



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

8 MAY, 2014



### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the first newsletter for the term, I'm pleased to welcome everyone back after the holidays and give a special welcome to our 12 new students and their families, who have joined the Guildford Public School Community.

This term will be a busy one and has already started off with a very successful Cross Country Event last Thursday.

The highlights of this term will be our National Assessment Program–Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) which is on next week. The next big event will be our Multicultural Food Fair and Entertainment day on Thursday 29 May. And in Week 9 as the Term draws to a close, we will have our Annual Athletics Carnival on 26 June. Parents will also receive Semester 1 Student reports in Week 9 and have the opportunity to attend Parent/Teacher/ Student interviews to discuss the academic and social progress of all students.

### NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the 2014 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week.

It is important that students attend on these important test days. Please encourage your children by wishing them luck and showing your interest in these national tests. Ensure children get early nights and have a nice breakfast.

While we don't want children to become worried or stressed by these tests, it's good to encourage them simply by showing your interest and acknowledging that you know they will do their best.

The Program will be as follows:

Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
1. Language Conventions (40 minutes)	3. Reading Year 3 – (45 minutes)	4. Numeracy Year 3 – (45 minutes)
2. Writing (40 minutes)	Year 5 – ( 50 minutes)	Year 5 – (50 minutes)

### MULTICULTURAL DAY FOOD FAIR AND ENTERTAINMENT



You should have already received an invitation on Monday to participate in our 2014 Multicultural Day Food Fair and Entertainment. See how wonderful it was in 2012!

We are all hoping that we can have another very successful event equal or even better to the wonderful Multicultural Days we've had in the past. As you know this special event will be held on Thursday, 29 May and will commence at 11:00am and conclude at 2:30pm. As in past years we are hoping for the following :

- students dress in cultural costumes;
- each family donates a plate of food from their culture;
- parent assist by serving food on the day at cultural stores that will be set up in the courtyard;
- in the afternoon we have entertainment from High School groups and cultural groups of students in our school;
- raffle drawn at 2:30pm;

Please start getting ready for this special day when we celebrate our school and community.



Above: **Some performers from 2012**

## ANZAC DAY

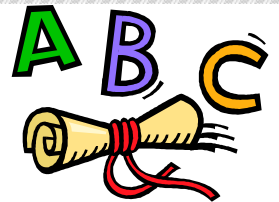


**School Captains and Vice-Captains**



**ANZAC DAY Assembly 2014**

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



**KB - Aarshan Norr, Zaynab Elsamad**  
**KM - Halima Alhalabi**  
**KW - Brandan Law, Angela Abou-Assaf,  
Nisrin Hasna, Ali Ebrahimi**  
**KY - Isatha Jallah, Mufaddal Hussain**  
**K/1W - Mirna Khaled, Husneya Muhammadi**  
**1Y - Alexander Moaga, Benjamin Lolohea**  
**3C - Ali Hamdan**  
**5B - Heame Khazma, Zimraan Anjum,  
Myset Elhaj, Christina Borg**  
**5C - Caroline Tuigamala, Nicole Croombes  
Bella Afu**  
**6J - Taku Lutui, Xavier Osekerita**  
**RFF - Cindy Nguyen**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. Mr Lawless*  
 I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless  
Principal





## MULTICULTURAL DAY TURKISH PARENTS MEETING

**WHEN : Friday, 9 May, 2014**

**TIME : 9:15am**

**WHERE : In the School Hall**

**Let's get together to plan and  
prepare ourselves for the  
Multicultural Day.**

## Message from the Assistant Principal's Opportunity Class

### **Placements- Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015.**

Applications for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015 are now available until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to apply online providing you have internet access, a printer and an email address.

If parents and caregivers do not have internet access they can collect an information package from Mr Hanna. **Please remember we only have a very small number of application forms as the Department of Education and Communities are strongly recommend that parents apply online.**

All online applications must be completed and submitted by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

All paper application forms must be submitted to Mr Hanna by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

To apply online please go to

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

## Attendance

As a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends school and arrives on time. The morning session is the most important time of your child's education and by arriving late, his/her learning is impacted. Please ensure that you leave home on time to transport your child to school by 8:55am.

