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NEWS UPDATE

3 MARCH 2017



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Throughout the year, many students will be asked to visit me with excellent work samples. I will ask them a few questions aimed at students developing a growth mindset.

What is your work about?

How did you work it out?

What mistakes did you make that helped you out?

What did you learn from doing this?

How else could you have shown your new learning?

Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ
for a 2 minute short film explaining

'Growth Mindset for Students – Episode 1'

Induction of Student Leaders

Congratulations to students selected in a 2017 leadership role. I extend that congratulations to parents, carers and extended family of 2017 student leaders. Students are expected to take their leadership role very seriously, aiming to be a positive influence on their peers and younger students in the classroom, the playground and when representing GPS at local events and competitions. You'll recognise our leaders throughout the year as they take responsibility for organising and leading events, fundraising, carnivals and assemblies. Student leaders can be identified by their badge and can be approached if you need some assistance.

Swim Scheme

During last summer, there was a large increase in the number of drownings compared to recent years. A child who is water aware, able to respond to a water based emergency and who knows survival skills is far better prepared than most. We are fortunate to have been allocated 250 places for swim scheme again this year. I expect all Year 2 children to attend, unless there are special circumstances. The cost is only **\$3 per session**

compared to most private swim schools charging over \$15 per session. This is very cheap and something necessary for children to attend. Children in Years 3-6 are also encouraged to pay and attend. Note and money is due Friday 3 March.

Emergency LOCK DOWN

Today we had a LOCK DOWN drill (practice). Students and staff were quick to respond. They closed the window blinds, locked their classroom door and sat quietly while waiting for further instructions. The next bell signalled the Lockdown was over. Mrs Levis and I then visited each classroom to signal 'ALL SAFE'. I was impressed how students followed the LOCK DOWN procedure so well. A LOCK DOWN is signalled by 8 blasts of the alarm.



Mr Nicolacopoulos will *Shave for a Cure* in 2017! This has become quite a tradition at Guildford. Donations can be made in cash or via the website address below. All proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

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I also encourage you to

visit https://www.everydayhero.com/au/ to find out more about childhood heart disease (CHD). One student at GPS is affected by CHD every day and the family has asked if we could help raise awareness and fundraise. Please donate at the office or online.



Parents and Citizens' Association meeting

The next P&C meeting is on *Thursday 23 March at 9am* in the hall. I strongly encourage parents and carers to attend, connect with others and be informed about school, community and education programs and issues.

Welcome Morning Tea for New and Existing Parents

A pleasant morning tea was had by the 60+ parents who attended the 'Welcome' morning tea last week. Congratulations to the P&C executive for your outstanding leadership, for building local community and business support. In my conversations with parents, many topics were mentioned, but the most common question was "Can you help my child improve?" The short answer is 'YES'. Staff at GPS engage in a variety of professional learning workshops and seminars. We have highly qualified and competent stage leaders who work with beginning teachers to ensure all students are assessed, monitored and provided regular explicit feedback on their learning. High expectations are exercised by all teaching, support and executive staff members. Any student who is causing concern will be referred to the stage supervisor for discussion and when necessary to the Learning Support Team where targeted support is required from specialist staff. If you have any further questions about your child's learning, make an appointment to talk with his/her teacher before 8.55am or after 3.10pm.







My appreciation goes out to the following businesses and organisations for their gracious support and donations.

Catering was donated by;
Guildford Florist
Josephs Uniform shop
Parramatta Eels Rugby league Club
Guildford Leagues Club
Pest control
Guildford Sorfa

Lucky door prizes donated by;

Nutrition King

Samira Pattisserie

Kathy's Bakery

La Shish

Becks of Guildford

Coles Merrylands

Teacher Professional Learning

Teachers will continue to be involved in participating and leading a variety of professional learning seminars during 2017. It is important that every child has a high functioning, competent and confident teacher supporting and challenging them every day. For this very reason, teacher learning and building capacity is vital. Here are photos of stage 1 teachers learning to best assess reading and comprehension.



KIND REGARDS

CHRIS HABERECHT





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



Week 6 Term 1

KC Naveya Codder, Sayed-Mahdi Moshref, Ian Villas Coronel

KK Angelina Penitani, Leah Sorine

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE

4E Muddather Abdalla

4C Murtadha Al Shniawah



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Mr Christopher Haberecht (Principal)



TERM 1	DATES TO REMEMBER
6 MARCH	Merrylands H.S Open Day
8 MARCH	Auburn Zone SWIM CARNIVAL Granville Swim Centre
9 MARCH	Debating Gala Day In School Hall
9 MARCH	Selective High School Placement Test
16 MARCH – 6 APRIL	Parent WORKSHOP 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching
20 MARCH – 31 MARCH	SWIM SHCEME Guildford Pools
4 APRIL	Cross Country Carnival Guildford Leagues Club

TERM 1	DATES TO REMEMBER
MONDAY	SPARKS
MONDAY	FOOTSTEPS Learning Program Starts
MONDAY	AFL Training
MONDAY	Yr3-6 ART CLUB
MONDAY	Yr3-6 CHOIR
TUESDAY	T-Ball & Softball TRAINING
TUESDAY	Environmental Club
TUESDAY	K-2 Gardening Club
TUESDAY WEDNESDAY	DEBATING
TUESDAY WEDNESDAY	Yr3-6 DANCE
WEDNESDAYS	K-2 JNR CHOIR
WEDNESDAY	LaST Meeting
THURSDAY	K-2 ART CLUB
THURSDAY	SCRIPTURE
FRIDAY	PSSA
FRIDAY	Yrs3-6 INTEREST GROUPS
FRIDAY	K-2 DANCE
FRIDAY	FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
7 APRIL FRIDAY	LAST DAY TERM 1

8.30am – Staff on playground supervision **9.00am** – Morning classes begin

(K-6 Assemble under COLA for messages)

11.00am – Recess starts

11.20am - Classes resume

1.00pm – Eating time

1.10pm – 1st half lunch **1.35pm** – 2nd half lunch

2.00pm - classes resume

3.00pm - school finishes

<u>Guildford's</u> <u>Rising Stars</u>



Two of our students recently competed in the Regional Athletics Championships for Little Athletics and performed exceptionally well.

