Message from the Principal

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

“Warrami Mittiga Gurum” Local Dharug language meaning “Hello friend, good to see you”

Firstly, thank you for the warm and gracious welcome so many community members have extended to me since beginning here at Guildford Public School on Monday 27th July. Dr Mark Carter, Director, Holroyd Network of Schools, kindly visited last week to have a conversation about my role as Principal at Guildford Public School. Needless to say I am excited about leading a committed and intelligent staff who in turn will lead their students in real, relevant, challenging and creative learning. I have come from Canley Vale Public School where I was Deputy Principal for seven years and Acting Principal for approximately 18 months.

Education Week
And what a better way to start my role as Principal than to witness Education Week activities which highlight the talents and personal attributes of your children. It was my absolute pleasure to present two students from each class with an ‘Education Week - Love of Learning Award’ at the Open Day Assembly. We heard from our beautiful choir who performed a lovely rendition of “Light a Candle” and some of our students articulately expressed their thoughts about their nominated ‘Local Hero’.

On Wednesday K-6 students attended the annual school athletics carnival at Holroyd. Mr Crowther and his team of helpers organised modified activities that provided students the opportunity to practise their skills in running, jumping and throwing. My congratulations go to all students who displayed exemplary behaviour, outstanding house spirit and a high level of participation across all events. We anticipate our involvement in the Zone Athletics carnival to be held Wednesday 19 August at Wyatt Park, Auburn. We wish all competitors good luck.

I toured the PSSA fields last Friday and spent some time watching the soccer, netball and Oztag teams, of whom all exhibited tremendous sportsmanship and a desire to improve their skills. PSSA competition is a great privilege and provides opportunity for students to explore their physical and sporting abilities. Thank you to all PSSA coaches who provide training during the week to prepare for Friday competition.

Parents and Citizens Association
A newly elected P&C leadership team will lead our first P&C meeting this Thursday 6 August. I have spoken with the P&C leadership team and they are very excited about the prospect of developing relationships with more families and initiating programs for parents and carers that will assist them to feel a stronger sense of belonging to the Guildford Public School community. I will meet regularly with the P&C leadership team to discuss ideas that our community raise. The goal is to look at options as put forward by the community members and determine strategies and practices that will best suit. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend P&C meetings and participate in decision making which may impact on your child’s education.

Classroom Visits
Over the last week I have visited all 20 classrooms and witnessed students listening actively, responding thoughtfully, working collaboratively, creatively, and safely. In my discussions with students they were able to clearly explain what they're learning about and why they're learning about it. Some students were able to tell me about what they would like to learn more about or what they had questions about. I call these questions ‘Big ideas’, something that parents and carers deal with every day and something you are teaching your children well. I encourage parents to ask their children the following questions:

“What did you learn today?”
“What was the best part of your day?”
“What else?”
GET CONNECTED and find out what is happening straight away!

Skoolbag App
Communication is key between school and home. The new Schoolbag App is easily downloaded for your Apple or Android devices. Just search for ‘Guildford Public School’ and you are one step closer to being regularly updated with notifications about school events and newsletter publications.

Chris Haberecht
Principal
Guildford Public School

"Leadership is an elusive concept, hard to describe and impossible to prescribe. It is more evident in its absence, so that when leadership is needed, its lack is sorely felt."

PATRICK DODSON - indigenous Australian leader

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SPECIAL STUDENTS
SENT TO SHOW
GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT

KB Amani EL Ramlawi, Nicholas Faticoni
KD Darius Djan, Laila Alhalabi
KH Alexander Piu, Iman Mossavi
1AS Samuel Lee
1CH Isatha Jallah, Jesse Stewart
2A Joseph Walker, Ali Taha
2B Xander Faytrouni, Johannes Khan, Sumaiya Taleb
3/4A Jad Khazaal
5/6L Salman Ahmad, Ian Rivera

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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

Silver - Term 3 Week 4

Mohammed Taleb         KH
Alexander Piu          KH
Ziad Abdalla           KH
Abhiraami Boddanapally KS
Zahraa Kufi            KS
Walleed Al Attar       KS
Garaad Jama            KS
Abdul Rahman Taleb     KS
Isaiah Vakarau         KS
Halima Alhalabi        1M
John Singca            1M
Rubaba Alhalabi        1/2R
Margaret Tan Terles    1/2R
Dayton Fuimaono        2B
Amelia Piu             2B
Muddther Abdalla       2/3C
Zac Singca             3/4K
Patrick Empasis        3/4K
Meryem Kabacaoglu      3/4K
Danny Berisha          3/4P
Ainsley Eastwood       3/4P
Nicole Tan Terles      3/4P
Jana El Ramlawi        3/4P
Ammar Algartani        3/4W
Mayset Elhaj           3/4W

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What a day it was!

We had a fabulous day at our Annual Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 29 July at Peel Street Athletics Oval in Parramatta. It was full of excitement and ear popping cheering from both the students and parents supporting from the stands. Thank you to all of our parents, especially those that helped out on the day. Your support for our school and community was what made it an extra special day for our students to enjoy and remember for years to come.

The winning house for this year’s carnival, by only 16 points, is Waratah. Wattle came in a close second and Blue Gum was third. It was great to see all of our students doing their very best in all the events on the day.

The Auburn Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 19 August, good luck to all of our students that will be representing our school.

Mr Crowther
Sports Coordinator
THANK YOU PARENTS!
K-2 GAMES
Congratulations!
Congratulations to all participants.
**Whispers from the Library**

**“PLEASE REMEMBER”**

**Book Week 2015: “Books Light Up Our World”**

*Please remember* - Book Week is in Week 7, Term 3. During this time, there will be many different events happening to celebrate it. *Please remember to enter the 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 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.

Thank you 😊

Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian)