Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is my last newsletter as Relieving Principal at Guildford Public School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Guildford community – parents, caregivers, staff and students – for their support and hard work. It has been a very rewarding experience and I am proud to work at a school where staff work incredibly hard as a unified team, supported by appreciative parents and community members, to provide opportunities for each student to achieve their personal best. Thank you very much!

I’m sure you’ll make the new Principal Mr Christopher Haberecht very welcome.

Education Week

We will be celebrating Education week with a special assembly and open classrooms on Tuesday 28 July, followed by our School Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 29 July.

Tuesday 28 July

10:00-11.00 – Whole school assembly under the COLA
During the assembly student leaders will be talking about some of their local heroes. The highlight will be the presentation of the LOVE of LEARNING awards to two students from every class in the school.

Once again our talented School Choir will perform at the assembly.

11.00 – 11.20 – Fruit Break
Parents are welcome to stay in the playground with their child for Fruit Break and Morning Tea (coffee/tea will be available at the canteen).

11.30 – 1.00 – Open Classrooms
Parents and caregivers are invited to visit their children’s classrooms to see class displays and witness quality teaching and learning. Try to spend a while in each of your children’s classes. They will certainly enjoy showing you their work.

We hope that you can join us on this special day and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 28 July to help us celebrate our successes and achievements at Guildford Public School.

All parents and community members are invited to attend our P&C meeting on Thursday 6 August at 9.15 in the school hall. This is an opportunity to meet our new Principal Mr Haberecht and also other parents.

New School App

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name: Guildford Public School at the Apple App Store, Windows Phone, Windows Store or Google Play Store. You can set up your own personalised push notifications to keep up to date on all aspects of your child’s school life.
SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT

KB Isaac Merheb, Ali AlDoukhi
KH Irena Khan, Taha Fakhruddin, Brayden Borg
1B Brendan Ma, AJ Floyd
1M Brandon Law, Nader Barghachoun
1/2R Alianna Hamilton, Mohammed Taleb, Mahdi Nabizabeh, Talia Donmez
2A Husneya Muhammadi, Manzoor Tamaki
3/4P Danny Eng, Ainsley Eastwood
5/6C Zac Organ, Joseph Malakieh, Ahmed Taleb
5/6L Mya Zreika, Joumana Ayouch
5/6T Amani El-Khaled, Isabella Ramsey

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Ms Patricia Walpole (Relieving Principal)

I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

Have a great fortnight!

Ms Patricia Walpole
(Relieving Principal)
Last Term students participated in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for School Digital Technologies competition. Our school received 1 Distinction, 3 Credits, 1 Merit and 11 Participation certificates. Congratulations to the following students for receiving these great results.

**MERIT:**
Danny Barisha 3/4 Perth

**CREDIT:**
Angela Chen 3/4 Adelaide
Sarina Georgis 3/4 Perth
Sofia Wallis 5/6 Townsville

**DISTINCTION:**
Alan Wen 3/4 Perth

**Miss Bryceland**
(Digital Technologies Competition coordinator)

This year Stage 3 students have been registered for the 2015 Doodle4Google competition that runs across the country. The competition gives students the chance to have their artwork viewed, not just by their teachers and classmates, but by millions of people all across the internet. Finalists will win prizes for themselves and their schools. The winning design will take pride of place on the Google Australia home page.

This year’s theme is: “If I could travel back in time I would...”

If you would like to enter please return your design to Miss Bryceland or the office by Friday of Week 5 this term.


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School Attendance Is Compulsory

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. At Guildford Public School, staff work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Why is it important to come to school on time?

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance such as attending a funeral

Following an absence from school you must ensure that you provide your child’s teacher with a written explanation for the absence.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school. You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly.

Staff at Guildford Public School are committed to working in partnership with parents to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school.

Thanking you for your support.

Mr P Hanna Stage 2
Assistant Principal
It’s that time of the year again! Book Week! Book Week is in Week 7, Term 3. During this time, there will be many different events happening to celebrate it. There will be competitions, Book Week Parade, Book Fair and in class literacy programs based around the nominated books for the CBCA Award for Picture Book of the Year and Early Childhood Book of the Year. I hope all the students will participate in the competitions and enjoy the literacy program.

**Book Week Competitions**

This year we have some very interesting competitions to have. Please look carefully at what competitions your child can participate in.

**Kindergarten Classes**

**Colouring Competition:** These classes will compete in two different colouring competitions. However, there will not be separate winners. Instead there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd Boy and Girl winners despite what colouring page they use.

**Year 1s, Year 2s and Year 2s students from Year 2/3 C.**

**Colouring Competition:** Year 1 and 2 students will also compete in a colouring competition using the same colouring pages from Kindergarten’s competition, yet judged separately.

