



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

ANAPHYLAXIS

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student

- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or hers has been administered

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

PARRAMATTA EELS VISIT GPS

Last week we had the pleasure of meeting Tim Mannah and Samuel Radradra from the Parramatta Eels first grade football team. The professional league players were here to present a message of fair play and anti-bullying. The football stars engaged the audience and some lucky students received prizes. They were photographed with a group of boys who play for Parramatta. Even yours truly had his photo taken with the football stars. Parramatta Eels often visit Guildford Public School and we are always impressed with how genuine they present to our students. The students cheered and were excited with the visit and presentation. My sincere thanks to the Parramatta Eels football team. We wish them luck for the upcoming 2013 Season.



STUDENTS TAKE PLEDGE OF LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT

In week 4 we celebrated our student leaders' for 2013 by a formal Induction Ceremony. School Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects and Student Representative Counsellors (SRC) received their special badge. Students were asked to recite their respective pledge. I have included these pledges in this newsletter for your information.

A special feature of the ceremony was the involvement of the parents and carers in pinning the badges on the captains and prefects. It is a great honour and big responsibility for students to take on these leadership roles at school. I wish them success with these important roles in 2013.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PLEDGE

AS AN ELECTED STUDENT LEADER OF MY CLASS AT GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL I AGREE TO REPRESENT MY CLASS AND SCHOOL WITH PRIDE AND HONOUR.

I AGREE TO CARRY OUT MY STUDENT LEADERSHIP DUTIES EACH DAY TO HELP THE PRINCIPAL, MY TEACHER AND FELLOW STUDENTS.

I WILL STRIVE TO MAKE MY CLASS AND MY SCHOOL A SAFE AND HAPPY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

I WILL ATTEND SRC MEETINGS REGULARLY AND PRESENT MY CLASS' S VIEWS FAIRLY. I WILL REPORT BACK TO MY CLASS AFTER MEETINGS.



CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS PLEDGE

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I AGREE TO CARRY OUT MY STUDENT LEADERSHIP DUTIES EACH DAY TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL A SAFE AND HAPPY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS.

I WILL STRIVE TO BE FAIR, HONEST AND RESPONSIBLE AND BE A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL STUDENTS. I WILL ENDEAVOUR TO BRING CREDIT TO OUR SCHOOL, MY FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day will once again be celebrated at Guildford on Thursday 21 March. I invite your son or daughter to wear orange clothes, shoes and accessories on this day. Staff and parents are also invited to dress up in orange. We will have open classrooms from 11:30am to 1:00pm where students will be involved in visual arts and social games. We hope to take lots of photographs to chronicle the day and put on our school's website.

As a dynamic Multicultural school this is a particularly special day for us to celebrate our diversity.

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 23 March. All parents are welcome! Classes will cover conversational English and written English.

Have a Great Fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless Principal

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This past fortnight has seen Miss Paterson and Mrs Penaloza training in the numeracy Framework in a program named TOWN.

Mrs Byrnes, Miss Smith, Mrs Edge and Ms McGrath spent Wed and Thurs 27 & 28 Feb training in Phase 2 of the Focus on Reading Facilitation Program. They are leading all our teachers in reading comprehension training on Tuesday 5th March.

Mrs Ward, and Miss Sunnucks attended an Early Career Teachers conference on March 1.

Mrs Walpole attended training on Learning Support systems on Monday 4 March.

Mr Hannah, Ms AliKhan and Mrs Haider spent Monday 4 March analysing data and collaboratively writing our Annual School Report

Ms Paterson HAT

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



KE Yamur Oxcakmak
KO Alexander Moaga, Zahraa Al-Ghizi
1G William Barati, Dylan Bickmore
1R Ayah Yassine, Rosabel Gyan
1/2P Richard Hosea, Gabriel Taleb,
 Exodus Rees, Angela Chen
2W Mohammed Khazma, Jimmy Fu
 Joanna Habib
2/3K Yusef Tarabiya
4A Sarah tarabiya, Hayne Khaung
4N Sofia Wallis, Ahmed Taleb
5/6B Paul Charbel, Frank Rees
5/6L Long Zou, Chelti Madamba,
 Lusia Perez
STLA Dima Almahdawi
ESL Ali Hussaini
RFF Joumana Ayouch, Amir Awick

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK

* * ASSEMBLY STARS * *

Jessica Masters 1R Christina Borg 4N

Serkan Oksuz 4A Sebell Alameddine 2/3K

Websites of The Week

Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Assignment starters for the arts

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignment-starters-for-the-arts>

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems>

Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for school work? Or if carrying their schoolbag may be causing them pain? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

