Dear Parents & Guardians,

Well can you believe it? This is the final newsletter for 2014. Where has the time gone? I have now completed a dozen years as principal in this wonderful school.

May I sincerely thank the students, teachers and community for their commitment to making this a quality school.

Could I please also thank all the parents and friends who attended the Annual Presentation Assembly on Wednesday mornings. We got through it without a thunder storm this time. For those who couldn’t be here due to work and other commitments, I have included in this newsletter, my end of year speech delivered at the assembly.
The first students were enrolled at Guildford Public School in January/February 1915. A picture of the original classrooms, which no longer exists, can be seen in our office foyer. When we return to school next year we will be counting down to our school’s 100th Birthday to be celebrated over two days. On Wednesday 25 February we will have a birthday assembly with special guests and on Saturday 28 February we will hold a Carnival. Keep these days free so you can join in the Celebrations.

Welcome
Thank you for joining with us today as we celebrate learning, improvement and achievement across our fantastic school from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Acknowledgement of Country
I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Darug People. Today we pay our respects to the elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

I welcome you all here today students, teachers, parents and friends, to share with us our success across academic, cultural, artistic and sporting endeavours.

I would particularly like to welcome our special guest to our annual K-6 Presentation assembly. Welcome:

- Mr Nasr Kasrouni, Counsellor for Holroyd City Council.

This is a good opportunity to celebrate our achievements of 2014 of which there has been many. It’s been a very busy year at Guildford for students, teachers and community.

Being the Principal at Guildford Public School is a very special job? I think it is the best job in Sydney.

There are so many reasons as to why this is true, but I’ll tell you the top three reasons:

Number 1: The Kids…. You are absolutely amazing!
Number 2: The Teachers and Staff …. Have you really got any idea of how hard they work and how much they care about you all?
Number 3: The Community …friendly parents who usually always have a smile!

There can be no better School than GPS!

Finally I’d like to wish each and every one of you a fantastic holiday and season’s greetings to you and your families. I hope that whatever you and your family do, you have quality time together. Take care and I look forward to seeing all of you again in 2015. School resumes for students 28 January.
Achievements of 2014

Some of the main achievements of this year include:

- In 2014 through our Equity Funding combined with basic school funds we spent, over $55,000 on Literacy and Numeracy resources; over $66,000 on school resources to support Technology including, Smart boards, computers, I-pads and lap-tops; $75,000 on the Multi-purpose sports court, $25 thousand on playground games and improvements; over $40,000 on Key Learning Area resources; Teaching and Learning.

- As well as investing over $65,000 on Professional Learning for teachers enabling them to deliver the best education possible for all students K-6. These are just part of a budget of close to a million dollars spent in supporting Teaching and Learning, and school administration.

Remember these great events and achievements from 2014?

Our magnificent Multicultural Day last May…now that was a big celebration. Music, food, dance and over 1000 visitors, show what an amazing school community we have. Other successes include: The Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country Carnival, Education Week, Our Spectacular … ‘Legends of Music’ at the Sydney Opera House… featuring our Choir and Dance Group, Debating and Multicultural Public Speaking, Regional and Regional Spelling Bee performances. Just some of the achievements in 2014 at our school.

Our Involvement in the SPARK program, Initiatives by the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN), The Saint Vincent DePaul Society, as well as pre-school programs and creative arts programs offered by the Parramatta/Holroyd Family Support network have provided invaluable opportunities for our students and community. We truly are grateful for the continued support of these external agencies and companies.

PSSA winter and summer sports and school based sports programs provided opportunities for students to develop essential skills. The whole school participated in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge. 2014 was a fantastic year for GPS on the sport’s field with the Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball, Junior and Senior Netball, Junior and Senior Boys League Tag, Junior Girls league Tag, Junior Soccer, Junior AFL, Girls and Boys Tee-Ball and Girls and Boys Softball all qualifying for the semi-finals. Wow!!!

The Senior Boys League Tag, Girls Tee-Ball and Boys Tee-Ball teams won their Grand Final! We also did particularly well this year in Athletics and Swimming. Good luck for 2015!

Our whole school ‘Magical, Musical Moments’ concert in November, the well supported matinee and (booked out) evening performance, showed that we can deliver and maintain high quality performing arts at Guildford. Our aim, to give each student a memorable performing arts experience on stage, as outlined in the Creative Arts Syllabus, is an area we are proud of.

Student Academic Success… Students have performed very well again this year in the University of NSW Academic Competitions English, Maths, Spelling, Computers and Science.

- Best Start data suggests that Kindergarten students are generally making very sound improvement.
- Through our National Partnership initiatives we have seen outstanding development across K-6.
- Students given Reading Recovery with Mr Kranenberg this year have benefited
• greatly from this important area of learning support.

• Also our Specialist support staff of ESL and Learning Difficulties has significantly contributed to improved student outcomes.

• Computer studies and Community Language Arabic have also provided invaluable opportunities for our students.

In our NAPLAN (National Assessments Tests in Literacy and Numeracy) the majority of students showed extremely pleasing improvement or growth, from Year 3 to 5 with many students above state average and regional average growth (improvement). This growth was above state average in the following areas: Grammar and Punctuation, Writing, Spelling, and Numeracy. The only one we didn’t achieve over state average improvement was in Reading. Come on everyone let’s see what we can do with Reading for 2015…it starts now and everyone needs to READ, READ, READ these holiday. Find a book you enjoy!

Remember this is overall improvement. Although some students performed very well there is still a great need for improvement by many students. We need to pay a lot of attention to all areas of mathematics, reading and writing in 2015 so as to improve further and to reach our full potential.

In 2014 over all we have had many student achievements. Parents and teachers I would like you to join with me and congratulate all our wonderful students at Guildford?

CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful effort. Keep it up in 2015!!!

To our Parents and Community … Thank you for your support this year of our school. Whether it be through supporting students with their home studies, helping with reading groups at school, attending Parents in Partnership on Thursdays, supporting fund raising, attending our Parent Café or attending English classes or workshops etc….we really have appreciate your involvement.

Thanks for Support of Canteen… Special thanks to Mrs Tye and helpers for the fantastic job. Our canteen has continued to develop a focus on promoting healthy foods and will continue this initiative in 2015.

Thank Parents I would like to thank all the parents who have helped in any way during this year at our school.

Farewell to Year 6 … I have enjoyed getting to know you over past 7 years. I have known many of you since Kindergarten. I wish you all success and good luck at your many different High Schools. I hope you all enjoy your farewell celebrations on Monday evening.

Thank teachers and Staff…Finally I’d like to thank my wonderful staff of teachers K-6 including class teachers, specialist support staff and of course the office staff Ms Coaldrake, Mrs Sheehy, Mrs Barber and Mrs Cullen, as well as our General School Assistant Mr Foster. I thank them sincerely for their outstanding contributions this year to Public Education at Guildford.

Sadly it is time to say farewell to one of our long time teachers … Miss Smith. Miss Smith has been with us for 9 years and has made an enormous contribution to our school across many areas. She will be sorely missed. Miss Smith could you please come out to receive this small token of our appreciation.

We will be also losing our wonderful Mrs Debbie Sheehy from the school office. Mrs Sheehy has been at our school for many years. Originally as an active parent member and involved with our P&C. Then she took on several roles as Teachers Aide and eventually commenced working in the school office where she has been an invaluable School Administrative Officer for many years. Please come out the front Mrs Sheehy to accept a small token of our appreciation from the children and teachers.
The Leadership Team… I’d especially like to thank my close colleagues … Our Executive Team… These leaders are absolutely indispensable in their support with running Guildford Public School. I talk specifically of our Assistant Principals, Miss Walpole, Mrs Haidar, Mr Hanna and Relieving Assistant Principal Miss Ghassibb.

I wish each and every one of you … students, teachers, parents and community members, a wonderful and holy Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2015.

Remember when we come back in 2015 our school will be 100 years old. We will celebrate our Centenary on 25 February with a Special Birthday Assembly with special guests and on Saturday 28 February we will have a whole school Community Carnival and Celebration.

Thanks for your attendance today.

Peter Lawless

10 December 2014

Congratulations to our students who will receive awards today. For those who don’t keep trying as next year may be your turn. It’s up to you to keep trying. Please enjoy the rest of this Presentation Assembly,

Best wishes for Christmas and the holiday season. God Bless and please take care over the holidays.

Finally I’d like to thank our school captains Chelti Madamba and Issa Alhalabi, for a very good job this year. Also to Ayesha Kay and Halley Fu who has been a great vice-captain and also Mirna Abdulwahab, William Lam, Jeyda Olca and Ali Abdul-Rahman for being caring and enthusiastic prefects (photo below).

I would also like to thank all the parents who have helped with the Xmas gift wrapping as we appreciate your time and creativity…. THANK YOU
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4B Joanna Habib
4C Jessica Trieu Phu
5B Mayset Elhaj
5C Nicole Croombes
6B Sebastian Ramsey
6J Sharlene Muru-Tucker

ESL AWARDS:
Early Stage One:
KC Hoda Mousawi
Stage One:
2B Artina Yousefi
Stage Two:
3W Ranim Saleem
Stage Three:
5B Wenhao Su

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE AWARDS:
Early Stage One:
2/3B Shahnaz Kowaider
Stage Two:
4C Abbas Mekdadi
Stage Three:
6J Issa Alhalabi

LIBRARY AWARDS:
KB Alisina Nazari
KC Maria Shoaib
KM Alianna Hamilton
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KY Isatha Jallah
K/1W Mirna Khaled
1P Muddather Abdalla
1Y Amelia Pui
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2B Amirah El Kassab
2G Mohammed Yassine
2/3B Avantika Karikalan
3C Umana Kumar
3W Sybelle Alameddine
4B Pallavi Kamoda
4C Fatima El KAssab
5B Zimraan Anjum
5C Jakob Masters
6B Mariam El Kassab
6J Mirna Abdulwahab

ATTENDANCE AWARDS:
KC Mikhail Khan
KW Parker Flood
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2B Amirah El Kassab
2G Senitiiku Saukuru, Salahudeen Al-Zobbi, Rosabel Gyan
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6B Chelti Madamba
6J Jeyda Olca

MOTION MEDALS
Bronze: 4C - Anna Chung
Silver: 5C - Tamara Barlow
Gold: 6J - Mariam El Kassab

SPORTS TROPHIES
Junior Boy Sports Champion 2014
Jakob Masters
Junior Girls Sports Champion 2014
Ivy Tran
11yrs Boy Sports Champion 2014
Sherif Awick

11yrs Girls Sports Champion 2014
Regina Collis

Senior Boy Sports Champion 2014
Xavier Osekerita

Senior Girls Sports Champion 2014
Augustina Asabre

10yrs Cross Country Champion
Jakob Masters

Senior Girl Athletics Champion
Augustina Asabre

Performing Arts Award 2014
Chelti Madamba

Public Speaking Award 2014
Mirna Abdulwahab

Holroyd City Council Award
William Lam

School Citizenship Award
Halley Fu

Dux of the School
Jeyda Olca

CAPTAINS 2015
Girls: Nadine El Ramlawi
Boys: Hayne Khaung

VICE CAPTAINS 2015
Girls: Tiresa Rees
Boys: Renalds Sar

PREFECTS BOYS 2015
1. Shanil Wijesurendra
2. Jakob Masters
3. Jayden Christmas-Estephan

PREFECTS GIRLS 2015
1. Selena Tan
2. Tara Noguerira
3. Mayset Elhaj

SPECIAL STUDENTS
SEND TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT

KB Zachariah Altamimi, Zoha Hussain, Sahib Singh
KC Maria Shoib
KY Harry Philippe, Sivi Tara, Leilani Thurston
K/1W Layel Jbara, Xander Faytrouni, Dima Al-Aragi
1Y Amen Behbahani
2G Muhadesa Ebrahim, Salahudeen Al-Zobbi
3C Mohanad Jbara
5B Rahul Prasad, Shauna Dower
5C Amir Awick, Grace Georgis, Fatima Elsamad, Richard Eng
6B Cindy Nguyen, Sebastian Ramsey, Halley Fu
RFF Jessica Trieu Phu, Anna Chung, Sytori Noble

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2015

Have a great holiday and take care.

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal
Thank you to those parents who have returned the Australian Mobile Dental Care note. If you haven’t, please return the note so that your child’s teeth can be examined by the dentists. It is absolutely free! Unfortunately The Mobile Dental Clinic won’t be coming to our school this year as there has been an electrical problem with the van. The Mobile Dental Care clinic has been postponed until next year and we have re-booked them for end of Term 1. The permission notes that have been signed and returned to school will still be valid for next year. Year 6 students who have returned their notes will be given an appointment for next year by the dentists, and can still attend the clinic. However they will have to make their way to Guildford Public School from their high school. If you have any questions about the Mobile Dental Care Clinic, please do not hesitate to contact at school.

S.Haidar
Assistant Principal

Today we held the final Kindergarten to School Transition Day. Most of the Kindergarten students for 2015 have come along to the sessions to spend time with their new friends. Over the past 3 visits some staff from our school have shared informative sessions with the parents. The topics included The Best Start program for Kindergarten, Technology in our school and Events at Guildford PS.

While the parents were at the information sessions, the new students tried some of the activities that they will be doing next year. They included reading, singing songs and making some artworks. Our Year 5 students assisted them with the activities by encouraging them to try new things and developing a rapport with them. We look forward to having them at our school next year.

2015 Kindergarten students will start school on Thursday 29 January 2015 at 9:00 in the school hall.

S.Haidar
Assistant Principal
**Parent tips for school websites**

**High school**

**Ready for High School**
Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.


**Primary school**

**Choosing School Shoes**
Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let’s face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn’t evolved much at all.


**Teach your Kids to be Waterproof**
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.


**Road Safety Reminder for Parents and Carers these Holidays**
Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child’s hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.


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![SCHOOL BUS](attachment:images/school_bus.png)
Guildford Public School
Centenary Celebration
1915-2015

Memorabilia Sales

If you would like to order memorabilia to celebrate this milestone please contact the Centenary Committee on the details below or collect an order form from our school office. Items are on display in the school foyer.
Merry Christmas
From all the Fantastic Kids at Guildford Public School!