Please make sure you:

- provide the school with an explanation if your child is late or away (preferably a doctors certificate)
- arrange doctor/dentist appointments out of school hours
- arrange personal shopping trips with your son/daughter or birthday celebrations out of school hours
- do not allow your child to stay at home unless they are genuinely sick

Teachers are looking for students in classes who are constantly on time at school and have a good attendance rate each term to award class certificates.

Thanking you for your support

Mr P Hanna

Assistant Principal

## *Centenary Celebration*

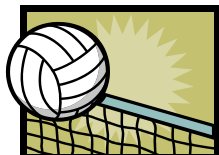
### *CENTENARY MORNING TEA*

Thank you to everyone who attended our Centenary morning tea. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and community support as we begin to plan for our centenary celebration. We will keep you updated of future meetings and the organisation for the centenary celebration. We look forward to working with the community on this exciting project!



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# Sport News



## Cross Country 2014

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this year's Cross Country Carnival. The winning house for this carnival was **WATTLE** with 190 points. **WARATAH** came a close second on 182 points and **BLUE GUM** came third with 133 points.

The students who placed in the first 5 in each age group will be attending the Auburn Zone Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Webb's Avenue Auburn. It is Guildford Public Schools turn to host the Zone Cross Country this year so any parent helpers would be much appreciated.

Thanks to the parent helpers who helped set up or sit on the course, Ian Masters and Itedal Al Saleh. Also a big thank you to Katalaini Namosimalua and Vani Tavodi for donating bottles of water for the students to have after their race.

## PSSA Sport

Winter PSSA starts this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Participating students need to have returned their permission note and code of conduct to their coach. Bus money (\$5.50) can be paid on Thursday or Friday mornings. The draw, including the grounds, has been included in this newsletter. Good luck to all our teams.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the PSSA draw.

## Premiers Sporting Challenge

All of our students will be participating in a 10 week sporting challenge starting this term. The aim of the challenge is to have more students, more active, more often! The Australian guidelines suggest that 5-18 year olds should participate in 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activities every day.

Students will log their daily activity levels in class and be awarded different levels, depending on the average time spent on physical activity per day. Participating students will receive a certificate at the end of the year.

# Auburn Zone Netball Representatives

Congratulations to Caroline Tuigamala, Tiresa Rees and Regina Collis on their selection in the Auburn Zone Netball team. The girls will be playing in the Sydney West Championships on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.



## EXCURSION REMINDERS

### STAGE 2 KURNELL NATIONAL PARK

Stage 2 will be going to Kurnell National Park on Thursday, 26 June, 2014. Students will need to be at school by 8:15am and return by 3:15pm. Payment can be made by two instalments or full payment of \$35. The first instalment of \$20 is due on the 23 May and the second instalment is due on the 13 June. Please make sure you sign the permission slip and return it along with your choice of payment to the payment box outside the office.

### STAGE 3 NARRABEEN CAMP - 3 DAYS

Stage 3 will be going to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre this year. There are only 100 places available for our students to attend. The camp is from Monday, 8 September to Wednesday, 10 September, 2014. The payment for this excursion is \$260 full payment or you can pay in instalments.

Deposit - \$60 - due Thursday, 10 April

1<sup>st</sup> instalment - \$70 due Friday, 23 May

2<sup>nd</sup> instalment - \$70 due Friday, 20 June

3<sup>rd</sup> instalment - \$60 due Friday, 1 August

# FOCUS ON READING PARENT WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY, 22 May, 2014  
AT 9:00AM  
IN THE LIBRARY**

In 2013, the teachers at Guildford Public School have been involved in a program called 'Focus on Reading'. This is a program that focuses on developing students' comprehension skills using six strategies. The program has two phases. Last year all teachers completed Phase 1 and this year the teachers are in the process of Phase 2 of 'Focus on Reading'. Two teachers from the 'Focus on Reading' team will be presenting a workshop on Thursday 22 May at 9:00 in the library about the program. The session will aim to give you background information about some of the research behind the program as well as giving you practical ideas about how to support your child at home with comprehension.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

The Focus on Reading team.

## 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 – 0414 219 801

## Parent English Classes

Our parent English classes have recommenced for Term 2 with Reena Jogia. The classes are held every **Thursday from 1.30 to 3.00** in the **school hall**.

Parents of all nationalities and standards of English are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there!



