



## GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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# NEWS UPDATE

21 MARCH 2013



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Immigration**  
**and Citizenship**

## 21 MARCH HARMONY DAY



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**people** our business

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to wish you all a very happy **Harmony Day** today! During the day, students, teachers and parents celebrated our wonderful home and land.....Australia.

As principal of our diverse and highly multi-cultural school, it makes me extremely proud to acknowledge, that our school, Guildford Public School, continues to be a leading school in promoting the values of respect and harmony. The future of our country relies heavily on the continuation of these values within all corners of our community. I believe our children will grow up with strong values because of how we promote Harmony today and every day.



Congratulations Guildford Public School!

### ENGLISH CLASSES

I am pleased to advise you that our English Classes for non-English Speaking Background (NESB) parents will continue in 2013.

Jin Liang, our English teacher from last year is on Maternity leave. However, we will have two new teachers working with us this year namely, Dima Khulifat and Zuhail Mohammady.

English lessons will be at 9:30am on Friday mornings in the school Library. The classes will commence on 22 March. All parents are welcome! Classes will cover conversational English and written English.

## EASTER HAT PARADE

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our Easter Hat Parade next Tuesday at 1:00pm under our COLA. Remembering that our hat categories are:

- Easter Hat
- Multicultural Hat
- Superhero Hat
- Fairytales Hat
- Space Hat



I encourage all students K-6 to get involved. Students are asked to wear Mufti clothes on Monday in return for an Easter Egg donation. Easter eggs will be put into baskets by our parent helpers and will be raffled at our Easter Hat Parade.

I forgot to say that there will be some great prizes for our Easter Hat Parade category winners. Have fun making those winning hats!

Wishing you peace and happiness during the Easter Season.

Have a Great Fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless    Principal

## STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff Professional Learning Update: Week 7-8

All 3-6 teachers participated in 1& half days training in a numeracy intervention program named TOWN (Taking off with Numeracy). This involved their assessing some of their students and tracking their ability in place value and multiplication.

On Tuesday 12 March, Ms McGrath, Mr Crowther and Mrs Ward participated in training in the Best Start literacy and numeracy assessment frameworks to assist them better track and monitor students' early learning development.

On Thursday 14 and Friday 15 March, Ms Walpole attended the Lead and Manage conference with South West Sydney Region executives.

On Tuesday 19 March, all K-2 teachers will continue their training with the Best Start literacy and numeracy assessment frameworks to assist them better track and monitor students' early learning development.

*Ms Sophie Paterson HAT*

## SCHOOL VISION 2013-2015

A huge thank you to all the parents that participated in the creation of our new school vision statement last Thursday. Over 35 parents attended a meeting in the AV room in the library where you discussed and shared your vision for the parent community, as partners in the Guildford PS learning journey for the next 3-5 years. We will put the final touches to this statement, after conferencing with our students and staff to present and launch it in the first week of Term 2.

*Miss Paterson, Mrs Hemming and the CLOs*

## Websites of The Week

### Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child's next speech a success.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

### Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know>

## \*\*\* ASSEMBLY STARS \*\*\*

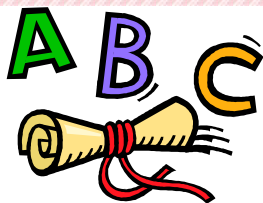
Kelsie White 1G  
Tyson Ashton 4A  
Amirah El-Kassab 1G

Sohaib Agha 2/3K  
Lorima Rokosuka 1R  
Jacob Masters 4A

Rabee Zreika 2W

Mohammad Hassan 5/6P

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



KE Austin Pan, Nicole Irving  
 KO Faraz Hussain, Jebesha Kanneh,  
 Amelia Piu, Jdin Teiti  
 1L Calvin Kay, Aleya Okan, Sarrah Hussain  
 La-Tesha Maisema  
 1/2P Hassan Farhat, Tupou Fisihoi Arda Kulak  
 2W Austin Flood, Aysha Imad Ali  
 2/3K Jessica Trieu Phu  
 4A Tiresa Rees, Tony Finau, Joumana Ayouch  
 5/6B Ritik Prasad, Sharlene Muru-Tucker  
 5/6L Andre Meauli, Ali Abdul Rahman  
 5/6P Augustina Asabre, Jane Waqa, Issa Arbess  
 Amal Elhaj  
 ESL Yusef Tarabiya  
 CAPA Jimmy Fu, Hasina Yosufi, Selina Tan  
 Tiresa Rees

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents who have demonstrated their support for our school uniform policy by ensuring all our students are in correct uniform every day. It is so pleasing to see most students in the correct uniform including school hat and black shoes. I know our school community is very proud of its sound school image based on a strong adherence to wearing the correct school uniform. I would also like to congratulate all students who have been coming to school in correct school uniform. Great job!

Mr Hanna

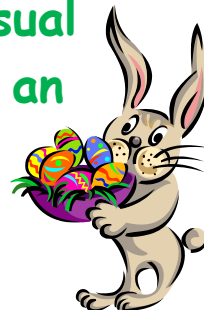
Stage 3 Assistant Principal



# Easter Mufti Day Reminder

**Monday 25 March 2013**

**Dress in your casual  
clothes and donate an  
Easter Egg for the  
Easter Raffle.**



## NEWS FROM THE GUILDFORD COMMUNITY

On Thursday 29 March Guildford Public School went on an excursion to Darling Harbour. The aim of the excursion was to familiarise parents with Darling Harbour and the wonderful things it has to offer.

On the day we had a group of 15 parents. We caught the train from Guildford station to Town Hall and we walked to Darling Harbour. We rested in the park for our morning tea while other children played in the playground and parents joined them on the swings. Later we started a tour of Darling Harbour by exploring the IMAX Theatre, Sydney Aquarium, Reptile Park and Madam Tussaud Wax Museum. Along the way we enjoyed the view of the water and the wonderful atmosphere around us.

At 12:30 we stopped for lunch in the food court, where we had our lunch and enjoyed conversation and laughter with each other. We made our way back to the station by 2:00pm and got back to school by 2:45pm.

It was good to hear that our parents had a wonderful time and asked us when the next excursion would be. So we're already on our way to planning another one and hope to see many new faces on the day. Til next time!

Zena and Asenati CLO's





# PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP



Thank you to all the Kindergarten parents who attended the first Parents in Partnership workshop for 2013. We had a fabulous turn out with twenty-one parents joining us to find out how they can help their child at home. Parents had the opportunity to hear about Best Start from the region's Best Start Literacy and Numeracy Leader, Kerry Walker. Miss Sunnucks, Miss Ali Khan, Mrs Habib (a Prac student) and the Community Liaison Officers Asanati and Zena were on hand to answer questions, and translate in Arabic. Parents were given the opportunity to see and have a go using a variety of hands on resources including magnetic letters, whiteboards, books, decks of cards and numeral flash cards

*Miss Ali Khan (Rel. Assistant Principal Early Stage One)*

A huge thank you to our parents who always have time on Thursday to help out in our Partnership

- Covering books
- Laminating and cutting games for different classes
- Attending Parent Workshops
- Preparing raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle
- Donating biscuits/sugar/tea etc for our café

Your help is appreciated by teaches and all staff here in Guildford Public School. Great Work!

*Asenati & Zena CLO's*

Over the last two weeks we have had 2 very successful workshops, one on Best Start and the other on developing a School Vision statement from a parent's point of view. Both workshops were well attended and allowed people to ask questions and provide feedback and suggestions for future programs within the school.

The overall opinion of the parents that attended last week was that Guildford is doing a great job in communicating information to parents. They would like to have more opportunities to expand their own skills so that they can provide more assistance to the school.

The next workshop is planned for Thursday 4 April at 9.10 a.m. The topic will be NAPLAN. This workshop will be of special interest to parents with students in Year 3 and 5, but all parents are invited as all students will participate in NAPLAN tests during their school life.

*D Hemming*



## 5/6 LYREBIRD AT GUILDFORD AGED CARE FACILITY – The Songbirds

5/6 Lyrebird have been participating in a music program called *Sing Out Loud* in conjunction with the residents of Guildford Aged Care facility on Wednesday afternoons this term.

