

# Guise Public School

## "Educating and caring for the whole child"

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### TERM 2 WEEK 1 2013

"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings" - [Ann Landers](#)

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### The great learning starts again!

Welcome back to Term 2!! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Term 2 promises to be another jam packed term full of learning, fun, engagement and opportunities to celebrate our families and ourselves.

The teachers spent the first two days of term learning about the new curriculum which is to be introduced to all NSW schools next year. We had a chance to reflect on our current classroom practices, what we do well already and what we can improve, we worked collaboratively with teachers from other schools in the area looking at how to prepare our children to become competent 21st century learners and have spent time in our department teams preparing for the term ahead.

Some teachers gave their time in the holidays to make some improvements to the school grounds and our office has had a major refurbishment. We have also begun to put new vertical blinds in our classrooms and there has been some intense cleaning of our walkways and classroom passages. All of these help to make Guise Public School a school for the whole community to be proud of.

#### Some important upcoming dates and events

Next Thursday, 9th May, we will be holding our **Mothers Day breakfast** for the very special females in our lives. A note will come home tomorrow explaining the organisation of the day. There will be raffle tickets sent home to win a basket of goodies. If you have any donations for the basket they would be appreciated. We hope everyone will join us.

Our school **cross country** will be held on Thursday 9th May. More details will come home regarding this.

**School photos** will be taken on the 10th May. Children are to attend school wearing their summer uniforms. Order envelopes will be sent home tomorrow.

**NAPLAN** testing will be taking place on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May for children in Years 3 and 5. Children have been working hard getting used to the format of these tests. It is very important that your child has good sleeping habits, nutritious meals - most importantly breakfast and attends all three days.

#### A chance to join us...

Next Wednesday, 8th May, we will be re-holding our P&C Annual General Meeting. Without an active P&C we are unable to have our school canteen operating as it currently does. We need as many parents as possible to join the meeting so Guise students can have all of the benefits we can offer them!

#### Opportunity Class Placements - Year 5 - 2014

Online registration is now open for parents wishing their child to apply to attend an Opportunity Class for Year 5 next year. The website is [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Paper applications are also available from the office.

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## TERM DATES

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### May

9th Mothers Day Breakfast



Cross Country

10th School Photos

14th NAPLAN

15th NAPLAN

16th NAPLAN

24th Manny Boy anti-bullying presentation

31st Gala Day

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The back gate will now be opened from  
**8.40 - 9.05am and 2.20 - 2.45pm**  
for your convenience. Children may sensibly use this gate to enter and leave the school.

### Security

If you suspect someone is unlawfully on the school grounds.

Please call School Security unit:  
**1300 880 021**

Staff at Guise have designed a new negative level system as they update their Student Welfare Policy. The new level system is based on incremental steps (Yellow Level, Orange Level, Red Level, Suspension) giving children the chance to reflect on their negative behaviour and to give them an opportunity to make correct choices. The policy gives very explicit examples of behaviour that will place children on each level, ensuring a fair system, and also outlines the responsibilities of all.

We welcome your input on this new system!! To get this we have a copy of the Policy on our school website - [www.guise-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.guise-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) as well as an evaluation form you can fill in and either print or email to the school. Hard copies of the policy are available in the office as well for those unable to access the internet.

## Old news

### An opportunity to grow

Due to a change in numbers and the funding to employ an extra teacher some of our primary classes have been reshuffled to give us smaller classes across primary. This fantastic opportunity will allow each teacher to deliver more direct, individualised learning to each of their children. The class structures will be finalised by the end of next week. All children have been moved whilst still considering their peer groups and their learning and behavioural needs. If you have any concerns with your child's class choice please make a time to come and see me or their teacher to discuss these.

Just a reminder that the canteen will be closed this week and next until after the P&C AGM.

Have a great week!!

Debby Meredith

We currently have the following 2nd hand uniform pieces for sale. Please tick the required items and send with money in a sealed envelope to the office. Items will be sold on a 'first in first served' basis.

The uniforms will be distributed within that week.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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