Principal’s Message

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Guildford PS debating team was successful in the Holroyd/Strathfield Area semi-finals this week. Our team competed against Berala Public School and proved to have the stronger argument, evidence and persuasive language. Congratulations to all members of the debating team and Coaches Mrs Tanak and Miss Ali Khan. They will now compete in the Final against Mortlake Public School on Tuesday 17 November at 9.30am at Homebush West Public School.

ANNUAL CONCERT – Wednesday November 18th
"Let Us Entertain You" is fast approaching. Students and staff are busily preparing their performances for you to enjoy. Key dates are:
Monday 16 November – technical rehearsal
Tuesday 17 November – dress rehearsal
Wednesday 18 November – Matinee and Evening performance
We look forward to watching our students perform on stage for their peers and family.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Thank you enormously for those grandparents, parents and carers who participated in last Friday's Grandparents Day celebrations. It was clearly evident that children thoroughly enjoyed having their grandparents visit their rooms, sharing their school work and a sausage sizzle lunch all in recognition of their grandparents contribution. We look forward to celebrating this again in 2016.

A BIG THANK YOU to Nessren, Tamar, Eman, Anma, Linda, Joumana, Zoey, Millie, Beth, Renee and all who helped!

COMMUNICATION
Firstly, we have achieved our original goal with the Guildford Public School SKOOLBAG App being used on more than 300 devices. Secondly, thank you to the dozens of parents and carers who completed the parent/carer school survey. This will be collated next week and a summary provided in the next newsletter.

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Our school P&C met last Thursday where updates were provided from the P&C executive and from our Assistant Principals as I was at the NSW Primary Principals Conference. The final P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on Thursday 26th November from 9am. Remember, there are child minding facilities for children 0-5 years as well while you attend P&C meetings.

KINDERHARTEN ORIENTATION
2016 Kindergarten students had their first of three orientation days this week. While parents and carers heard from key staff members, their children engaged in creative learning activities with the 2016 Kindergarten teachers. Childrens’ vision was assessed and a speech pathologist will also observe children for any language or receptive delays. We anticipate the upcoming two orientation days. An enormous thank you to Mrs Haidar for her detailed leadership and facilitation of Kindergarten orientation.

COMMUNITY HELPERS
Ernst and Young delivered 25 volunteer heplers to our school this week to assist General Assistant, Mr Foster, with cleaning the school grounds. The results are fantastic. We extend our gratitude to Ernst and Young for providing their support to Guildford P.S.

Kind regards,
Chris Haberecht
SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT

Week 3 & 4 Term 4

1M Abbass Moosawi, Halima Alhalabi
2B Ben Lolohea, Faisal Alkalif
3/4A Sybelle Alameddine, Faria Moosawi
5/6L Fatima ElKassab, Lina Abufarha

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Christopher Haberecht (Principal)
I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

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16 DECEMBER

STUDENTS LAST DAY
TERM 4 2015
Merry Christmas

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Silver - Term 4 Week 4

David Folaumoela KB
Ali Al Doukhi KB
Darius Djan KD
Akram Nur KS
Sajad Al Hesany 1B
Reva Shah 1B
Kim Redolme 1B
Zakey Shahabzada 1CH
Jema Greenhill 1M
Leilani Thurston 1/2R
Mahnaz Amiri 2B
Fatima Colley 2B
Yasmin Ebrahim 2B
Rayannah Merheb 2B
Ahmad El-Assaad 2B
Johanes Khan 2B
Ben Lolohea 2B
Ali Rostami 2B
Sione Tuifa 2B

2nd Silver - Term 4 Week 4

Aymen Shouk KB
Youssef Khaled KB
Ziad Abdalla KH
Reanna Jbara KH
Iman Mossavi KH
Hayder Al Anesy 1B
Rania Waqas 1B
Irem Basokur 1CH
Maleeha Kamoda 1CH
Mohamed Daoudi 1CH
Talia Domez 1/2R
Hoda Mousawi 1/2R

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TERM 4 2015
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Term 4 – Week 1

Our PSSA teams played against T-Ball – Auburn North, Softball – Lidcombe, AFL – Auburn.

T-Ball News
The boys T-Ball team drew their game and the score was 17 all. The girls T-Ball team won their game and the score was 24 - 11. A great start to the season. Well done to both teams.

Players of the Match – T-Ball
Boys – Yusef Tarabiya, brilliant catches & clever thinking on 3rd base
Girls – Madison Osekerita, outstanding home runs!

