Message from the Principal
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Centenary 1915 to 2015
Celebrations

The time has now arrived for all of us too celebrate our wonderful school’s Centenary. One hundred years of Public Education at Guildford Public School 1915 to 2015. What a fantastic achievement!

In December 1914 Mr E. Friend was appointed as the first principal to prepare for the first students and the opening in February 1915. At that time World War I had commenced and our nation would soon embrace its ANZAC identity as our soldiers arrived in Gallipoli.

In 100 years our school has served over 6000 students approximately and many hundreds of teachers and thousands of parents and community members.

Undoubtedly our achievements as a school have been both numerous and significant over this century of time. Twenty six principals have served this school, and I’m proud to say that I am the longest serving principal, at this point of time.

In 2015 our school serves a dynamic and diverse community. Guildford is not the outer suburb of a small Australian city that it once was. It is now a major suburb, almost in the centre of the dynamic Global World city of Sydney.

Our school serves people from six of the seven continents who now call Australia home, including Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America and of course our own land of Australia.
So it is indeed time for us to celebrate this milestone in our school’s history. Please join us all next Wednesday at 9:30am for our special Centenary Assembly under the COLA.

We will have a number of special guests will have performances and surprises on our official 100th Birthday.

Come back again on Saturday 28 February from 10am to 3pm to join in our schools Centenary Carnival and Fete.

It will be a day to unite as a school community (past and present ) and to recognise the special place this school has for us now and in years gone-by and to look forward to a bright future ahead.

The picture on the front cover is of the first school building that opened in 1915. It was parallel to Military Road. It has long since gone but a photograph of it remains in the school foyer. The photograph below is of the first class of students enrolled at Guildford Public School in 1915.
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Guildford Public School

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!!!!

Guildford Public School is about to celebrate our 100th Birthday!

We have two major events coming up soon. Wednesday 25 February at 9:30am is our official Centenary Assembly with special guests, students, parents, teachers and community and many old friends. All welcome!

On Saturday 28 February is our 100th Birthday Celebration with a massive Carnival starting at 10am. More information in this newsletter. Hope to see big crowds with everyone attending as well as many friends from past years.

**ANNUAL GENERAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

Thanks to the many parents who have paid their Annual General School Contribution. The General Contribution for 2015 has been set at:

- **One Child** $35.00
- **Two Children** $50.00
- **Three Children or more** $60.00

These funds are used to support improvements in the school and are especially used for funding library and class resources. Please contribute if you can. However, I assure all parents that no embarrassment or discrimination will ever occur in our school as a result of non-payment of this contribution. You will find, however that our request is considerably lower than many primary schools. In addition these fees have not changed at Guildford for many years.

**Attendance Policy and Exemption From School**

All students are expected to be at school daily. This is a legal requirement.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has revised its Attendance Policy and Exemption Policy (2015 Policy).

Exemption from school may include students employed in the entertainment industry or participating in elite arts or sports events.

**Note:** Students travelling during school term (in Australia or overseas) are not to be exempt from school. If I accept that the travel is for exceptional circumstances and leave is granted it will still appear as absent (L). This would certainly not be issued for an extended period.

Please see me, Mr Lawless if you would like this new policy explained. Unfortunately, too many parents have taken students out of schools for long periods under exemption, however the circumstances have not been in the best interest of the child’s education, and consequently there is now no provision for students taking holiday or travel during the school term when their education should be the priority.
Supervision

Before School and After School

Officially supervision of students commences each day at 8:30am and concludes at 3pm (unless extra – school activity is scheduled).

The Department of Education and Community stipulates that teachers are not responsible for the supervision of students before 8:30am Monday to Friday.

Legally, if you send them to school before this time you are still responsible for them and not the school. *This is a serious issue.*

It’s not that the school staff is being unco-operative with this; it’s simply a legal requirement from our employer.

School commences from 8:30am. There is a teacher on playground duty at that time. Prior to 8:30 am, there is no teacher on duty.

Also, all students should leave the school premises soon after the 3pm bell. If you collect children you need to be punctual. Leaving a child at school for long periods after the 3pm bell is unsatisfactory. If in a rare occasion you are delayed you should ring the school to inform us.

Failure to co-operate reasonably with these departmental directives may result in referral of incident to the Department of Community Services or other agencies. Children not collected may have to be taken to Merrylands Police Station, *this too is also a serious issue.*

Last Thursday students eight years and older attended our annual Swimming Carnival at Guildford Pools.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in swimming races. Some students were absolutely amazing and kept returning for numerous swimming style events.

It was wonderful seeing some parents there too! Special thanks to Mr Crowther for co-coordinating the event and to all the teachers who supervised or took official roles as time keepers, recorders and life savers.

It was a great day and the hot weather made the novelty events a very refreshing reward to the students sitting on the hill barracking for their House.

Congratulations to Waratah the winning house for 2015. Please see the spread of photos taken on the day later in this newsletter.
Parent and Teacher Evening

Over 150 parents and carers attended last night’s (Wednesday) Parent and Teacher Information evening.
Thanks also to 100% of the Guildford Public School teaching staff for their enthusiastic attendance after school hours.
We hope you found this fairly quick and informal introduction and meeting session beneficial in some ways. Any feedback would be appreciated. What else do you want to know at this stage of the year? What other support do you need?

We realise it’s not always easy to get up to the school after work or caring for the family all day, and of course it’s dinner time too, so thank you so much for attending.

If there are areas you need further information on please always see your child’s class teacher first maybe at 3pm or before school if they are available, or alternatively organise a meeting with them at a mutual convenient time. They cannot speak with you when they have their class as their duty of care must come first for they should not be disturbed during class lessons for obvious reasons. Also, if you need to see me come up to the school office. If I am available I will be certainly only too happy to see you, or if busy please make an appointment with my office staff.

Believe me, we all share the same goal and that is support the best possible outcomes for our students. When we work together we can achieve so much.

Thank you again for your continual support!

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DANGEROUS PARKING & DRIVING

I continue to be concerned by the manner in which some parents put their child and other children at risk by doing dangerous things in the Apia Street cul-de-sac. People need to turn at the end of the cul-de-sac, however some parents insist on parking in the area, clearly indicated as “No Stopping”

The R.T.A is often outside our school and if you are caught breaking these rules you will be fined.
You may get away with it at times; however you will be caught if you break the rules.

Yes! I realise parking is limited. There is nothing we can do about that. Park further away in back streets or walk. Isn’t the safety of your child and all our 507 students the important factor?

While I have frequently given the community this message, and thank the majority of parents who do the right thing, I’ve had to stipulate this message again due to what I’ve witnessed this week and last week.

Also, please don’t park in the private property of the units. I continue to receive complaints regarding this practice from the residents. Thanks to all who support me in this campaign? Let’s look after our kids! We value each and every one of them!

PRIVATE
NO PARKING
SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS!
1 Melbourne  John Singca, Halima
            Alhalabi
2 Albany      Misti Sheth, Noah
            Keogh, Mirna
            Khaled
3/4 Kalgoorlie Mansoor Tamaki
3/4 Perth     Ainsley Eastwood

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU during the 2015 year.

Have a great fortnight!
See you at the CENTENARY!
Mr Peter Lawless
Principal

I would like to thank Mr Lawless, the executive
team, staff and students of Guildford Public
School for making me feel welcome.

Stage one children have settled very well into
their routines and are well set to succeed in
their learning.

I am impressed to see the children's
behaviour and the professionalism of the staff
at Guildford Public School. I look forward to
working with you all.

Mrs Sekhar (Assistant Principal)

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are pleased that we have been able to organise parent English classes for 2015.

Jin Liang, Community Information Officer for Public Schools, will take these classes.

The classes will be held every Thursday from 9.15 to 10.50 in the school hall.

The first class will be held on Thursday 5 March.

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

Hope to see you there.

Miss Walpole (Assistant Principal)

PSSA SPORT
TERM 1
PLEASE PAY YOUR $5.00 FOR PSSA ON THURSDAY MORNING. THANK YOU

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ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT WEBBS AVENUE, AUBURN

20/2/15 PLAYING ROSEHILL
27/2/15 – PLAYING GRANVILLE
6/3/15 – PLAYING GRANVILLE EAST
13/3/15 – PLAYING LIDCOMBE
20/3/15 – PLAYING GUILDFORD WEST
27/3/15 – PLAYING AUBURN NORTH

SOFTBALL/TEEBALL

20/2/15
PLAYING MERRYLANDS EAST – GRANVILLE PARK

27/2/15
PLAYING LIDCOMBE – HARRY GAPES PARK

6/3/15
PLAYING GRANVILLE SOUTH – HARRY GAPES PARK

13/3/15
PLAYING GRANVILLE EAST – GRANVILLE PARK

20/3/15
PLAYING GUILDFORD WEST – GRANVILLE PARK

27/3/15
PLAYING AUBURN NORTH – GRANVILLE PARK
KEEP CALM AND JUST KEEP SWIMMING
Whispers from the Library

Library Days

Please write down your child’s library day or days. Remember to pack your child’s library bag with their books.

Tuesday: 5/6 Townsville, 5/6 Cairns, 1 Melbourne, 1/2 Rockhampton, 2 Albany
Wednesday: 3/4 Perth, 2 Brisbane, 5/6 Launceston
Thursday: 2/3 Canberra, 3/4 Kalgoorlie, 5/6 Newcastle, Kindergarten Sydney.
Friday: Kindergarten Hobart, 1 Alice Springs, Kindergarten Darwin, 1 Ballarat.

Mrs El Samrani will be teaching library lesson to all kindergarten classes and to 1 Alice Springs and 1 Ballarat on Fridays

Book Care.

It is very important that the students look after the books they borrow. If you find a damaged book please send it back to the library. If your child has damaged a book you will be asked to pay for the book. This also applies to lost books. Please discuss book care with your child.

Library Bags.

Library bags are available for purchase at the library. Please see what times are best to purchase a bag. I teach classes in the library and can’t stop my lessons to sell a library bag. Library bags are $4.

Best times to purchase a library bag are:

Monday: 9 to 10, or after school.
Tuesday: after school.
Wednesday: all day
Thursday: after school.
Friday: CLOSED
**What are “Bookies”?**

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.

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**Year 6 Library Monitor Badges.**

I’ve purchased monitor badges for Year 6 Library Monitors. I have purchased these personally so that the students can have something special for their last year.

Please make sure your child looks after these badges with care. I’ve had a monitors lose their badges in the past years.

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Thank you 😊

*Mr Norambuena*

(Teacher Librarian)