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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this is the first newsletter for 2014, I'd sincerely like to convey my best wishes to all members of the Guildford Public School Community. I am delighted to welcome our new 109 Kindergarten children and their families to our school. As well as our new Kindergarten students we have over 30 new enrolments from Year 1 to 6. Our student numbers are now 483 students and we will be forming 20 classes K – 6. Students from years 1 to 6 moved into their new class today and Kindergarten will follow on Monday. We will have two temporary classrooms until two further demountable buildings are installed as soon as possible this term.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to a number of new staff who have joined us for 2014.

From left to right:

Mrs Kim Cross, Mrs Rema Ajaj, Mr Justin Vassallo and Miss Samantha Karamaneas.

ANNUAL GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to the many parents who have paid their Annual General School Contribution. The General Contribution for 2014 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.



2014 CLASSES NOW FORMED

Over the past week we have been calculating our new enrolments and adjusting our overall student numbers. Students have been kept in holding classes which were essentially their 2013 class group. We have also had a few families move out of Guildford. We have now established our 2014 classes with their new teacher for this year. In keeping with our Australian themes, this year's classes will be named after Aboriginal words. Through this it is anticipated that all students will develop an appreciation for our unique country but particularly a stronger understanding of the traditional custodians of this land and their amazing contribution to our culture and history. It is hoped that all our students will learn the meanings of these well-known Aboriginal words.



Kindergarten Bombora.....

Mrs Lisa Dawson

Kindergarten Cooee.....

Miss Laura Blewitt (Rel AP)

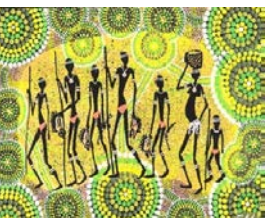


Kindergarten Mallee.....

Mrs Rema Ajaj

Kindergarten Waratah.....

Mrs Jane El Samrani



Kindergarten Yakka.....

Miss Melissa Gromof

K/1 Witchetty.....

Miss Samantha Karamaneas



1 Potoroo.....

Mrs Linda Penaloza

1 Yabby.....

.Mrs Rita Edge



2 Brolga.....

.Mrs Kim Cross



2 Goanna.....

Mr Nathan Crowther



1/2 Budgerigar...

.Ms Chrissy Ghassibe



2/3 Boomerang.....

.Mrs Canan Ali



3 Coolamon.....

Mrs Deb Ferguson

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Wobbegong.....

.Miss Ayesha Ali Khan



4 Bunyip.....

Miss Alisha Smith

4 Coolabah.....

Miss Shelley D'Souza





5 Billabong.....

Mrs Anita Byrnes

5 Corroboree.....

Miss Melodie Bryceland



6 Barramundi.....

Mrs Cevher Tanak

6 Jamberoo.....

Mr Chris Nicalacopoulos



2014 Assistant Principal Support Initiative K-6



You may have noticed that I have not allocated our three Assistant Principals Miss Walpole, Mrs Haidar and Mr Hanna to specific classes this year. However, they will still be coordinating and supervising teams across the school as follows:

Mrs HaidarStage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Mr HannaStage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

Miss Walpole ..Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6).

Miss Blewitt will be Relieving Assistant Principal for this year and will be looking after Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten).

In 2014, the three substantive Assistant Principals will specifically support through Team Teaching, Mentoring and Professional Development, the teachers on their allocated team. In addition they will also work across the whole school K-6 in utilizing aspects of their individual expertise to further support and enhance the leadership potential of all teachers.

We have been able to create this professional model and initiative through National Partnerships and Equity funding. Over the past two years this funding has supported the positions of Deputy Teaching (Quality Teaching) and the Highly Accomplished Teacher (HAT) positions which have now completed their respective durations on our 3 Year Plan. Our new model of support continues with the belief that it is the quality of the teaching that makes the biggest difference on student outcomes. Through explicit support for teachers our underlying focus of delivering the best quality teaching for your children is maximized and delivered daily.

Parent Teacher Night



All parents are invited to the school on the evening of **Wednesday 19 February** to meet their child's teacher followed by a Parent Information Meeting in the School hall.

