



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

21 FEBRUARY 2013



### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm pleased to report that all classes are well into their 2013 routines now as Teaching and Learning take number one priority at Guildford Public School. With this second newsletter it's pleasing to be able to comment on how well behaved all the students have been and how wonderful they look in their school uniforms daily. Thanks for your continued support.

### PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING

Don't forget this afternoon, Thursday, we will have a meet the Teacher and Parent Information session. Please meet your child's teachers in their classroom between 5:30pm and 5:50pm. At 6:00pm myself, Assistant Principals and staff would like to speak to you about our school and answer any questions you might have. This will be from 6:00pm to 6:30pm approximately. Please visit your child's teacher then join us together in the school hall.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL A SPLASH OF FUN

Congratulations to all our students from Year 3 to 6 and the teachers for a great day. What a Big

Splash it was, with every student and teacher getting involved. Apart from our serious swimming races we had fun in the water with our well organised Novelty Events. It was a beautiful summer's day. Special thanks to Miss Smith (Sports Coordinator) for her organisation and to all involved. Congratulations to all teams, but especially Blue Gum for its sneaky win by just one point. Please check out Miss Smith's report and photos.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2013 SCHOOL CAPTAINS, VICE-CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS, AND OUR SRC LEADERS

Our induction ceremony was held on Wednesday. Students received their badge and recited the pledge. Below is a photo of our new school leaders, taken yesterday before the assembly. Next newsletter we will include some photos from the ceremony held.

*Back row: Prefects Natalia Wang, Sonia Lingad.: Mahmut Jahn Olca, Allen Zhaeng. Front Row: Amal Elhaj (Vice-Captain), Natalie Batistic (Captain), Frank Rees (Captain), Jason Ly (Vice-Captain).*



## STUDENT HEALTH CARE PLANS

It's now time for us to update Student Health Care Plans. If you have registered with the school that your son or daughter has a diagnosed Medical Condition, Allergy, Asthma or is diagnosed with an Anaphylaxis reaction, you need to update their Health Care Plan now for 2013. If your child has been prescribed an epiPen, in the event of an anaphylaxis reaction, please check that the prescription the school has is current and not out of date. If your child has asthma, please make sure the school has an asthma puffer for your child.

Updated Health Care Plans can be obtained by taking your child to their doctor. Ask for a signed Health Care Plan for 2013. Please ask your doctor to phone me if there are any concerns with updating this information, or any serious issues related to your child's condition.

## ANNUAL GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to the many parents who have paid their Annual General School Contribution. The General Contribution for 2013 has been set at:

One Child	\$35.00
Two Children	\$50.00
Three Children or more	\$60.00

These funds are used to support improvements in the school and are especially used for funding library and class resources. Please contribute if you can. However, I assure all parents that no embarrassment or discrimination will ever occur in our school as a result of non-payment of this contribution. You will find, however that our request is considerably lower than many primary schools.

## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The National Partnership initiative will continue at Guildford Public School for 2013. Our School Plan for the year is now available on our web page at [guildford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:guildford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Click on the Our School tag at the top of the page, then click on Guildford Public School 3 Year Plan 2012-2014.

The National Partnership initiative is aimed at supporting our school to help improve further the literacy and numeracy levels of our students as well

as encouraging greater student engagement generally in learning. Our Deputy Principal, Ms Evans left at the end of 2012. We are currently advertising across the region for a new Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching). I will keep you informed.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Last week we had over 600 hits on our school website. Have you visited it yet? We are proud of our extensive photo gallery which has been growing over the past few years. Each fortnight we add the school newsletter, and you can also download notes sent home if you have misplaced them.

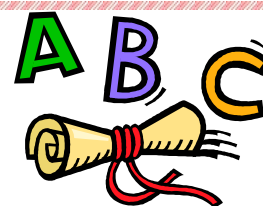
We also have our Annual Reports and School Plans available for you to read. The schools website has many valuable areas of information for parents linked to the Department. Please let us know if these are the things you would like to see on this website.

Have a Great Fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless     Principal

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



KC	Zaynab Sediqi, David Fisiiohoi
KE	Jawed Moosawi, Hadeel Kerdi
1G	Emily Flood, Charlie Krupowicz Hawa Ramazani
3B	Emma Allawi, Huazhen Liu
4A	Tyson Ashton, Tara Noguera

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK



## **STAFF PROFESSIONAL**

### **DEVELOPMENT -Why do we have casual teachers in our school**

This section will detail what professional development our staff have been involved in over the previous weeks, so you can understand why your child may have a different teacher on their class on some days. You will also see evidence of new learning in every classroom, as we are a learning community!

