Principals News

At Guildford West Public School we expect all students to be respectful members of our school community. It is important the parents and teachers work together to support our students. Please click on the link below and spend some time talking with your child/ren about what it means to be respectful.


On Tuesday a group of our very talented swimmers represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. The boys and girls had a great day and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. Congratulations for their wonderful results on the day. Thank you to Miss Avgerinos and Mrs Flew for their organisation of the event and supervision of the students. Thank you to all the parents who helped cheer on our students!
There are a number of students who are arriving at school before 8.30am each morning. Some students are at school even before 8.00am. This is very dangerous. Teachers are on duty from 8.30am and as a result, students who arrive early are not supervised. Teachers may be at school early to prepare for their day and/or attend meetings but they do not supervise students until 8.30am. **Please ensure you consider your child’s safety by having them arrive at school after 8.30am.**

Last Thursday Kindergarten parents were invited to attend a **Best Start Parent Workshop.** Thank you to Mrs Colucci and Mrs Furness for their organisation of this important event. Thank you to the parents who attended and heard about how the Best Start Program supports our students and teachers.

Our next **P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{th} March** at 6.00pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing lots of parents at this meeting and encourage parents of our new kindergarten children to join us for a coffee and discussion about what is happening at Guildford West.

This year our **school photos** will be taken on **Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th} March.** We ask that all students come to school in full school uniform. Photo envelopes with information have been sent home to all families. If you wish to purchase photos the envelopes will need to be sent to school on photo day. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

This year we will be holding an **Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} March.** Children will be busy making their hats in class with a buddy and we ask that parents send along resources that might help in the making of hats. These resources might include; coloured paper, stickers, cardboard, little chicks and eggs. Information will be sent home to families soon.
As part of our school activities, we have organised a Family Fun Day for Thursday 7th April. Parents and Grandparents are invited to share this day with their children from 11.30am till 2.30pm. Teachers are preparing many fun activities and we have employed an amusement company to provide several exciting rides and a jumping castle. A note has been sent home with further details.

Scripture classes began last Tuesday. Students participate in 30 minute scripture classes weekly throughout the year. Our scripture teachers are volunteers who give up their time to come and work with our children. We ask that all parents talk to their children about showing respect to these visiting teachers at all times. Students are able to participate in Catholic Scripture, Anglican Scripture and Islamic Scripture. Those students who are not able to participate in any of these groups attend a non-scripture group. Thank you to our scripture teachers for volunteering their time to work at our school.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 6th April from 3.10pm. Teachers will allow 10 minutes per interview. Parent Teacher Interviews are a valuable opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress with their teacher. We hope many parents take this opportunity to book an appointment and speak personally with their child’s teacher. At the end of Term 2 a report will be sent home with every child. Notes and booking sheets will be sent home soon.

The Easter holiday falls on Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March. There will be no school on these days.

The last day of school this term will be Friday 8th April. Students will return to school on Tuesday 26th April 2016.

The School Security phone number is: 1300 880 021. If you notice any security issues during the evenings or on the weekends please support our school by ringing School Security and reporting your concerns. Your support is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

P.Cassimatis
Principal
Community Corner

Coffee Matters – Thank you to the group of ladies who joined us for coffee last week. It was lovely to simply catch up and chat about life, school and family. Our next coffee matters will be Tuesday 22 March. ‘Coffee Matters’ will be held on the last Tuesday of every month from 9am at the canteen Cola.

Magic 123 – Parenting Course
Parents and carers have had the opportunity to learn some wonderful strategies to manage unwanted behaviour and strengthen relationships with their children during the 123 Magic course. Once again thank you to the teams from Parramatta Holroyd Family Support and Uniting Care Burnside for facilitating this program.

Have you liked our school Facebook page? Be sure to regularly check for updates, information and photos.

If you have any suggestions, feedbacks or comments please contact me at school Tuesdays – Thursdays or via email sharon.furness1@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs. Sharon Furness
Community Engagement Officer

P&C News

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is Tuesday 22 March 2016, 6.00pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome! Come along, hear and have a voice at what is happening in your school.

Easter Raffle – It’s on again – the GWPS P&C Annual Easter Raffle! – buy your tickets to go in the draw for a chance to win a basket of chocolates. Donations of chocolates and goodies are required to make up chocolate baskets and helpers needed to wrap baskets, prepare raffle tickets etc. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade Thursday 24 March 2016

Mother’s Day Stall – KEEP the Date Thursday 5 May 2016. Notes will come home shortly. This is an opportunity for students to visit our one day shop at school and buy a gift for Mum, Nan or any special lady. Volunteers make this event possible for our kids, if you are able to help out for an hour or two on the day it would be greatly appreciated, Thursday 5 May 2016.
School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Hi everyone, I wanted to personally welcome all the new and existing families back to the 2016 School Banking Program. I hope the students at GWPS enjoyed the Zooper Doopers last Thursday, complementary of the Commonwealth Bank, School Banking Program.

You all would have received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started or continue in the School Banking Program. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please go to the office and the ladies will be more than happy to give you one.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

WOW - YOU could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo

This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.

- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money. Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

YOU need to be in it to WIN it…

Banking Day: Every Friday

Drop off your Bank Books at the Office by 9:00am

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Thank you School Banking Co-ordinator Julijana Vrtkovski
Does your child have a disability?

Parents of children with a disability aged 2 to 12 are now eligible for free parenting support through the Stepping Stones Triple P Project.

**EARLYED** invites you to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

- **Seminar 1:** Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability  
  Wednesday 16th March 2016  10.00am-12.00pm.

- **Seminar 2:** Helping your Child reach their Potential  
  Wednesday 29th March 2016  10.00am-12.00pm.

- **Seminar 3:** Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour  
  Wednesday 30th March 2016  10.00am-12.00pm.

Where: Beralta Community Hall  
2-4 Tilba St  
Beralta NSW  
Please note child minding will not be available.

**RSVP:** As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please contact the research team to register.  
Phone: 02 9114 4060  
Email: fhs_streppingstones@sydney.edu.au or sqgmnal@earlyed.com.au  
Sonia at EarlyEd  98971511

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Funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia
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School Photo Day is
Wednesday 30 March 2016

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day

- Family envelopes are available at the school office

- If paying by cash please enclose correct money as no change is given on photo day. NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED

- Credit card payments can be made online (please follow instructions on envelope) or by calling our Office prior to the day. Your child will still need to take their envelope with them on the day.

- Sport/Specialty Photo Orders will be organized after photo day on a separate form.
**Every Minute Counts!**

8.45am **Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.**

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Arriving **after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence.**

If your child is late they are missing out.

If your child is regularly late it will affect their learning at school.

**Give your child the best start to the school day by arriving at 8.45 am.**

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**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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**Give your child every chance to succeed...**

**Every day counts!**