*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.*





# Whispers from the Library

## Childrens Book Council of Australia Awards

The nominations for the Childrens book Council of Australia Awards have been announced. Here are the nominees for both Picture Book of the Year and Early Childhood Book of the Year.

### Book of the Year: Early Childhood

I'm a Dirty Dinosaur by Janeen Brian

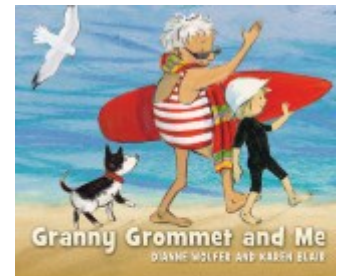
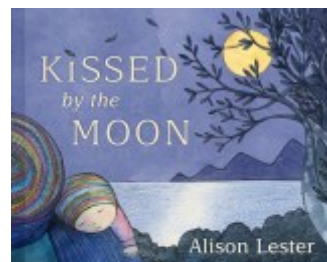
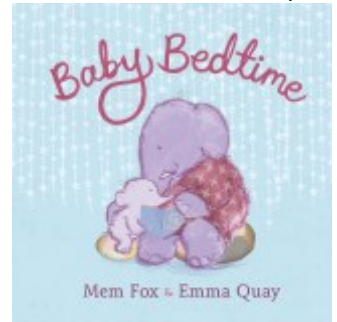
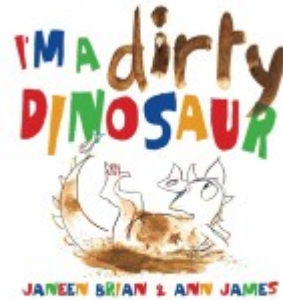
Baby Bedtime by Mem Fox

Banjo and Ruby Red by Libby Gleeson

Kissed by the Moon by Alison Lester

The Swap by Jan Omerod

Granny Grommet and Me by Dianne Wolfer.



### Picture Book of the Year

The Treasure Box by Margaret Wild

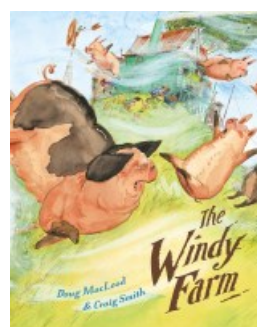
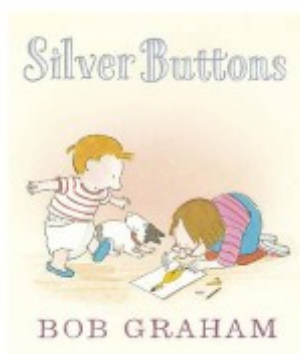
King Pig by Nick Bland

Silver Buttons by Bob Graham

Parachute by Danny Parker

The Windy Farm by Doug Macleod

Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan



## **Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 - still time to enrol.**

There is still time to enrol students from Year 3 to Year 6 to enrol for the Premier's Reading Challenge. If you would like to have your child participate go to the website below and use their school log in details. Your child should know how to log in to the computers here at school. If you do not have access to the internet or are not comfortable doing it by yourself, tell your child to come to the library on Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch or Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch so I can help them enrol.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are automatically entered and do not need to be entered by parents.

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

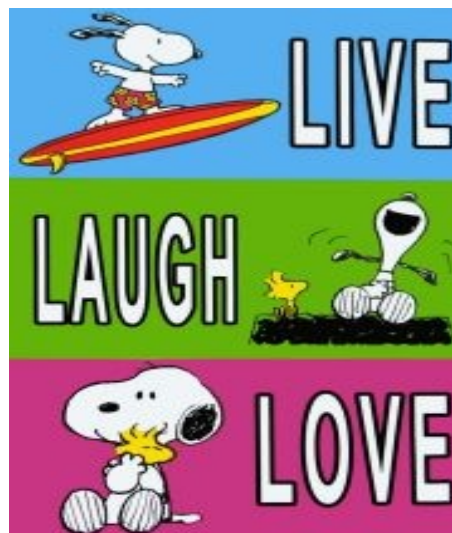
## **Book Week Competitions 2014.**

This year students will get a copy of the competitions in Week 7 of this term. This will give them plenty of time to enter and complete quality entries. Rushed entries will not be considered as winners. More information will be given later this term.

Thank you ☺

*Mr Norambuena*

(Teacher Librarian)



# Aboriginal

## Performance Recount

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2014, all classes in our school watched an Aboriginal Performance by the Walangari Kartawarra and Daramu Aboriginal Dance and Digeridoo group. It was very entertaining and educational.

Firstly at 12:10 pm, year 5 and 6 walked to the hall and sat down. The classes watching the performance included 5 Billabong, 5 Corroboree, 6 Jamberoo and 6 Barramundi.

Next three male performers came out. The first man's name was Patience and his surname meant 'Yellow Woman'. The other two men were called Anthony and Kyle.

After that Patience played the didgeridoo while Kyle and Anthony clapped with sticks and swooshed and wooshed leaves around the stage. They did this because this special ceremony was to clear out the bad spirits and encourage the good spirits to stay.

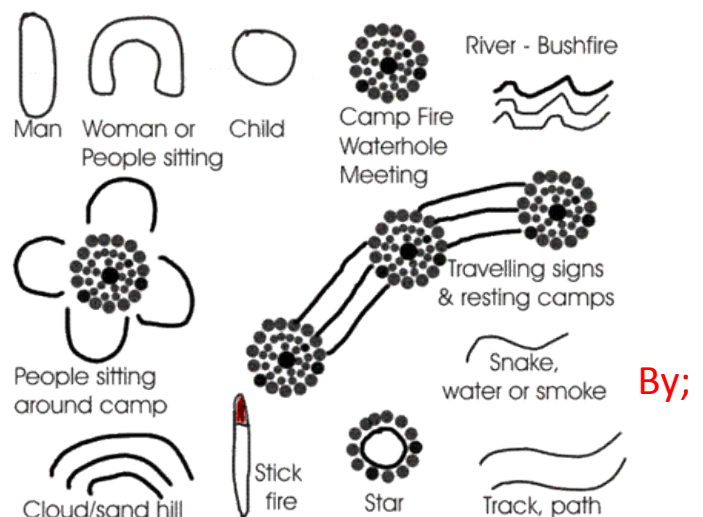
Then the performers made native animals noises so we could guess what the noises were. The noises were those of a dingo, a kookaburra and a kangaroo.

After that Kyle and Anthony performed a dance and we had the opportunity to guess the animals they were acting as. The animals were a kangaroo, a male emu and a female emu.

Later Patience taught us some Aboriginal words and Aboriginal writing. It was very fascinating to see how they write. They use pictures and symbols instead of words. Then he showed us what they do with gum leaves, such as using them as a toothpick and making music.

A few minutes later Mr Lawless picked out some students out to do a dance with Anthony and Kyle. Anthony danced an emu dance with the students and Kyle clapped with clapping sticks with the other half of the students, while Patience played the didgeridoo.

I really enjoyed the Aboriginal Performance! The most memorable moment was learning how to write and speak the Aboriginal language, but I wished Mrs Byrnes was there to see the wonderful things we had learnt. I hope to see another Aboriginal performance in the future.



Mayset Elhaj

5 Billabong



## *Kindergarten Bombora's love for Literacy*

Kindergarten Bombora enjoy participating in Literacy groups every day. This is a time when they are placed into four groups of 5-6 students and complete Literacy based activities. During this time, groups rotate so that all students are involved in different activities.

One student is the leader of each group and gets to wear a special tie! Their job is to choose a student who worked the best in the group and tell the class why. Leaders are changed daily so that all students have the opportunity and responsibility of being a leader.

During Literacy groups, students will have the opportunity to read a levelled book with the teacher and/or engage in guided writing with the teacher. This helps support students individual needs and caters to their specific requirements in order to best facilitate their learning. Kindergarten Bombora look forward to Literacy groups every day and wanted to share their love for Literacy with you!

Some of Kindergarten Bombora's favourite activities to participate in are:

- Reading a book with a teacher
- Completing word and picture puzzles
- Using magnetic letters to make their spelling words
- Matching letters to pictures
- Matching the initial sound of a picture to a letter
- Spelling City on the Interactive Whiteboard
- Using playdough to form letters correctly
- Using the Listening Post to support phonemic awareness development





### WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)



# PSSA - TERM 2 & 3 - 2014

PSSA for term 2 starts on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. Below is the teams, who they are playing against and where they are playing.

