



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the final newsletter for Term 1. Next Friday, 11 April will be the last day of this term. This will be followed by two weeks holiday which includes the Easter Season. Students will return to school on Tuesday, 29 April.

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN will be completed by all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in week 3 next term. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 – 15 May, 2014.

Tuesday, 13/5/14	Wednesday, 14/5/14	Thursday, 15/5/14
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b> (Number, Algebra, Fraction & patterns, chance & Data, measurement and space)

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.



### ABORIGINAL PERFORMERS DELIGHT WHOLE SCHOOL



Last Thursday all students had the pleasure of attending performances by Walangari Kartawarra and Diraamu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo. The professional group who have performed at official state functions and celebrity visits to Australia, presented three performances to our captivated students. A special feature was the magnificent didgeridoo music imitating native Australian fauna. The dancing and student participation in the performance was also a special highlight. More photos later in this newsletter.



## 2014 MULTICULTURAL DAY APPROACHES...Start Planning!



I would like to invite parents to the school next Thursday, 10 April at 9:10am for an information meeting in the hall about this year's Multicultural Food Fair and Entertainment. Our 2014 Multicultural Day is scheduled for Thursday, 29 May. We invite all cultural groups to contribute by organising a cultural dance or entertainment item. This can be with students alone or with combined parent/student groups if you prefer. Please try to co-ordinate with friends or community from your own cultural background. We also want as many children as possible to wear cultural based costumes/clothes on the day. All families will be invited to donate cultural food which will be sold at cultural stores just like in past years.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday, 10 April so we can get started.

### STUDENT SHOWS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT and ENERGY

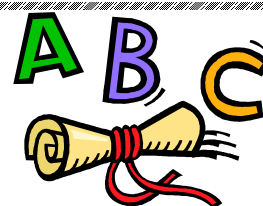
Jayden Christmas Estephan from 5 Billabong has above average energy for a 10 year old boy. His participation in sports and community involvement is most commendable.

Jayden (pictured here) proudly showed me recently a special award in Martial Arts he just received. The award titled 'International Sport Karate Association Martial Arts Hall of Fame' was given to Jayden to acknowledge his personal achievement and continuous contributions to Martial Arts.

As if this is not enough Jayden's photo was in last Saturday's Telegraph newspaper along with an article about his and other children's involvement as Nippers. Jayden trains as a junior lifesaver with 'Wet' n Wild' and recently participated in their first ever surf carnival.



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



**K Bombora** – Dakota Palmer, Meryam Aydemir  
**K Cooe** – Maleeha Kamoda, Hoda Mousawi  
**K Waratah** – Maleka Bettal, Sakina Mosaw, Talia Donmez  
**K Yakka** – Kiana Cogger,  
**1 Potoroo** – Divjot Grewal, Lorima Saukuru  
**1 Yabby** – Mariam Wazney, Mahmoud Taleb  
**1/2 Budgerigar** – Austin Pan, Jessica Masters, Calvin Kay  
**2 Brolga** – Exodus Rees  
**2 Goanna** – William Barati, Ahmed Ahmed  
**2/3 Boomerang** – Jimmy Fu, Zainab Hussain, Lana Abouzaid  
**3 Wobbegong** – Yusef Tarabiya, Ibrahim Alhalabi  
**4 Bunyip** – Ali Barri, Beita Ghaderi, Pallavi Kamoda  
**5 Corroboree** – Nadine El Ramlawie, Mohammed Al-Doukhi  
**6 Barramundi** – James Dower Junior, Henrique Ah Lam, Cindy Nguyen  
**6 Jamberoo** – Joshua Barlow, Salvador Castillo, Nassar Hasna, Mahdi Salman  
**ESL** – Thant Oo  
**RFF** – Aaliyah Zreika, Maleeha Kanoda, Fantasia Dokolo, Ane Fifita  
**Community Language** – Norah Ayouch, Fawwaz Al-Araji, Dima Almahdawi, Amira El Kassab

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

*KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. Mr Lawless*

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless  
Principal





# ***CENTENARY CELEBRATION***

In 2015 Guildford Public School will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year and we would like to get the community involved in planning for the celebrations. We will be holding a morning tea in the school hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15 am (Term 2, Week 2) for our community members who would like to help with the organisation of the centenary celebrations. So pencil it in your diaries! Community support will be vital to the success of this important event, as teachers can only do so much whilst focusing on teaching and improving student outcomes. A note will go home next week with the eldest child as a reminder and asking parents to RSVP for catering purposes.



**Did you know?** The first principal for Guildford Public School, Mr E Friend, was appointed in December in 1914 and the school first opened its doors to teachers and students in 1915 at the beginning of the school year.

Watch this space for more 'Did you know' facts about the history of Guildford Public School and updates about the organisation for this exciting event.



This is the email address for Guildford Public School Centenary. Please send an email so we can contact you about the 100 year anniversary.

[guildfordpscentenary@gmail.com](mailto:guildfordpscentenary@gmail.com)

**Can you help, solve a  
Guildford Public  
School mystery?**



At our school's 75<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, the school community placed a metal time capsule into the ground.