Please meet your son or daughter's class teacher at 6pm in their classroom for a short chat about class expectations. At 6.25pm we will proceed to the hall for a combined meeting with all staff and parents. This meeting will be led by Mr Lawless (Principal) and the Executive Team and Teachers K-6. There will also be time for general questions from the parent community.

We will conclude by 7:15 pm.

Tea and coffee will be available.

See you there!

Prefect and SRC Induction

Assembly

Please join us on Wednesday 26 February at 12 noon under the COLA for our first assembly for 2014.

This will be a special assembly as our new School Captains, Prefects and all the Student Representative Council (SRC) will recite their pledge and receive their badge for 2014. Hope you can join us for this special annual event.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DANGEROUS PARKING & DRIVING

I continue to be concerned by the manner in which some parents put their child and other children at risk by doing dangerous things in the Apia Street cul-de-sac. People need to turn at the end of the cul-de-sac, however some parents insist on parking in the area, clearly indicated as "No Stopping"

The R.T.A is often outside our school and if you are caught breaking these rules you will be fined. You may get away with it at times; however you will be caught if you break the rules.



Yes! I realise parking is limited. There is nothing we can do about that. Park further away in back streets or walk. Isn't the safety of your child and all our 483 students the important factor?

While I have frequently given the community this message, and thank the majority of parents who do the right thing, I've had to stipulate this message again due to what I've witnessed this week and last week.

Also, please don't park in the private property of the units. I continue to receive complaints regarding this practice from the residents. Thanks to all who support me in this campaign? Let's look after our kids! We value each and every one of them!

Swimming Carnival

Success



We had a wonderful 3-6 Swimming Carnival yesterday (Thursday) thanks to Miss Smith's organization and the wonderful support of staff and involvement of students. I took some photos of the exciting event which we will include in next fortnight's newsletter. Well done to everyone involved and thank goodness it didn't rain. The weather was just right! Great way to start the year! It was nice to see some parents there too!

Have a great fortnight!



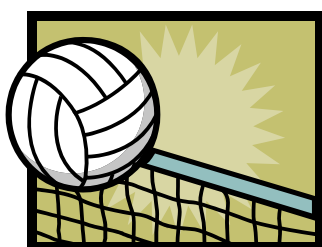
Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

PLAYGROUP



Guildford Play and Learn will commence on Tuesday the 11 January 2014 from 9:15am-11:15am and run from the Guildford Public School Hall. All enrolled families are welcome back, but as we are full and cannot accept any more enrolments, any new families will be placed on a waiting list. For more information please call Suzanne or Kellie on: 9636 8437.

Sport 2014



Congratulations to our house captains and vice captains voted in for 2014. They will be representing their house groups at each carnival and working hard to cheer on and encourage all of their team mates.

Waratah Captains are Augustina Asabre and Sherif Awick. Waratah Vice-Captains are Tara Noguiera and Amir Awick.

Wattle Captains are Mirna Abdulwahab and Issa Arbess. Wattle Vice-Captains are Tiresa Rees and Mohammed Yasseer.

Blue Gum Captains are Jeyda Olca and Luke Dannawe. Bluegum Vice-Captains are Amani Naaman and Jakob Masters.

Alisha Smith

Sports Coordinator

CHICKEN POX



We would like to inform parents about the symptoms of chicken pox as there has been a case within our school in the last week, if your child has any of these symptoms please contact your family Doctor.

Time from exposure to illness 2-3 weeks.

Symptoms

Slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.

Do I need to keep my child at home?

Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

How can I help prevent the spread?

Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old. It is recommended for people over 12 years who are not immune.



TERM 1	DATES TO REMEMBER
Feb 13	Parent Morning Tea
Feb 19	Parent Teacher Night
Feb 26	Prefect & SRC Induction Assembly
Mar 20	Harmony Day
Mar 25	Cross Country
Mar 27	NAPLAN Parent Workshop
Mar 31- Apr 11	Swimming Scheme
Apr 11	Last Day Term 1

Primary school

Is your child in a new class without their friends?

At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/new-class-without-their-friends>

Summer food safety

You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child's lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.

Have a look at more school food tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>

Primary and High school

Communicating with your school

While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home.

Watch this video to find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

Series books to ignite summer reading

Series books can be a great way to get your kids hooked on reading. Reluctant readers and children who struggle with comprehension can also find series books easier to enjoy.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/series-books-to-ignite-summer-re>