

Guise Public School

"Educating and caring for the whole child"

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tell us about your home country

A reminder that on 20th March the school will again be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Information regarding the day will be sent home early next week.



Harmony Day 2013

Riding bikes to school

Children are allowed to ride their bikes or scooters to school **IF** they are wearing the correct safety equipment, i.e. helmet.

Bikes and scooters will be kept in the courtyard of the admin block but, although every care will be taken to ensure the safety of the vehicle, *no responsibility will be taken by the school if they are lost or damaged.*

Please ensure your child has sufficient road safety awareness before sending them alone on their bike or scooter.

Have you got 3 yet??

As soon as your child has collected 3 Bronze Awards please send them to school to be recorded ready for their Silver Award!!!

Who will be the first to earn their Silver Award????



Be careful on the roads around schools

Parents need to be careful on the roads around schools for the safety of the children in the school. High fines and demerit points apply when rules are broken.

I will be mentioning a different rule and penalty each week. This week.....

Speeding in a School Zone

**Maximum Penalty \$3,612
+ 7 Demerit Points**

Have a great week!

Debby Meredith

Calendar

March

- 14th Gala Day 1
- 20th Harmony Day celebrations
- 25th Guise Parent Group meeting
- 28th Gala Day 2
- 31st Young Leaders Day

April

- 9th Easter Fun Day
- 11th Last day of term
- 15th Picnic in the Fields
- 29th Children begin Term 2

2014 CLASSES

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|------|---|-------------|
| KH | - | Mrs Horn |
| 1T | - | Mrs Tuni |
| 2/3B | - | Mrs Bleeker |
| 3/4E | - | Mrs Elliott |
| 5/6F | - | Mrs Flay |
| 5/6C | - | Mr Carr |

Support Teachers

Mrs Kitsouklias
Mrs Grovenor
Miss Anson

Learning Support Officers

Mrs Ballantine
Mrs Mayes

Aboriginal Education Officers

Mr Dunn
Miss Bell

Office Administrators

Mr Stevens
Mrs Ball

Principal

Mrs Meredith

Security

If you suspect someone is unlawfully on the school grounds.

Please call School Security unit:

1300 880 021

AUTHOR VISIT - OLIVER PHOMMAVANH

Recently, Thai - Australian children's author Oliver Phommavanh, visited our school to work with many of our students. He is a primary school teacher who shares his writing passion with kids and engages them with humour. He's also a stand-up comedian and has appeared on national TV and radio. His first book, *Thai-riffic*, was published in June 2010 to critical acclaim, followed by *Con-nerd* in 2011. He now has two further books *Punchlines* and *Thai-nomite* available through Penguin Books.

Oliver's visit to our school was organized by the Early Action for Success team (Mr Diamond, Miss Cameron and Mrs Cheung) and they helped him present lessons for our students. Oliver shared some strategies to support the planning of quality writing with the children. His aim was to "nudge" the creativity of all students, in order for their writing to be interesting and exciting.

Many of our students wrote excellent drafts that will be the basis of quality narratives and literary descriptions. Oliver was highly impressed by the standard of teaching and learning in this vital area at our school. A number of the boys and girls shared their quality work with Oliver and the school leaders to celebrate their efforts.

Oliver's personal writing tips have been adopted by our classroom teachers to further refine their instruction of this vital life skill. His tips include...

Write about what you love! (We all have passions and interests that can be the basis of writing from experience.)

Write about your life! (Real events from our experiences can be "stretched" into fascinating yarns to entertain our friends and classmates. Don't be afraid to make everyone a little weird!)

Read, read and read in order to borrow great ideas from others. (Oliver believes that by reading widely we can deepen our experiences and ideas as a springboard for writing for different audiences.)

Draw cartoons and maps as a planning tool. (These do not have to be lifelike to assist young people to describe events and characters in detail.)

For further information on Oliver see his website. <http://www.oliverwriter.com/>



WEEK 6 & 7 AWARD WINNERS WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

Each week one class will win the **BEST ATTENDANCE AWARD**. This class will have had all/most children at school every day. The overall class that wins at the end of the term will receive a prize for their excellent attendance!!

Week 7 winning class is.....

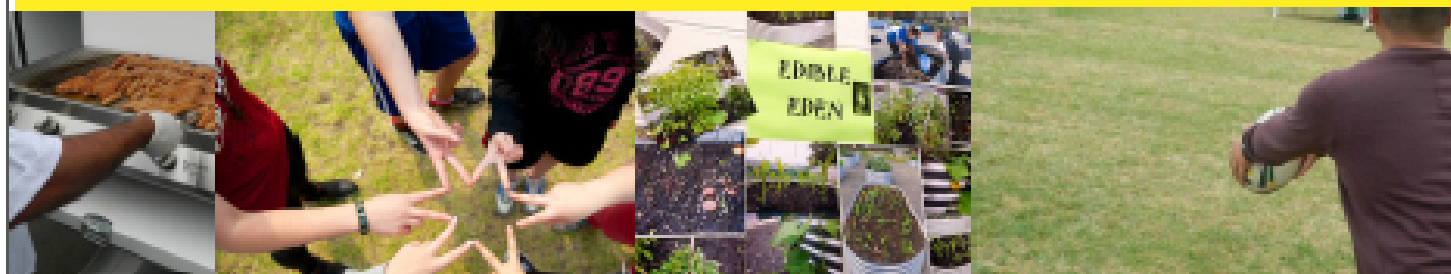
2/3B with 100% attendance!!!

Perfect!! Great job

If you're away bring a note!! Then your absence isn't counted!!

Koch Centre For Youth After School Programs

Father Chris Riley's
Youth Off The Streets®



Join in the games, programs and fun starting soon!

→ Every Tuesday from 4 March to 25 March:

Green Thumbs Gardening Program

→ Every Wednesday from 5 March to 26 March:

Oztag Program

→ Every Thursday from 6 March to 27 March:

Creative Design Academy

→ Your Choice! Programs rotate every 4 weeks

→ Dinner is provided during each program from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

→ Details:

→ Where: **86 Parliament Road, Macquarie Fields, NSW, 2564**

→ If you have any questions please call **Sari, Joseph or Natasha**
on **02 8796 6700 or 0477 736 180**

We look forward to seeing you at the centre!

STUDIO SESSIONS



- >> 45 Min Session
- >> Studio Props
- >> 2 x Outfit Changes
- >> 5 x Digital Photos

\$150



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