Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this Newsletter finds all our school community in good spirits as the weather begins to get colder. It is definitely much cooler when we get out of bed to face the day at school or work. All our classrooms at school have heaters and air-conditioners, so children will be comfortable during the colder days. They do however need a school sloppy-joe or jacket, especially for early morning when it is very cold.

It is extremely important that all jumpers have your child’s name clearly marked. It is astounding the number of items in lost property that are never claimed.

All students should now be wearing their winter uniform – maroon long pants, yellow school shirt or yellow skive, maroon school jumper or jacket. As part of our school rules ‘Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learners’, all students are aware of uniform expectations. At Guildford, students wear their uniform with pride. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform each day.

- Shoes are plain black leather (No colours or stripes). Due to OHS black canvas slip-on shoes are unsafe for school. Sports shoes are worn on Fridays or special carnival/excursion days.
- All socks are white. These should come up to the ankle.
- All skives are yellow. (White and black are not part of the uniform.)
- All tights are maroon. (White and black tights are not part of the uniform.)
- All girls’ headscarves are to be plain maroon. (Other colours and pattern scarves are not part of the uniform.)
- All girls’ headbands, ribbons and clips are to be maroon.
- All sloppy-joes, jumpers and jackets are maroon.
- We have a year long sun safe policy. All students need to wear a school hat every day. Students without a school hat cannot participate in PSSA. School hats are purchased from the canteen.

The school uniform can be purchased from ‘Josephs’ at Guildford. Josephs have long sleeve yellow polo shirts in stock and are at present ordering maroon tights and headscarves for the girls. They also have maroon gloves for the cold mornings.

Skives and tights etc. can also be purchased at places like Best and Less, Lowes, K-Mart, Target. If you are having difficulties with obtaining the uniform please come and see me. If for any reason your child is out of uniform on a particular day, please write a note to your child’s teacher. Thank you for your cooperation in this area.
Students in Years 3 and 5 completed these examinations on Thursday. Test papers have been sent off for marking. You will be informed of your son or daughter’s results in a few months. This is a national assessment and your child’s results will be compared to all Year 3 and 5 students across the country.

Obviously, students need to continue to work in class and improve their outcomes as the NAPLAN test is conducted each year for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students’ progress across the years is also a strong feature of the tests. This year students in Year 5 who did the test in Year 3 at Guildford, will be able to see their growth and improvement.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who attended the meeting last week about forming a P&C. I’m sure you found the information from Sue Boyd (Representative P&C Federation) very helpful. There are information booklets available from the office area. Our next meeting will be later in the term.

**Reporting and 3 Way Interviews**

Teachers are currently preparing Semester One reports. You will be advised soon of arrangements for 3 way Interviews (student, teacher, parent). Kindergarten and Stage 1 will be on Monday 22 June (11.30 am to 6.30 pm). Stage 2 and 3 will be on Tuesday 23 June (11.30am to 6.30 pm). All interviews will be held in the school hall. At the interview you will be issued with your child’s report. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Keep up the good work.

Ms Patricia Walpole (Relieving Principal)

I hope to see you before the end of the term.

Have a great fortnight!

Ms Patricia Walpole (Relieving Principal)
Thank you to all our parents and community members who wrapped and organised our Mothers’ Day Stall. I’m sure all our mums appreciated the lovely gifts.

_The stall made a profit of $1303.50_

The next instalment for the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion is due on Monday, 25 May, 2015. There will be a note out next week with a list of things students will need to pack for the 3 days as it will be very cold.

**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

Just a reminder, Year 6 Souvenir Polo Shirts are going to be ordered. The front will have the school logo and the back will have the school name and students’ names. The polo shirt will cost $30.00 each. Student will be able to wear these to school on Fridays during Terms 3 and 4. Please have order form and money to the office payment box by Friday, 29th May, 2015.

**Australian Mobile Dental Care Clinic**

Dental Clinic has been postponed for this term. We apologise for any inconvenience. We will keep you updated with any news of when it will be coming to our school.

Mrs Haidar
Assistant Principal
Mobile Dental Care Clinic Organiser

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As part of a new initiative this year, Miss Bryceland has been working across all classes to assist in the integration of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) across a range of curriculum areas. Students have spent a lot of time thinking about how to keep themselves safe when online through the use of email and online discussion forums. All students are developing new skills and problem solving techniques as they investigate new websites, iPad and windows applications.

**Term 1 update:**

**Kindergarten** – All students have been working hard to login to school computers and many students are now able to access the internet and navigate to a familiar reading program. [www.readingeggs.com](http://www.readingeggs.com)

**Stage 1** – Students have been learning about their individual student portal and email features. All students have a unique email account which is used for access to different activities and links that their teachers share with them. Your child’s email address is linked to their school username account which is usually: firstname.lastname@education.nsw.gov.au

**Stage 2** – Some classes have been exploring the advanced features in Microsoft Word and PowerPoint in order to demonstrate their learning in a range of subject areas. We will continue to work on these skills throughout the year.

**5C:** 5C have been working with iPads to create short advertisements using iMovie. They are developing effective problem solving strategies when using technology.

**Stage 2 & 3:** Most students in Stage 3 and some Stage 2 classes have been involved in learning about different online discussion forums including a school blog and twitter account. We hope to be commenting and posting on our school blog later this term. Please come and visit the blog that Miss Bryceland has developed and leave a comment.


School twitter handle - @gpsICT – Feel free to follow us.

Please note: At no time are complete student names used on our online discussion forums.

If you have any questions about your child’s technology learning please feel free to contact Miss Bryceland.
At Mortlake Public School four lucky students from the debating team had the amazing opportunity to go to the Granville, Strathfield competition gala day for the new year of our debating competition. We started our day at 8:30 am when we all arrived at school. It was a fun ride on the way and eventually we arrived at the venue. We were welcomed into the hall by one of the teachers. We were asked to be seated at a table and there weren’t many schools there yet. Once everyone had arrived we were greeted by the host of the gala and she introduced the principal of the school who shared a few debating facts such as: the longest debate and the silliest debate which was very interesting. Once that happened and everyone was acknowledged we were put through the plan for the day. Once that was over we were taken through the speaker rolls and watched a part of a made up debate online which was good for an experience. After that we went through these strategies:

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After that we had morning tea. Followed by us being asked to write arguments on why school uniforms should be compulsory and our school was affirmative. Our school was very good at this. Then we had lunch and then their school hosted an example debate for the schools. Well, that was the end of our eventful day and thinking about the day now I know that we all had a lot of fun!

A special thanks to Mrs Tanak for taking us to and from the far destination and taking care of us, I really appreciate it!

By: Sarina Georgis
**Overdue Books**

Overdue notices have been sent out to some students. If you know where these books are, please bring them in so they can be returned. If your child wants to continue reading these books, they need to be reborrowed. Books that have been misplaced or damaged beyond repair will need to be paid for.

**Monitors Forgetting their Duties.**

If your child is a library monitor, please remind them to check their rosters so they can come to do their duties. I'm very greatful having these students helping me in the library however, when students forget, it can cause a disruption to the system. The duty roster is normally given to their teachers on Fridays or Mondays. If your child doesn't receive the roster, I always have a copy taped on the library glass doors.

**Replacement Monitors.**

Congratulations to the following reserves added to the library monitor team for students had to write a letter explaining select them to become a monitor. It was select, but only 4 were needed to fill in

Our new permanent monitors are: Nadine Alexander Floyd (3/4P), Rabee Zreika Hamdan (3/4K). I have high expactions that they will work hard during the year.

Thank you 😊

*Mr Norambuena*

(Teacher Librarian)