruit and vegetables.
- * Increase positive perceptions of fruit and vegetables
- * Support behaviour change by including fruit and vegetables themes in their lessons

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Mrs Ferguson 2/3W

FATHERS' DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST 2012

Many lovely gifts will be on sale at our Fathers' Day stall for Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles or a special friend.

Prices range from \$2 - \$10.

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



We greatly appreciate any volunteers to help in this event in the morning between 9am-11am. Please meet in the school hall

Feature Class

1/2 Platypus – Mrs Este

Part of our mathematics program is TEN – Targeting Early Numeracy.

TEN involves the children doing addition and subtraction activities for 10 minutes each day, using various materials such as dice – 6, 8, 12, 20 sided ones with either dots or numbers; dominoes and playing cards. The children are divided into 4 coloured groups according to their level and understanding of addition and subtraction. The leaders of each group are responsible for handing out equipment and packing it up.

I explain and demonstrate the activity for the week on Monday, so all children understand what to do. One of their favourite activities is called Teddy Dash. This involves the children throwing 2 dice, adding the numbers together then moving a plastic teddy along a board which has either 20, 30 or 50 squares. The first person to finish is the winner.

Everyone loves playing TEN as it is not only educational but it improves their social skills and it is fun!



PSSA-Term 3

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO PAY THE \$5.00 BUS PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS. OPPONENT AND VENUE CAN CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Netball



Date	Playing against	Venue
24/8/12	Auburn West	Progress Park

Newcombe Ball



Date	Playing against	Venue
24/8/12	Auburn West	Auburn West PS

Soccer



Date	Playing against	Venue
24/8/12	Auburn West	Progress Park

SPORTS RESULTS 17/8/12

Newcombe Ball	Guildford vs Merrylands East
Juniors:	21-19 Guildford
Seniors:	43-32 Guildford
Junior Player of the Week:	Mena Moosawi 4W Dylan Wallace 4/5N
Senior Player of the Week:	Andrew Chen 5/6Q Mariam Moosawi 5/6Q

Whispers from the Library



Book-Fair will be on Thursday and Monday at lunchtime, being last days to buy books. (Not open Friday.)

Book-Week competitions have closed, competition winners will be announced next week.

Winners of the Childrens Book Council of Australia awards are:

The winner for Early Childhood Book was the Runaway Hug by Nick Bland.

Picture book of the year is a Bus Called Heaven by Bob Graham.

Non-Fiction book of the year is One Small Island (The story of Macquarie Island) by Aliston Lester.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Norambuena (Teacher Librarian).



Parent Café



Our Parent Café is open every Thursday from 2 – 3pm.

(next to school hall) All parents are welcome every week,

However in Term 3 and 4 we are also encouraging different cultural groups to come along and meet other people with similar backgrounds and experiences.

You might also like to bring along a small plate of your culture's food to share (optional).

Week 7 Thursday 30 August

African and Ghana parents and all other interested parents.

Week 8 Thursday 6 September

Turkish parents and all other interested parents.

Week 9 Thursday 13 September

Afghanistan and Persian parents and all other interested parents.

Week 10 Thursday 20 September

Arabic parents and all other interested parents.

Is your cultural group not listed??? Don't worry we will have more sessions in Term 4. Please let the CLO's Zena and Asenati (Thursday) know and we will make sure to include you in our next round.

Ms Sheri Evans Deputy Principal

TERM 3	DATES TO REMEMBER
21/08/12 - 29/08/12	Book Fair
28/8/12	Movie Night
31/8/12	Year 5/6 Camp Instalment Due \$70
3/9/12	School Photos
4/9/12	IMAX Excursion Stage 2
6/9/12	Book Club Payments due back
11/9/12	IMAX Excursion Stage 3
12/09/12	Regional Athletics
21/9/12	Year 5/6 Camp Final Payment Due
21/9/12	Last Day School Term 3

SRC-MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN : Tuesday 28 August 2012

WHERE : School Hall

TIME : **K-2 STUDENTS:** 4.00p.m. to 5.30p.m.
3-6 STUDENTS 6.00p.m. to 7.30p.m.

COST : \$6.00 per student -

TO BE PAID AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HALL ON THE NIGHT OF THE MOVIE (28.08.12)

Every student will receive a drink and a packet of popcorn or chips on the night.

REMINDER to students in Years 3-6: Please return your permission note to your teacher by Tuesday 28 August.

Learn Music at Guildford Public School

- * Music theory * Instrument not required initially
- * Instrument playing * Music material included
- * Ensemble practice * Fun music games
- * 45-min lesson weekly, small group



Smart Kids Love Music!

Call to enrol: **9411 3122** (VIP Music est. 1984)

www.learnmusicatschool.com.au

Powerhouse Museum Recount

On Tuesday our class went on an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. First we went on a big, bendy bus at 8:45 and we arrived at 10:00.

Next we ate morning tea and we fed the pigeons bread. Then we looked at the transport and the wiggles display. After that we ate our lunch and we went on the equipment.

Finally we played a game on the bus called Sleeping Lions and 3 people won. Our class left the Powerhouse Museum at 3:15pm.
Jessica Trieu Phu 1/2P

On Tuesday our class went on an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. First my class went on a bendy bus. The time was 9:00 when we were going. The time was 10:00 when we arrived.

Then we had some lunch. Next we saw the electricity bulb and an old bike. I saw a woman. Her name was Finn. She was a post woman. Finally we played Sleeping Lions and 5 kids won. We went back to school and all of the people were waiting for the kids.
Alyssa Baker 1/2P

On Tuesday our class went on an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in the city at Sydney. We went into the Museum to look at the Space and Transport displays. Then we went for recess and went on a tour.

After we went for lunch and went to put our bags away. Finally we went with Finn to deliver parcels. After we went back on the bus and played Sleeping Lions. Then we got back to school at 3:01pm.
Alan Wen 1/2P

When we got there we went inside the Powerhouse Museum and we saw space things. We saw a coal train, cars, robot, aeroplane and a space shuttle. Then we had tea. Next Finn told us about space.

Finally we went back to school at 3:15pm because the traffic was very bad.
Emma Allawi 1/2



The Rugby Youth Foundation are inviting boys and girls, aged 5 – 14, to participate in 'Rugby in the Park' at Granville South High School every Wednesday. The modified (non-tackle) activities and coaching sessions are **FREE** and open to **ALL** children of **ALL** abilities and will be run by local youths who have received training and qualifications from The Australian Rugby Union and the Australian Sports Commission's Active After School Communities Program.

The coaches will be representing a number of organisations in the area including Granville Boys High School, Granville South High School, Merryland's Junior Rugby Union & Parramatta Two Blues.

Granville Rugby in the Park:

Date: Every Wednesday starting Wednesday 15th August 2012

Time: 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Where: Granville South High School Oval – (Can Enter off Excelsior St)

RSVP: Brad McCarroll; 0405121241;
brad@mutualsport.com.au or

Moala Polota Nau; 0406919265;
moala.nolotanau@det.nsw.edu.au



POWERHOUSE MUSEUM



STAGE 1

7 August 2012