Softball News
The boys Softball team lost their game and the score was 13 - 8. The girls Softball team lost their game and the score was 14 - 11. Both teams played well against an outstanding opponent.

Players of the Match – Softball
Boys – Zak Skaf, for catching two hard balls on the full to get the other team out!
Girls – Mya Zreika, for playing a fantastic first game and getting a home run!

AFL News
The Junior AFL team lost their game and the score was 13 - 11. The Senior AFL team lost their game and the score was 18 - 15. Both teams played their best against a strong team.

Players of the Match – AFL
Jakob Masters, for excellent kicking skills
Mohammed Al-Douki, for scoring an outstanding goal.

Term 4 – Week 2

Our PSSA teams played against T-Ball & Softball; Merrylands East, AFL – Rosehill P.S.

T-Ball News
The boys T-Ball team won their game and the score was 21 - 7. The girls T-Ball team won their game and the score was 22 - 13. Both teams displayed good sportsmanship and clever thinking when on bases.

Players of the Match – T-Ball
Boys – Zac, for helping the team with amazing home runs to get the remaining batters home safely.
Girls – Alexandra Floyd, for encouraging both teams to play their best.

Softball News
The boys Softball team lost their game and the score was 6 - 3. The girls Softball team won their game and the score was 9 - 6. Even though the boys lost, they had an amazing fielding game. Girls, played fantastic and after a draw, came home with a win.

Player of the Match – Softball
Boys – Vargha Hor, for a great catch and fielding throughout the game.
Girls – Nicole, for fantastic focus and catching even with lots of distractions.

AFL News
The Junior AFL team won their game and the score was 45 - 0. The Senior AFL team lost their game and the score was 39 - 38. Both teams played fantastic showing great commitment and skill.

Player of the Match – AFL
Ahmed Taleb, for scoring 18 points in a spare of 5mins.
Ridwan Ahmed, for showing great sportsmanship.
On the 28 October, 2015, Guildford Public School’s debating team experienced great success for our semi-final debate hosted at Homebush West Public School.

It was surely a close round between Berala Public School and Guildford. The topic of the debate was “It is time for a cashless society” and we were the negative team.

Luckily, we won the debate and made it in to the Grand Finals!!

We will be representing our lovely school against Mortlake Public School on Tuesday 17 November, 2015.

- The Debating Team

GOOD LUCK TO OUR DEBATERS!!
Interest groups successfully commenced three weeks ago with approximately 190 Stage 2 and 3 students participating across 8 different interest groups. The interest groups offered this Term are Chess, Cooking, Dance, Pottery, Coding, Art, Sewing and Origami. These interests give students an opportunity to participate in fun, safe and challenging activities that encourages critical thinking, problem solving and allows them to express themselves creatively. **Interest groups take place every Friday morning.**

As a result of interest groups we have also started a **Chess Club Wednesday lunch time** and a **Coding Club Friday lunch time** offered to students who are keen to learn more about these activities. This provides an opportunity for students who can’t take part in interest groups on Friday due to PSSA to get involved in some of these activities. Please encourage your children to have a conversation with you about their interest and what they are learning about each week, maybe students can teach their parents a thing or two about their interest.

**School Attendance:**
Students who attend school are more likely to be successful at school and have better career and life choices than students who are often absent from school.

When a child misses:

- **3 days per term over 7 years at Primary school = almost ½ a year of school**
- **10 days per term= 40 days in a year = almost 1 term missed**
- **Over 7 years of Primary School= 280 days or 1 ½ School Years missed**
- **20 minutes late on a regular basis, translates to up to 1 hour of lost effective learning time. Lateness can throw children out of routine for the entire day.**

Being at school every day and on time is important. It teaches children:

- To be Punctual
- To be Respectful
- To become strong and confident learners
- The importance of routine
- To be Responsible
- To form strong friendships

When the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child’s attendance, without success, parents and sometimes the child can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance meeting. The meeting is often run by a Home School Liaison Officer. The aim of the meeting is for the school, parents and in some cases your child to further identify the issues that are impacting on your child’s attendance.

A note should always be provided for absences within 7 days from that absence. If a note is not provided within that time frame it is recorded as unjustified and remains on the student’s record.

Children are our future and in order for them to be successful in adult life we must teach them good routine, responsibility and the importance of education at a young age.

If families need support or have any queries I can be contacted through the school.

*Thanking you for your support*

Mr P. Hanna  
Stage 2 Assistant Principal