Music facilitator Nick Fury and his ukulele have been rehearsing with the students and residents. They have been learning new songs with percussion instruments as well as researching about some the songs they have been singing. You may recognise some of these...*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *Singing in the Rain* and *Those Were the Days*, just to name a few.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed singing with the residents. They are looking forward to showcasing what they have been working on with the residents at the upcoming concert performance to be held at school at the end of the term.

Details about the concert will be announced soon.

*Mrs Peñaloza (5/6 L Class teacher)*



# SUPERSTARS



*Superstars are pending!!*

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Children with a high numbers of days absent and lateness from school have difficulties adjusting to school routines, and can fall behind in their school work as they lose valuable learning time.

Children with a high number of days absent and lateness from school can also find it difficult to make or keep friends and may feel socially isolated from their peer group and classroom routines.

Being at school every day and on time is important. It teaches children:

- To be Punctual.
- To be Respectful.
- To become strong and confident learners
- The importance of routine.
- To be Responsible
- To form strong friendships

A note should always be provided for absences within 7 days from that absence. If a note is not provided within that time frame it is recorded as unjustified and remains on the student's record.

Children are our future and in order for them to be successful in adult life we must teach them good routine, responsibility and the importance of education at a young age. If families need support or have any queries please make a time with our office staff to come and see me.

*Mr Peter Hanna      Stage 3 Assistant Principal*

## SPORT NOTICE

### PSSA Sport

#### T-Ball and Softball

#### Draw Term 1



#### VENUES:

1. Granville Park – Claremont St, Merrylands
2. Harry Gapes Reserve – Lavinia St, Merrylands

Round 4      22 March

*Guildford plays Granville South at Harry Gapes Reserve*

Round 5      5 April

*Guildford plays Granville East at Granville Park*

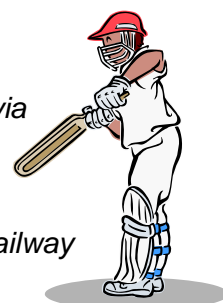
Round 6      12 April

*Guildford plays Lidcombe at Harry Gapes Reserve*

### Cricket Draw Term 1

#### VENUES

1. Progress Park – Killeen St via Chisholm St
2. Mona Park – Mona St Auburn
3. Guildford County (Park) – Railway Tce.



Round 4      22 March

*Guildford plays Auburn North at Progress Park*

Round 5      5 April

*Guildford plays Auburn West at Progress Park*

Round 6      12 April

*Guildford plays Granville at Guildford County*

*Miss Smith - Sports Coordinator.*

### Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 6 March 11 students from Guildford Public School attended the Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival at Granville Swimming Centre.

Mahmutjahn Olca, Paul Charbel, Alaa Agha, Taylan Yag, Lusie Perez, Sinem Namik, Ivy Tran, Sherif Awick, Connor Flood, Amir Awick and Renalds Sar all represented our school with pride on the day.

Congratulations to **Ivy Tran**, **Sherif Awick** and **Lusia Perez** who will be representing Auburn Zone at the Sydney South West Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

*Miss Smith*





# Whispers from the Library.

## Remember to return books.

It's important that you remind your child to bring back their book for library day and explain that they should always put their books in the returns hole. Some students (even in Year 5/6 classes) have been placing their books on the shelves BEFORE they have been scanned as returned. This causes issues when I send out overdue notices.

## Year 5/6 Library Assignment.

All Year 5/6 classes have been given an assignment for library. This assignment is an in school assignment and is NOT to be done at home and should not be affecting their homework or any other class assignments. This assignment will help students learn many web tools and research skills. It will be an ongoing assignment during library lessons with a completion date by Week 5, Term 2.

The assignment is based on their library topic which is Rainforests. Students were given an endangered animal that lives in the rainforest. Some of these animals are unknown and will be quite interesting to find out about. The assignment will not include cardboard, paper or plastic folders. It will be completed either on a computer software such as PowerPoint or Publisher or an online hosting site such as [www.prezi.com](http://www.prezi.com). Students will need to email this assignment to me which will help learn how to email with attachments or adding a link to an email.

## Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Rees, Mrs Sheehy and Mrs Cullen for helping cover the student's library work books. It was a huge task and the help was very appreciative.

Thank you also to all the parents/carers of the library monitors. I'm pleased to say that all the monitors' contracts have been signed by you and your child has been working hard to maintain the library.

Mr Norambuena Library Teacher

## Easter Hat Parade

A reminder that the Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle is on Tuesday 26 March at 1:00pm to 3:00pm. We look forward to seeing you and we are excited to see all the hats from each category! Please note that the location has changed and we will now be holding the Easter Hat Parade under the COLA.

Thank you. Easter Hat Parade Committee.



# Feature Class

## 5/6 Bowerbird – Mrs Byrnes

5/6 Bowerbird has been visiting the computer lab each week to learn how to use new web tools such as Edmodo and Tagxedo. We have also been discussing the importance of cyber safety and ways we can protect ourselves while exploring the internet.

Here are some of the conversations that took place during our lesson on cyber safety:

*"I learnt that cyber bullying is a really bad thing and that our parents need to supervise us when we are on the internet."* - Hassan

*"When we are browsing games to play on the internet, we have to ask ourselves whether they are suitable for us."* - Sharlene

*"I learnt that we mustn't ever give out our passwords, just in case someone tries to access our account and personal information."* - Imran

*"Netiquette means using manners when you are on the internet, for example, posting respectful comments about our learning on Edmodo."* - William



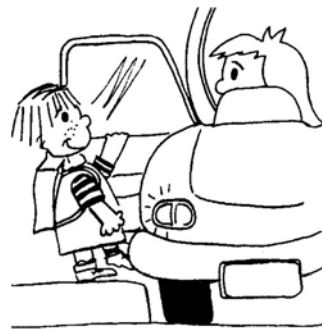
CyberQuoll is a fantastic online resource that parents can use at home to reinforce the importance of staying safe while using the internet. As a parent, your child will benefit from your knowledge and you will have the opportunity to reinforce key internet safety issues presented by CyberQuoll. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/cyberquoll/html/parents.html>

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
25/3/13	Mufti Day. Donate an Egg
26/3/13	Easter Hat Parade & Raffle
29/3/13	Good Friday Public Holiday
1/4/13	Easter Monday Public Holiday 
2/4/13 – 12/4/13	Special Swim Scheme Years 2-6 
12/4/13	Last Day of School Term 
29/4/13- 30/4/13	Staff Development Days 
1/5/13	School Resumes for ALL Students

**THERE IS NO EXCUSE  
FOR ILLEGAL PARKING**

**ALWAYS**

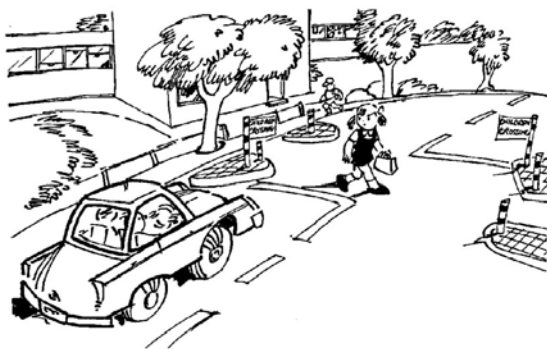
**drop off and pick up your  
children on the school side  
of the road.**



**A message from your  
Local Council**

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FOR ILLEGAL PARKING**

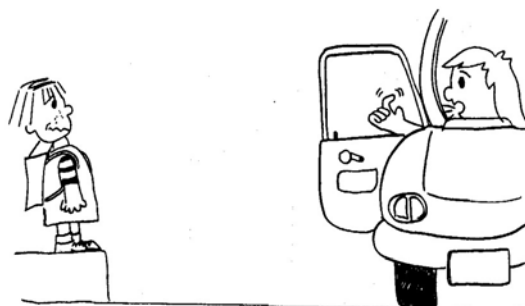
**MODEL  
safe and considerate  
behaviour**



**A message from your  
Local Council**

**THERE IS NO EXCUSE  
FOR ILLEGAL PARKING**

**NEVER  
call your child  
across the road**



**A message from your  
Local Council**