Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wishing you all a happy

HARMONY DAY 2014.

Once again Guildford Public School and teachers have celebrated this important day of world peace. Many today have worn orange clothes and students and teachers have celebrated the day with various activities. I have taken a number of photographs of some of our “Most Orange” students which I will place in next fortnight’s newsletter. Thanks for your support of this special day.

DREAMTIME FUNTIME

with

Walamgari Karntawarra B.A.
B.Ed
& Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo

I am delighted to announce that next Thursday 27 March we will have a visit to our school of Walangari Karntawarra and his accompanying aboriginal performers. This is a highly professional Indigenous Aboriginal performance company. There will be three sessions for students and parents may also like to attend. Sessions in the school hall will be as follows:

Kindergarten and Year 1…10am to 10:50am
Years 2, 3 and 4 …..11:20am to 12:10pm
Years 5 and 6 …. 12:20pm to 1:10pm

These performers have a wonderful reputation in the education sector. As I would like all students K-6 to attend this wonderful performance opportunity, the school will cover the fees which are significant due to their professional status and high profile. With our focus this year on Aboriginal class names and indeed appreciation for the traditional custodians of our land, I am proud to welcome Walangari and his team to our school.

Exemption from School

Students can only be exempted by the Principal for very good and exceptional reasons. Holidays overseas is not necessarily an exceptional circumstance. However on certain occasions for a quick visit to a relative, it may be permitted. Children under 6 years of age cannot be exempted. Such children not attending school for an extended period would have to be taken off the roll and re-enrolled. Kindergarten children having extended time off school may need to complete Kindergarten again, particularly if already young for the grade. Attending school is a legal requirement for all children and young people under 17 years. Taking time off should not even be considered by parents unless under extreme or extenuating circumstances. Applications for an exemption must be obtained from the school office. Thank you!
SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT

KY- Mohamed Daoudi, Thasin Ferdous
K/1- Sione Tuifu, Fatima Colley
1P- Ali Sajad Jafari, Fattma Kufi
1Y- Adam Zraika, Ghazal Mahdavi
2G- Kimmy Chung, Muhadesa Ebrahim
3C- Samira Kamoda, Kabir Thapa
5B- Calvin Jo, Tara Nogueira
5C- Joumana Ayouch
6B- Mena Moosawi, Halley Fu
RFF- Regina Collis, Exodus Rees, Gemma Nurhayanti
CL- Nadine Ramlawie, Sarah Tarabiya, Emma Allawi, Fatima Algatrani

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

SWIMMING SCHEME
Swimming Scheme notes went out to all students Years 2 to 6. The students receive 10 lessons, run by certified swimming instructors for 10 days. Students will be walking with teachers to Guildford Pools each day. All students in Years 2 to 6 are expected to attend. The cost of the swimming scheme is $27. Please place permission slip and money in an envelope and put in the payment box in office window.

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PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO PAY THE $5.50 BUS PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY MORNING.

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CROSS COUNTRY
TUESDAY, 25 MARCH, 2014
NO LUNCH ORDER FOR STUDENTS YEARS 3 - 6
**Whispers from the Library**

**Library Bags are on sale.**
New library bags have arrived and can be bought from the library. Students may buy library bags during library class time. **Parents MUST come during the following times.**

- Monday: 9am to 10am
- Tuesday: After school.
- Wednesday: ALL DAY
- Thursday: 2pm to 4pm.

**It is important that parents buy bags at these times as all other times I am teaching or at meetings.**

**Leaving the School? Going overseas?**
PLEASE remember to return any books to the library before you leave the school or go overseas. Many times students leave the school or go overseas and forget to return books. It's very important that these books are returned. Remember, children are BORROWING books from the library and when you borrow something, you always give it back.

Thank you 😊

**Mr Norambuena**
(Teacher Librarian)

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**Gardening Club News**

The gardening club has been hard at work growing vegetables! Recently we planted beans, corn, cabbage, carrots, strawberries and blueberries. In weeks to come, the club will be planting bulbs, other plants, and participate in garden maintenance. We have enjoyed our relaxing time planting and watching things grow.

Mr Norambuena
Mrs Soryal
(Environmental Education Coordinators)
Thursday, 27 March
9.15am in the
Library – AV room

Early in Term 2, students from Years 3 and 5 will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests.

This workshop is to explain what NAPLAN is and the purpose of the tests. It will also explain what information will be received by parents later in the year.

The session will also introduce the MY SCHOOL website.

While this workshop is intended for parents of Years 3 and 5, all parents are invited to attend as all students will participate in NAPLAN during their school life.

Miss Walpole

A BIG thank you to Mrs Estephan for kindly paying for the swimming cap for our students participating in the Regional Swimming Carnival.