All K-2 teachers spent Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb collaboratively planning first term's learning programs. 3-6 teachers did the same thing on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mr Nicolas and Ms Bryceland have been busy installing new computers around the school as part of the DEC technology rollout.

All executive teachers went to a workshop on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb for support in implementing the new Australian Curriculum.

Ms McGrath, Mrs Byrnes, Mrs Edge and Ms Smith spent 19<sup>th</sup> Feb planning literacy development programs for all staff.

*Ms Paterson HAT*

## **Websites of The Week**

### **Jargon buster**

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

### **Maths questions**

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

### **Helping your child with homework**

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how

parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

## **SUPERSTARS**



*Superstars have started to be handed out this week. I hope your child can obtain 10 of these stars so they can be called a "Superstar!"*

## **SPORT NOTICE**

### **PSSA Sport**

If your child is in years 3-6 they may have been selected in one of the summer PSSA teams, cricket, softball or tee-ball. PSSA starts on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February. All students in these teams will need to pay \$5 to the office each Thursday to pay for the bus. The permission note and code of conduct need to be returned to the sports teacher as soon as possible.

*Miss Smith – Sports Coordinator*

## **Swimming Carnival**

We had our swimming carnival on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. It was a gorgeous sunny day and the students and parents had an awesome day. The champion house this year was **Blue Gum** by just one point over **Waratah**. While not many students competed in the 50m races, the ones who did were a credit to their teams.





The Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. Students who have been selected will receive their notes soon.

*Miss Smith*





# Feature Class

## 1/2 Pelican

1 / 2 Pelican are excited to be the first class to share an item in the newsletter this term.

We have been learning all about pelicans. We have looked at lots of pictures and videos of pelicans across the world and have decided we love the Australian pelican best. We are impressed that it is one of the largest waterbirds in the world. We wrote this acrostic poem about the Australian pelican using an internet tool.

<b>P</b>	<b>elicans have long beaks</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>at a lot of fish</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>ook under the water to find fish</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>t lives in Australia</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>an dive under water</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>male pelican is bigger than a female pelican</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>ear the ocean you will find pelicans</b>

We have also had a go at making pelican pictures using oil pastels and crepe paper for the feathers. This took us a long time and we are very proud of our efforts.



## Whispers from the Library



### Library Bags

Recently a note went out stating what you needed for school. Part of this letter mentioned that library bags were \$2.50. Unfortunately, this was a misprint. Library bags are available in the library for \$4.00 each. The best time to buy library bags are Monday 9 to 10, all day Wednesdays or any time after school Mon, Tues or Thur. Please do not come during class time as I teach classes. Students are also allowed to buy library bags during class time.

### Library days!

This term the children will have library on the following days.

Monday: 5/6 Lyrebirds, 3/4 Seagulls, 1 Galah

Tuesday: 4 Noisy Minor Birds, 5/6 Bowerbirds, 1 Rosellas and 3 Blue Wrens.

Wednesday: 2/3 Kookaburras, 5/6 Penguins, 4 Albatross.

Thursday: 2 Willie Wagtails, 1 Lorikeets, Kindergarten Owls, 1/2 Pelicans.

Friday: Kindergarten Cockatoos, Kindergarten Emus (these lessons will be taken by Mr Kranenburg).

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO BORROW MUST BRING A LIBRARY BAG!

### Library Themes.

This term we have exciting lessons for library.

Kindergarten will learn about: This is me.

Year 1 and 2 will learn about: Families.

Year 3 and 4 will learn about: Australian Landforms and Icons.

Year 5 and 6 will learn about: Rainforests.

Mr Norambuena Teacher Librarian



# NOW IS the Time!

Learn to Swim **ENROL NOW!**

AND Receive a

**FREE SWIM LESSON**

When you bring in this voucher before 28th February!

