Principal’s Message

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Staff,

Our thoughts go out to the families and friends affected by Tropical Cyclone Winston and tidal waves which recently destroyed thousands of homes, businesses and schools across Fiji. The most devastating cyclone in history to hit any Southern hemisphere nation has left tens of thousands of Fijians homeless, with little or no shelter, clothing, food and access to school. Our Parents and Citizens Association reacted immediately by launching a clothing and bedding appeal upon which our students and parents donated quality items. Many families of Guildford PS have close relatives living in Fiji and are keen to support them further. There are two projects we will engage in to support the Fijian Community as much as possible:

1. Batiki Primary School, Fiji has been heavily impacted by the cyclone. In the coming weeks we will launch an appeal in our community to raise much needed school resources for the students of Batiki Primary School.

2. The local Fijian Community will soon announce a fund raising dinner, providing an opportunity for people to meet local elders, hear from community members, enjoy Fijian cuisine and hospitality and of course assist in raising money.

Student Performances

Congratulations to Waratah for winning the 2016 School Swimming Carnival. Most importantly, students had a terrific day, with access to a variety of water based activities. On Tuesday the School Swimming Team, consisting of 11 students, travelled to Auburn Pool to compete in the Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival in which GPS came 4th out of 10 schools. Needless to say our students’ performance was exemplary with some outstanding results. See the full report in this newsletter. An enormous ‘Thank you’ to Mrs Cross for organizing both the School Carnival and our team for Zone. Thank you also to Mr Crowther for his support.

Special Swim Scheme

GPS have been allocated six sessions for students to attend Swim School this term. I encourage students to attend this valuable and potentially life-saving activity.

Student Learning

At GPS, we are fortunate to have Reading Recovery program, English as Additional Language or Dialect program, Learning Support program and MiniLit program. These programs are proven to provide students with the support required to lift them to levels where they will operate at stage outcomes, developing their independence and skill-set.
It is the parents’ responsibility to have their children attend school EVERY DAY. This is not just law, it is common sense and will result in children attaining greater learning. If there is any reason why your child cannot attend school, you must provide evidence.

**How was your day?**

I trust you have been using some of the 10 questions published in Week 4 Newsletter with the aim of encouraging children to discuss their day’s events with parents. You can access past newsletters through the Skoolbag App or School website.

**Staff Learning and Leading**

Staff engage in active learning to improve their knowledge and practice. This week teachers discussed aspects of Numeracy assessment and development. Year 3-6 teachers have been allocated homework to complete before the next Numeracy staff meeting.

**Communication**

Communication is the key to being aware of your child’s learning and progress. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s teacher to discuss his/her progress. Appointments are best made for after 3.10pm.

**Parents & Citizen’s Association**

*Note: The next P&C meeting has been moved to Thursday 7 April at 9am.*

The P&C’s Facebook page can be found by searching for ‘Parents and Citizens Guildford’

**Community Corner**

*(news from Sajida and Asenati)*

School events for parents:

- ‘English Classes for Parents’
- ‘Circle of Security’
- Parents and Citizens Association meetings

We need more parent helpers to assist with organizing teachers’ resources (cutting cards, sharpening pencils, covering books). Meet at the ‘Parent Café’ (located beside the hall) on Thursdays.

*Have a safe and productive week!*
SPECIAL STUDENTS SENT TO SHOW GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL THIS FORTNIGHT

Week 3 Term 1
3/4B Kimmy Chung, Alexander Moaga, Artina Yousefi, Rafael Lingad
6AK Alexander Paora, Mekdadi Abbas, Said Rahman, Isabella tramsey Kirsty Ngugen, Broden Wallace

Week 4 Term 1
2N Anika Penitani, Rawan AlDoukhi,
2O Kin Redolne, Abdulsamet Atilgan

Week 5 Term 1
2E Leilani Thurston, Zeyjan Olca
5J Mohamad Jbara, Jad Khazaal

Week 6 Term 1
2K Rahilla Moosawi, Hilal Abdulrahman
3/4EH Misti Sheth, La-teesha Maisema

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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

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On the 18th of February students eight years and older attended our annual Swimming Carnival at Guildford Pools. Congratulations to all students for making this day enjoyable and memorable. Some students participated in learning water skills with Mrs Hemming and Miss Bryceland, whilst other students participated in swimming races. Some students were sensational as they swam in all swimming style events. It was fantastic seeing some parents there supporting their children. And a big ‘THANK YOU’ to the teachers for coordinating the event and to all those teachers who supervised or took official roles to assist our carnival to run so smoothly. It was a fabulous day. Congratulations to Waratah the winning house for 2016.
Congratulations to the 11 students who represented Guildford Public School at the Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival last Tuesday 1st March. All students competed well in their events. Fantastic results were achieved by our students with some finishing in the top five of their age group.

Special congratulations to Danny Berisha on being named as 9year old Boys 50m Freestyle Champion! Well Done, Danny. Those students who have qualified for the Sydney West Swimming Carnival, held at Homebush Aquatic Centre on Thursday 24th March will be notified shortly once confirmation has been received.

Our PSSA teams played against Granville South for T-Ball & Softball AFL – Rosehill.

T-Ball News
The boys T-Ball team won their game and the score was 6 - 2.
The girls T-Ball team won their game and the score was 11 - 8.
Great sportsmanship by both teams. A great start to the year.

Players of the Match – T-Ball
Girls – Ainsley Eastwood, for great thinking and catching as Pitcher.
Boys – Yusef Nabizadeh, for being organised and helping others during the game.

Softball News
The boys Softball team lost their game and the score was 10 - 1.
The girls Softball team won their game and the score was 5 - 2.
For their first game Bothe teams played fantastic and had great sportsmanship.

Players of the Match – Softball
Girls – Madison Osekerita for excellent pitching!
Boys – Hamze El-Kassab for great batting and fielding.

AFL News
The Junior AFL team won their game and the score was 78 - 7.
The Senior AFL team won their game and the score was 69 - 8.
All students played well for their first actual game. Well done!

Players of the Match –AFL
Levi Mahony – for the juniors
Brodan Wallace – for the seniors
Our school rules are vital in creating a harmonious teaching and learning environment where all teachers, students and parents feel safe, valued and respected. Our four school rules are taught explicitly across all Kindergarten-Year 6 classes to ensure all students get the same message. Our school rules are:

- **Safe**
- **Respectful**
- **Responsible**
- **Learners**

Our PBIS (Positive Behavioural Interventions and Support) school wide program allows teachers to teach proactive strategies to students that support their behaviours to create a positive school environment.

This year our PBIS committee will ensure, with the support of all class teachers, to:

1. Display our four core school rules in every classroom. Students will be creating posters/visual displays to reinforce our rules across the school.
2. Track and monitor a revised Guildford Star System.  
   - When your child receives 10 Guildford Star Awards that will equate to a **Bronze award** presented by Mr Haberecht at school assemblies.  
   - When your child receives 20 Guildford Star Awards that will equate to a **Silver award** presented by Mr Haberecht at school assemblies.  
   - When your child receives 30 Guildford Star Awards that will equate to a **Gold award** presented by Mr Haberecht at school assemblies.  
   - If your child receives a Gold award by the end of the year they will be rewarded with a Star Party organised by Miss Orker and Mrs Bradshaw

Please ensure you have conversations with your child regarding appropriate behaviour at school. Ask your child what it looks like to be safe, to show respect, to show responsibility and what it means to be an effective learner.

In some cases there will be consequences for students who break school rules. This is a way for students to reflect on their behaviour before returning to the playground.

Thanking you for your support

**Mr P Hanna**  
Assistant Principal
Across
1  Wild horses (7)  
3  Tempest (5)  
6  Mythical beasts (7)  
7  Don't swim with these (6)  
9  Soldiers (8)  
12  Big Cats (6)  
14  Black Cats (8)  
15  Male Chickens (8)  

Down
1  K-9s (8)  
2  They use lassoes (7)  
4  A vendor of burrowing animals (9)  
5  Birds from the Northern Beaches (9)  
8  They wear metal clothes (7)  
10  Pirates (7)  
11  Greek Gods (6)  
13  Slippery fish (4)