**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO PAY THE \$5.50 BUS PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS.**

## SOCCER

Date	Playing against	Venue
9/5/2014	AUBURN WEST	PROGRESS PARK
16/5/2014	ROSEHILL	GUILDFORD COUNTY
23/5/2014	LIDCOMBE	PHILLIPS PARK
30/5/2014	MERRYLANDS EAST	GUILDFORD COUNTY
6/6/2014	GUILDFORD WEST	GUILDFORD COUNTY
13/6/2014	GRANVILLE	GRANVILLE PARK
20/6/2014	GRANVILLE SOUTH	GUILDFORD COUNTY
27/6/2014	WET WEATHER	-----
18/7/2014	AUBURN NORTH	GUILDFORD COUNTY
25/7/2014	GRANVILLE EAST	COLQUHON PARK
1/8/2014	AUBURN WEST	PROGRESS PARK
8/8/2014	ROSEHILL	GUILDFORD COUNTY
15/8/2014	LIDCOMBE	PHILLIPS PARK



## NEWCOMBE BALL

Date	Playing against	Venue
9/5/2014	AUBURN WEST	AUBURN WEST PS
16/5/2014	ROSEHILL	GUILDFORD PS
23/5/2014	LIDCOMBE	LIDCOMBE PS
30/5/2014	MERRYLANDS EAST	GUILDFORD PS
6/6/2014	GUILDFORD WEST	GUILDFORD PS
13/6/2014	GRANVILLE	GRANVILLE PS
20/6/2014	GRANVILLE SOUTH	GRANVILLE SOUTH PS
27/6/2014	WET WEATHER	-----
18/7/2014	AUBURN NORTH	GUILDFORD PS
25/7/2014	GRANVILLE EAST	GRANVILLE EAST PS
1/8/2014	AUBURN WEST	AUBURN WEST PS
8/8/2014	ROSEHILL	GUILDFORD PS
15/8/2014	LIDCOMBE	LIDCOMBE PS



## NETBALL

Date	Playing against	Venue
9/5/2014	AUBURN WEST	PROGRESS PARK
16/5/2014	ROSEHILL	GUILDFORD COUNTY
23/5/2014	LIDCOMBE	WYATT PARK
30/5/2014	MERRYLANDS EAST	GUILDFORD COUNTY
6/6/2014	GUILDFORD WEST	GUILDFORD COUNTY
13/6/2014	GRANVILLE	GRANVILLE PS
20/6/2014	GRANVILLE SOUTH	GUILDFORD COUNTY
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1/8/2014	AUBURN WEST	PROGRESS PARK
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15/8/2014	LIDCOMBE	WYATT PARK







## LEAGUE TAG

Date	Playing against	Venue
9/5/2014	GUILDFORD WEST	WEBBS AVENUE
16/5/2014	ROSEHILL	WEBBS AVENUE
23/5/2014	AUBURN NORTH	WEBBS AVENUE
30/5/2014	AUBURN WEST	WEBBS AVENUE
6/6/2014	LIDCOMBE	WEBBS AVENUE
13/6/2014	GUILDFORD WEST	WEBBS AVENUE
20/6/2014	ROSEHILL	WEBBS AVENUE
27/6/2014	WET WEATHER	
18/7/2014	AUBURN NORTH	WEBBS AVENUE
25/7/2014	AUBURN WEST	WEBBS AVENUE
1/8/2014	LIDCOMBE	WEBBS AVENUE
8/8/2014	GUILDFORD WEST	WEBBS AVENUE
15/8/2014	ROSEHILL	WEBBS AVENUE

## VENUE ADDRESS

ALL LEAGUE TAG GAMES ARE PLAYED AT  
WEBBS AVENUE, AUBURN

Colquhon Park (Lavina St, Merrylands)
Progress Park (Wellington Rd, Auburn)
Granville Park (Montrose Ave, Granville)
Robin Thomas (Hassall St, Harris Park)
Coleman Park No 3 (Georges Ave, Berala)
Kings Park (Cambridge St, Merrylands)
Guildford County (Railway Street, Guildford)
Tom Uren (Iris Street, Guildford West)
Guildford County (Railway Street, Guildford)
Phillips Park (Daley Street, Lidcombe)