- Babies to Adults
- Beginners to Champions
- Only once a week
- School Carnival Practice
- Indoor & Outdoor Heated Pool
- Qualified Swim Teachers

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DONT  
MISS  
OUT!**

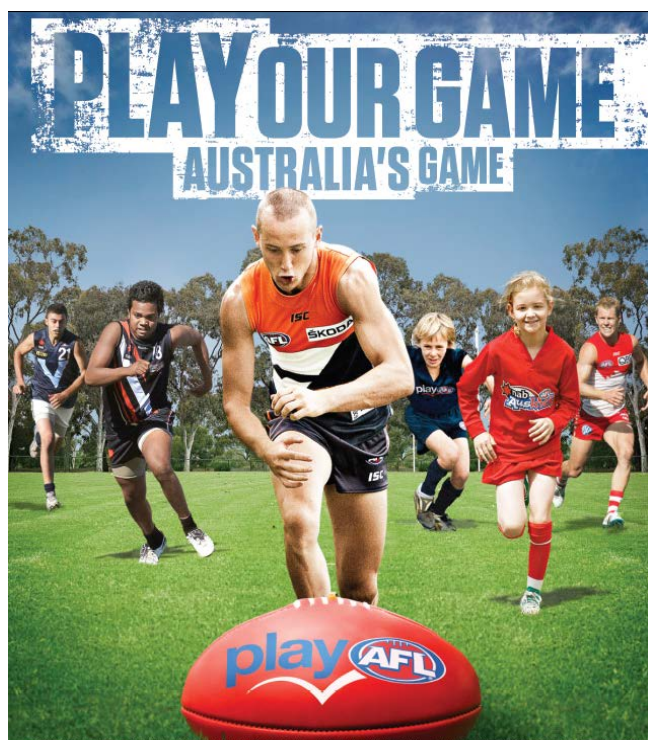
How did you  
go at your  
school  
swimming  
carnival?

**ENROL WITH YOUR FRIENDS TODAY!  
AND SOMEONE FROM YOUR SCHOOL COULD WIN  
FREE SWIMMING LESSONS TILL JULY 2013!**

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PHONE 9721 2911  
[www.abcswimming.com.au](http://www.abcswimming.com.au)



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Greystanes

[www.gogoannas.com.au](http://www.gogoannas.com.au)

TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
21/2/13	Parent/Teacher Information Evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm
28/2/13	Parent Excursion Darling Harbour
1/3/13	PSSA Starts
6/3/13	Zone Swimming Carnival
19/3/13	Regional Swimming Carnival
29/3/13	Good Friday Public Holiday
1/4/13	Easter Monday Public Holiday 
2/4/13 – 12/4/13	Special Swim Scheme K-6
12/4/13	Last Day of School Term 1
29/4/13 – 30/4/13	Staff Development Days
1/5/13	School Resumes for ALL Students



**Holroyd Hotshots Netball**

*PLAY NETBALL ... make new friends*

**NOW TAKING REGISTRATIONS**

Holroyd Hotshots Netball Club are looking for junior and senior players.

Games are played each Saturday at Wyatt Park, Percy Street, Auburn.  
Training held at Tom Uren Park, Guildford West

Join us for the 2013 season, starts Saturday 27 April 2013.

## REGISTRATION DAY

**In person**  
**Sat 16 February 2013**  
**10am—12noon**  
PANA Netball Courts  
Wyatt Park, Percy Street, Auburn

**Online (anytime)**  
Check our website

### More information

Emily McMahon, Registrar  
0412 413 040

Raelene Turner, Secretary  
0422 737 980

email: [holroydhotshots@yahoo.com.au](mailto:holroydhotshots@yahoo.com.au)  
website: [www.holroydhotshots.netball.asn.au](http://www.holroydhotshots.netball.asn.au)

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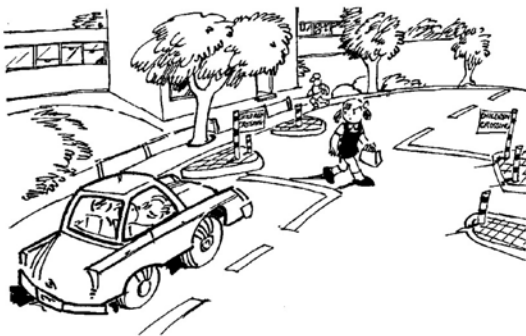
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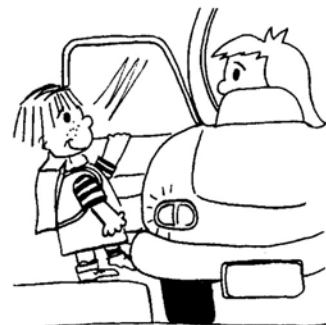
**MODEL  
safe and considerate  
behaviour**



**A message from your  
Local Council**

**THERE IS NO EXCUSE  
FOR ILLEGAL PARKING**

**ALWAYS  
drop off and pick up your  
children on the school side  
of the road.**



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