**Create a Party Invitation (Themed Invite):** Based on the nominated book *Scary Night*. Students need to design the most amazing and interesting party invitation. It can be done anyway you want to. In the past, people have used all sorts of types of materials to send out an invitation such as: Written in stone, paper in clam shells, gold paper, fabric, frills and thrills, etc. Get creative and try everything you can.

**Design your ideal treehouse:** Based on nominated book *A House of Her Own*. Students need to design and label the ideal treehouse. This means it needs to be a treehouse that has everything you ever wanted to have. A treehouse with a pool, a treehouse with a Skittles Factory! A treehouse with a wet n wild theme park. Go NUTS! Do the most amazing treehouse ever. It just has to be drawn on paper. Do your best and enjoy the challenge.

**Year 3s students from Year 2/3 C, Year 3/4s and Year 5/6s.**

This year the Book Week Committee decided it would be good for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students to be able to participate in the same competition. However, Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be judged separately.

Here are the competitions:

**Create your own spectacular blanket or quilt:** Based on nominated book *My Two Blankets*. Students will be required to design an awesome blanket. This can include some patch work, colour coordination, a blanket with a signature in the middle, or a picture of something that represents you. The blanket doesn’t have to be huge, it can even be doll sized. Get your sewing skills in gear and enjoy. This comp is opened to both girls and boys, so there are no excuses boys! 😊

**Statue of a wild animal:** Based on nominated book *The Stone Lion*. Students are to design their own statue of an animal that lives in the jungle. This station can be made out of stone, plaster, ceramic, clay or even papier mâché. You can choose different animals but they must be a wild animal. So cats, dogs, cows, horses, budgies, etc, cannot be entered. Animals like; lions, tigers, bears, elephants, ostriches, monkeys, wombats, Tasmanian devil, koalas, etc.
**Diorama of an ANZAC Parade.** Based on nominated book *One Minute Silence*. Students can design a diorama of an ANZAC Parade. They could build buildings on either sides of the road, have a street, and toy soldiers or handmade soldiers marching on the street. Others can have several people standing together watching the flag around a memorial. There are many examples of honouring our fallen soldiers and those serving for Australia right now.

**Anti-war / Peace Poster:** Based on nominated book *One Minute Silence*. Students can create a meaningful poster against the act of war. It can be a poster with just a picture promoting peace, or one with strong anti-war words like. NO MORE! Or WE ARE ALL THE SAME.

**Comic Strip of an adventure in Australia:** Based on nominated book *River time*. Students will be given a chance to create a comic strip that shows a type of adventure that happens in Australia. It can be anything from a boat trip with crocs stalking you, or a bush fire that’s too close for comfort. Maybe discovering a new part of Australia. Or being stuck in the desert. Or discovering a treasure chest in the local park in your suburb. So many ideas and plenty more you can do.

**Artwork showing your favourite part of a book.** Students can look at some of the books and draw their interpretation of how that part of the book should look. Or design some form of art that can represent how that book makes them feel.

**Redesign a book cover.** Students can look at some of the books and make up a new cover for one. Maybe after they read the book they decide the cover shouldn’t be like that. Make a new one and show us.

**Book Review:** Students can read one of the books or listen to it being read and write a book review about it.

Those are this year’s competitions. I hope your child will participate in at least one or all. Use the holidays to start on their competition. It’s a great time to have some family time.

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**Book Week Costume Parade**

To make it easier for students, parents and judges, the Book Week Committee has decided to not have categories for the Book Week Costume Parade. Instead all students can choose their favourite book character. This can be anything from Clifford the Big Red Dog, to Harry Potter to The Cat in The Hat or a character from The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Maybe a character from Wizard of Oz, Lord of the Rings or Alice in Wonderland. So many ideas, I can’t wait to see them. Awards will be given separately to 1, 2 and 3rd from Kindergarten to Year 6.

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**Book Fair**

Just like every year, we’re using Central Books Supplies for the Book Fair this year. I like to stick with this company as they sell quality books at decent prizes. As usual, there will be books ranging from $1 up to $25. I hope students will purchase. These books will only be sold at Lunch and after school.

Book Fair will commence on Monday 24 August, Term 3 and end on Wednesday 3 September Term 3.

Please come at these times.

**Monday to Thursday:** 1:10pm to 2:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME ANY OTHER TIMES AS I WILL BE TEACHING AND NOT ABLE TO ASSIST YOU.**

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**Closing Date for Premier’s Reading Challenge.**

Just a reminder to all parents that if your child is participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, the date you need to enter all the books, that your child has read, is Friday the 21 August, Term 3.

Thank you 😊

Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian)