Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to all our students and community members for Term 2. We have three new teachers joining us for Term 2. Miss Alanci and Miss Foskey will be working in classrooms to support students’ learning. Miss Kaddour is replacing Miss De Marco who is on Long Service Leave. Ms Ghassibe is the Relieving Assistant Principal for Term 2, supervising Stage 3 students.

These tests will take place on 12, 13 and 14 May for all students (not exempted) across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Staff at Guildford are dedicated to improving learning outcomes for all students. We have put in place numerous programs and initiatives to support the individual learning needs of every student. The 2015 NAPLAN will provide us with a measure of learning growth that will show the quality of teaching in our school and provide data to evaluate programs. This will enable us to ensure that every student at Guildford has every opportunity to achieve their very best.

How can you help?

- Ensure your son or daughter is at school by 8.55am on those days (if not sick).
- Encourage your son or daughter. Tell them you are interested and look forward to them doing their very best. Be Positive!
- Ensure students have a very good night’s sleep before each test day; (In bed ASAP)
- Make them a special breakfast each day
- Ask them encouraging questions about the tests when they come home from school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- If they are worried try to support and reinforce their confidence
- Give plenty of affectionate encouragement and praise
- Supply nutritious recess (fruit break) and lunch

The timetable for the NAPLAN tests 2015 is:

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ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

The Annual School Report for 2014 is now available on our website.
http://www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

This document presents for your information a summary of the 2014 school year at Guildford. The report details some of our many areas of success, student achievement, targets and performance. Please visit our website and read this report in view of last year’s achievements.

Congratulations to all involved in preparing the report, including parents who responded to surveys. I commend this report to you and believe it is of a high standard. It reflects the strength and culture of Guildford Public School. We should all be proud to be part of the Guildford Public School community.
Please make an appointment to see me if there is any area from the report you would like to discuss or clarify.

SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT
KH  Sophia Chen, Dima Daoudi
1B  Soman Saleen, Armin Riahi
1M  Parker Flood, Marian Vandy
1/2R Mikhail Khan, Hoda Mousawi
2A  Austin Pan, Lorima Saukuru
2/3C Sidique Boima, Hasina Yosufi

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
Miss Patricia Walpole (Relieving Principal)
I HOPE TO SEE YOU before the end of the term.

Have a great fortnight!

Miss Patricia Walpole
( Relieving Principal)

Opportunity Class Placements-
Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016.

Applications for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2016 are now available online Friday 15th May 2015.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to apply online providing you have internet access, a printer and an email address. Parents without internet access, a printer and a personal email address (not the student's) can complete their online application at a public library.

Parents/caregivers who would like to know more about the process can pick up an information pack from Mr Hanna or the front office.

All online applications must be completed and submitted by Friday 15th May.

To apply online please go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Mr P Hanna
Assistant Principal

Attendance

As a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends school and arrives on time. The morning session is the most important time of your child’s education and by arriving late, his/her learning is impacted. Please ensure that you leave home on time to transport your child to school by 8:55am.

Please make sure you:

- provide the school with an explanation if your child is late or away (preferably a doctors certificate)
- arrange doctor/dentist appointments out of school hours
- arrange personal shopping trips with your son/daughter or birthday celebrations out of school hours
- do not allow your child to stay at home unless they are genuinely sick

Teachers are looking for students in classes who are constantly on time at school and have a good attendance rate each term to award class certificates.

Thanking you for your support

Mr P Hanna
Assistant Principal
SENIOR DANCE GROUP

Senior Dance Group will be doing dance practice on Monday’s from 2pm to 3pm and also Thursday afternoon’s 3pm to 4pm.

Miss Karamaneas & Miss Jones
Dance Group Co-ordinators

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

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.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA REMINDER

Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) will be studying several units relating to Democracy and Government throughout this year. An excursion to Canberra has been planned. We will be leaving on Wednesday 10 June and returning on Friday 12 June. This excursion includes two nights stay at Snowy Mountains Coach & Motor Inn. Rooms are motel style with 4-5 students per room. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms. We plan to visit Parliament House, Questacon, Museum of Australian Democracy, the Australian Mint and the Australian War Memorial. The trip also includes a day in Perisher for activities in the snow and a ride on the chairlift.

ALL students in Years 5 and 6 are expected to attend this excursion. Activities during this excursion will be part of the HSIE assessment for their report.