Anika Penitani achieved gold in the Under 8's 700, 200, 100 metre running races and she also achieved gold in the 100m hurdles.

Levi Mahony achieved a bronze medal in the Under 10s 1500m race and will now compete in the State Championships.

Congratulations Anika and Levi on your outstanding success. The Guildford Public School Community wishes you both every success in future competitions.





EXERCISE RIGHT FOR KIDS!

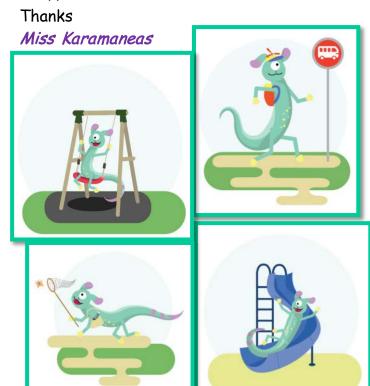
Research conducted by Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA), has revealed a major gap in physical activity and health for children with chronic conditions or disabilities such as Asthma, Obesity, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis and Mental health.

"Exercise Right for Kids" is a program that has been developed to help any child who may be living with, or at risk of, a chronic condition or injury. They provide free, research driven information and resources that support our children to participate in physical activity.

Below is a link with free access to this valuable information and fun resources. Please take the time to look through the website with your families.

http://exerciseright.com.au/kids/

Let's work together to close the gap and make a difference!





iPLAY Research Project

Guildford Public School has been invited to participate in a research project conducted by the Australian Catholic University.

In the coming weeks, students in years 3 and 4 will be completing a short survey about physical activity and health. Data collected from students will be treated as strictly confidential.

The iPLAY project aims to develop teachers' skills and strategies to improve sport and PE lessons, and to increase students' physical activity and health.

Students' participation is voluntary and students may withdraw from the study at any time.

Thank you Miss Karamaneas



On Wednesday 8th February students from years 3 to 6 attended our annual Swimming Carnival at Guildford Congratulations to all students for making this a memorable and enjoyable Students had the opportunity learn valuable water skills with Mrs Hemming and Miss Bryceland while other students participated in swimming races. Some students displayed excellent ability swimming in all style events. It was great to see some parents there supporting their children.

A big 'THANK YOU' to all those teachers who undertook official roles and the supervision of students to assist our carnival to run smoothly. It was an enjoyable day for all who attended.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2017



On Wednesday 22nd of February, we celebrated our student leaders' for 2017 by holding a formal Induction Assembly. School Captains, Vice-Captains, Prefects, Student Representative Counsellors (SRC) as well as House Captains and House Vice-Captains received their badge/s. A special feature of the ceremony was the involvement of the parents and carers in pinning the badges on these students. It is a great honour and big responsibility for students to take on these leadership roles at school.

Congratulations

boys and girls

and we look forward to an eventful year.



'Growth Mindset For Students

download from twinkl.co.uk

10 What Questions
to Develop a Growth Mindset
in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?

2. What happened today that made you keep on going?

3. What can you learn from this?

4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?

5. What did you try hard at today?

6. What strategy are you going to try now?

7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?

8. What will you do to improve your work?

9. What will you do to solve this problem?

I have a GROWTH MINDSET!

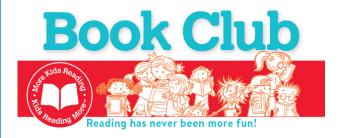


REMINDER TO PARENTS

GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

DOES NOT TAKE ANY MONEY FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INTRUCTIONS THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED, & ENJOY READING



If you get stuck and need help, simply call our friendly Customer Service team on;

1800 021 233 between the hours of 8am to 5pm. After 5pm, you may email our after-hours LOOP help on Customer_Service@scholastic.com.au

How do I Order?

- Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either sign in or register your account
- 2. Click on ORDER and then select your school and your child's class*
- 3. Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for) PLEASE NOTE: Your child's details will never be shared with 3rd parties OR used for marketing purposes this is for distribution purposes only.
- 4. Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 5. All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- 6. Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!



REMINDER TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS





AFL TeeBall Softball

All students must pay \$8.00 every week on Thursday mornings from 8.30 a.m. at the front office as the games will be played at 9:15 on Fridays. If you do not pay, you may miss out.

PLEASE **DO NOT** PUT PSSA MONEY IN THE PAYMENT BOX AS WE MAY NOT GET TO IT

PLEASE PAY AT THE OFFICE

Thank you we appreciate your cooperation.

SPORTS KEEP KIDS
REALLY INVOLVED
IN A GOOD PLACE.



TAKE CARE OF

School Lunch Ideas



"The greatest wealth is health."

~ Virgil