SUPERSTARS

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



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 2 8 March
Guildford has a Bye

Round 3 15 March
Guildford plays Auburn West at Granville Park

Round 4 22 March
Guildford plays Granville South at Harry Grapes Reserve

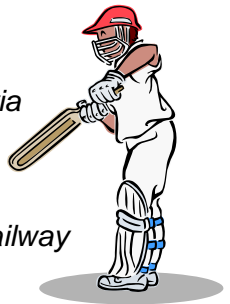
Round 5 5 April
Guildford plays Granville East at Granville Park

Round 6 12 April
Guildford plays Lidcombe at Harry Grapes 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 2 8 March
Guildford plays Lidcombe at Progress Park

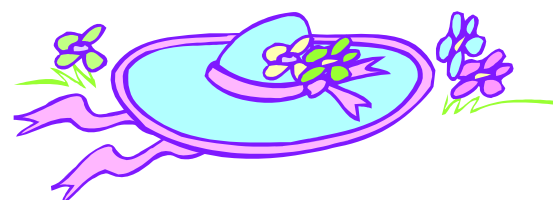
Round 3 15 March
Guildford plays Rosehill at Mona Park

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.



STEWART HOUSE

This week your children would have received a Stewart House Donation Envelope. The money collected each year helps 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT.

During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides the building and staffing support for this school. A majority of the staff at our school give a fortnightly donation to help this organisations wonderful work. Please return the envelope with a small donation to help this wonderful organisation continuing its special work for children in public schools. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.



MORE FOOTY PHOTOS



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

How did you go at your school swimming carnival?

**HURRY
DONT
MISS
OUT!**

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

Guildford Swim Centre
1 Tamplin Rd Guildford
PHONE 9721 2911
www.abcswimming.com.au

Fun Safe & Easy with ABC



Harmony

DAY

21 March is Harmony Day

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Since 1999 Harmony Day has been widely celebrated across schools, childcare centres, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

To encourage celebrations, DIAC provides free Harmony Day promotional material to those who register events on the website. There are also educational resources for teachers and students to celebrate Harmony Day in their schools.

Get involved:
Website:
www.harmony.gov.au

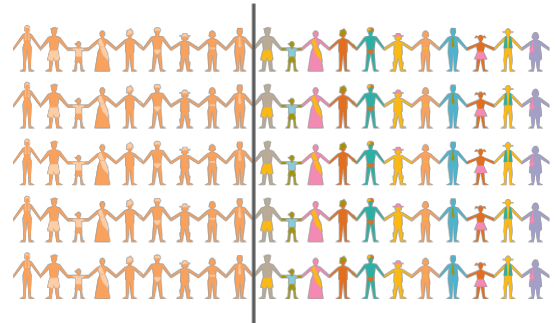
Email: harmonyday@immi.gov.au
Phone: 1800 331 100



Around 7 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945



We identify with approximately 300 ancestries



45%

of Australians are either born Overseas or have a parent who were

Harmony Day has been celebrated with



EVENTS
since it began in 1999

everyone BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au



ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

School Zones

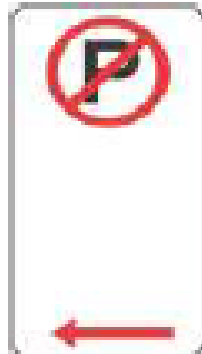
This fact sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to School Zones.



You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

Penalty \$298 + 2 Demerit Points



You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 meters from the vehicle.

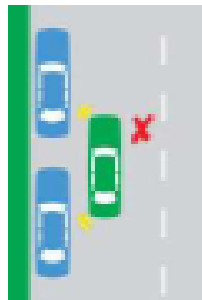
Penalty \$165+ 2 Demerit Points



You must not stop or park your vehicle in a bus zone for any reason.

This includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

Penalty \$298 + 2 Demerit Points



You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people Off or pick them up.

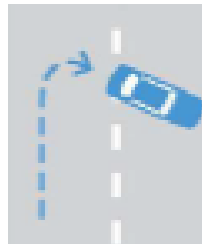
Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area.

Penalty \$298 + 2 Demerit Points



You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up

Penalty \$397 + 2 Demerit Points



You must not make a U-turn without giving way to pedestrians or vehicles in a school zone

Penalty \$397 + 4 Demerit Points



You must not use a mobile phone whilst driving.
Using your mobile phone whilst driving is distracting and dangerous, and is putting lives at risk.

Penalty \$397 + 4 Demerit Points

Parking and driving unsafely can put children's lives at risk.

Take care when in School Zones

For more information visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au

Or Contact Holroyd City Council's Road Safety Officer on Ph: 9840 9880