The problem is the location of the buried time capsule is a bit hazy. A few people who were at the celebrations on the day think it is buried near the fence adjoining the pipeline.

But they are unsure of its exact location.

We need a metal detector to locate the lost time capsule.

Does anyone own, or know someone who has metal detector?



It would be great to open the time capsule at our school's hundredth anniversary.

Help the school solve this mystery!

The Centenary Committee

## **GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL** **WEB SITE**



Our website is regularly updated with our fortnightly newsletter, notes home and the calendar. Please go onto the website and have a look. If you have misplaced a note that has gone home you can get a copy of the website just go to Notes Home and all our notes are there. The website also gives you the opportunity to change the language so that it is easier for our non-English speaking parents and students to understand. The web address is :

<http://www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

## What's New and Exciting???

### Targeting Handwriting



*This year the school has purchased handwriting textbooks for every student to use in the classroom to support syllabus outcomes and improve the quality of students' handwriting skills. These textbooks will remain in the classroom and will go home at the end of the year. The teachers and students are equally excited and have begun using the textbooks.*

Mrs S. Haidar  
Assistant Principal



### MERRYLANDS PARRAMATTA & AUBURN COMBINED ZONES RUGBY LEAGUE

Good luck to Sherif Awick, Amir Awick and Taku Lutui who will be competing in the 11yrs Sydney West Rugby League Championships on Wednesday 2nd April at North Parramatta. Xavier Osekerita will be competing next Tuesday in the Opens Sydney West Rugby League Championships and we wish him luck also.

### AUBURN ZONE SOCCER

Congratulations to Jakob Masters, Mahdi Qanber Ali and Jayden Christmas-Estephan ( pictured below) for their selection in the Auburn Zone Soccer team. The boys will be competing at the Sydney West Soccer Carnival on Monday 7th April at Toongabbie. Good luck!!

Alisha Smith  
Sports  
Coordinator



# CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country carnival was cancelled last Tuesday and is rescheduled for Thursday, 1 May, 2014. A new note was issued to all students Years 2 – 6. Please return the new note to your child's teacher. There will be no lunch orders on the day for students Years 2 – 6.

## Whispers from the Library

### What are "Bookies"?

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Your child might have come home with excitement saying they've received a "bookie". You probably looked at them with a confused face not knowing what they are! Well let me explain. In class most teachers have different

types of reward systems. Some are web based, others are raffle tickets, and most are stickers or dot stickers. My reward system is a "bookie". This is how it works. I buy a whole heap of prizes from the cheapo shops. Students who save 3 bookies can get a stationary based prize (eg pencils, pens, rulers, erasers, note pads, etc). If a student saves 6 bookies, they can get a better prize which can be fun things, toys, etc. If they save up 9 bookies they can get some rare but awesome toys or fun things. So far this reward system has worked well with 95% of the students. It is important that your child look after their bookies and if you find them in their pockets before doing the clothes washing, please take it out and write their name on it and put it aside for them.

To earn a bookie students must show good behaviour, great discussion participation, neat and tidy book work, lovely manners and something spontaneous that's nice.

## Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 has started.

For those parents who would like their students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge, it isn't too hard to enrol. Students in 3 to 6 are responsible to enrol themselves and continue to put the books they read in the online reading log. Students from K to 2 are automatically enrolled by me and will have their books registered onto the reading log by me.

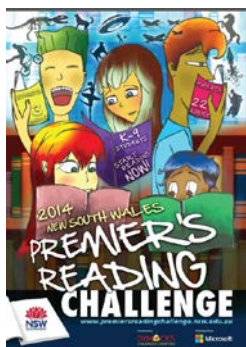
To log into the Premier's Reading Challenge website, you must use your student's log in name and password, just like if they were to log in at school.

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

Thank you ☺

*Mr Norambuena*

(Teacher Librarian)



*In Term 2, on Tuesday 29, May 2014, students will receive a Stewart House Donation Envelope requesting a donation. The money collected each year helps 1,800 public school children in need who 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 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 before Friday 9, May 2014 with a small coin donation to help this wonderful organisation continue its special work for children in public schools. All other costs associated with the children's' stay are met by charitable donations.*

TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
28/4/14	Staff Development Day
29/4/14	Students Return
1/5/14	Cross Country
13/5/14 to 15/5/14	NAPLAN Tests Years 3 and 5
21/5/14	Zone Cross Country
29/5/14	Multicultural Day
9/6/14	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - QUEENS BIRTHDAY
24/6/14	School Athletics Carnival
27/6/14	Last Day of Term 2

## AYDA FAMILY DAY CARE

Hi my name is Ayda. I am a family day care educator and provide high quality care for children in my home in Guildford. I provide care for children aged from 1 to 12 years of age. I am registered with Heavenly Family Day Care Scheme, 101 O'Neill Street Guildford NSW 2161.

I currently have vacancies available to provide the following:

- All Day Care
- Before and After School care including pick up and drop off to and from school for children
- Vacation/Holiday Care

The service is Child Care Benefit (CCB), and Child Care Rebate (CCR) Approved.

Please give me a call to discuss your care needs if you are interested – 0419 219 801



# Aboriginal Performers and Audience