The final cost will be $290.00 per student. This includes all transport (air conditioned coach), accommodation, meals, all activities, snow gear and an experienced tour guide.

If your child has not yet brought in permission note, medical notes and deposit of $50.00, these are due by Thursday, 30th April, 2015. No notes or money will be accepted after this date.

Ms Ghassibe and Stage 3 teachers

Our Spectacular Choir Rehearsals

Members of the School Choir attending the “Our Spectacular” at the Opera House on Monday 14 September 2015 are required -to attend three combined rehearsals during, Term 2 and Term 3. The rehearsals are at Granville South High School on:

Wednesday 29 April 2015
Wednesday 24 June 2015
Wednesday 9 September 2015

All choir members are encouraged to attend these rehearsals. The students from Guildford will be leaving the school at 9.15 am walking to and from the High School and arriving back at school by 3.00pm.
As you are all aware the Central Coast and Hunter areas have been severely affected by the wild weather we have had recently. We would like to help these families in any way we can.

We are collecting donations for children in these areas, who have lost everything. If you could donate toys, books, Board Games, stuffed toys or anything else you think kids would like it would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the office where donations can be dropped.

The last day for donations is Friday 1 May. All donations will be delivered to the central collection points.

Thank you very much for your support with this endeavour.

Parents of Guildford Public School.

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2nd HAND CLOTHING SALE

All washed, packaged and ready for sale.

Next week we will be selling items such as JACKETS and JUMPERS
When: Monday 4 May – 8.30am to 9.15am
Where: Outside Canteen

AND if any stock is left there will be another sale on Thursday 7th May between 8.30am–9am

*Prices range from $1.00 to $5.00*

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Gardening Club News.

TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

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NEW DAY FOR GARDENING CLUB

**Term 2:** Mondays
3:05pm to 3:45pm
Students to be picked up by 4pm.
Homework Term 2, recommencing for Term 2 Monday 4th May, 2015.
I like Spark because they help me with my homework and we have fun.

Allaghar
I like Spark because it has a lot of games.
I like Spark because I learn a lot of things.

Homework

Sparks
(Spark Sessions on Mondays) I do my homework and sometimes we play!
I'm learning everything about Spark.

Volunteer: Lee

Well done!

I like spark because they are fun. Volunteer who came over and helped me with homework.
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:

Plan
Explain
Examples
Link
And
Summarise
Explain
Examples
Link

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

Please remember to return books that may have not been returned before the holidays or on days I've been away. I will be sending out notices in Week 3. These notes are reminders not a reprimand. So kindly look for any books that are overdue.

Change of Teacher on Fridays.

Library lessons for Year 1 Alice Springs and Year 1 Ballarat will now be taught by Mrs Byrnes on Fridays. Mrs El Samrani will continue to teach Kindergarten Hobart and Darwin on Fridays.

CBCA Award Nominations for 2015

The Children's Book Council of Australia Award nominations are out for this year and the following books are nominated for the categories for Early Childhood Book of the Year and Picture Book of the Year.

Early Childhood Book of the Year

PIG PUG

Scary Night

GO TO SLEEP, JESSIE!

A House of Her Own

Small in Turtle in Friends

noni the pony goes to the beach

Picture Book of the Year

Supertimere

One Minute Silence

Stone Lion

The Duck with the Pink Beak

My Two Blankets

These books will be featured during Book Week celebrations in Term 3. Currently they are available to be borrowed.

Picking up your kids from the library.

If possible could you please pick your child up from the courtyard instead of downstairs. The following classes finish the day with library lessons in the school library: Monday 2pm to 3pm – 1 Coffs Harbour. Tuesday 2pm to 3pm – 2 Albany.

Thank you ☺

Mr Norambuena  (Teacher Librarian)
Learn **Music** on the keyboard at

**Guildford Public School**

*Enrol now for Term 2*

**Awesome Songs**  **Musical Games**  **Music Theory**

🎵 Convenient at-school venue 🎵
🎵 Small group - 45 min weekly lesson 🎵
🎵 Competitive rate - $27 per session 🎵

(GST incl. Please **do not** forward payment to the school office.)

🎵 Instrument not required initially 🎵
🎵 Music material provided 🎵
🎵 Limited vacancy! 🎵

**Smart Kids LOVE Music!**

**Call 9411 3122 to enrol**