

Guise Public School

"Educating and caring for the whole child"



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Term 4 Week 2 2015

School Term Dates 2015

Term 4 Tuesday 6 October - Friday 18 December 2015 (Students finish 16/12/15)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday 20 October	Triple P Positive Parenting Program
Wednesday 21 October	Pre-Kinder program
Wednesday 21 October	Parent outing to Thirroul Beach with our CLO
Friday 23 October	PSSA GALA Day
Tuesday 27 October	Triple P Positive Parenting Program
Wednesday 28 October	K-6 Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 28 October	P&C Meeting 10.00am
Wednesday 28 October	Pre-Kinder program
Tuesday 3 November	Triple P Positive Parenting Program
Wednesday 4 November	Pre-Kinder program
Friday 6 November	School 40 th Birthday Celebration
Wednesday 11 November	K-6 Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 11 November	P&C Meeting 10.00am
Wednesday 11 November	Pre-Kinder program



Please report trespassing on school grounds, unlawful acts and vandalism to School Security on 1300 880 021

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope all families and children had a relaxing holiday break. This term is shaping up to be an extremely busy one, as can be seen by the number of scheduled events on the school calendar, which has been issued with this newsletter.

CLO Position

Last week the school community and P&C welcomed Carol O'Brien our new Community Liaison Officer (CLO) to Guise PS. Carol comes to us with years of experience working as a School Learning Support Officer and CLO in a number of schools. Carol has planned a variety of parent/carer sessions throughout the term for all parents and families of Guise PS to attend. Her first session is a 'Getting to Know You' outing to Thirroul Beach. Please see an outline of the planned CLO activities for the term later in the newsletter.

Some Reminders

- Children should bring lunch, recess and water each day to school. If a child doesn't have their lunch we will ring parents and can organise an emergency lunch from the canteen. Parents will be invoiced for the food provided.
- Visitors to the school should report directly to the front office and sign in before entering school grounds. These procedures are necessary to ensure we are covering our Work, Health and Safety regulations.
- On occasion, we understand your child may need to be absent from school. Please make sure that following an absence you provide the school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence within 7 days.

Your assistance and support with these reminders are appreciated.

New School Hats

Our order for new school hats in our school colours and with our new logo have arrived at the school this week. All children will be given a free hat this week that they will take home. From Week 3 onwards no other hat will be accepted at school to be worn. All children will be expected to wear the school hat each day. If children lose their hat new ones can be purchased at the office. We are in the process of ordering a broad brimmed hat with logo for those that prefer this style.



I would also like to remind parents/carers that the Guisse PS Uniform has been determined by the school community and it is expected that all students come each day in full school uniform.

Students are encouraged to take pride in their school, and school uniform helps promote a sense of unity and school identity. We appreciate your assistance in ensuring your child comes to school each day in full school uniform.

Triple P Parenting Program

This week the 'Triple P' Parenting Program first session was held at school. The free sessions will run over 5 weeks on Tuesdays with a group of up to 10-15 parents. During the sessions the group will focus on effective parenting strategies; how to enhance your child's development; and how to manage common behaviour problems. There are still places available so if you are interested in attending please contact the office.



Year 7 Selective High School for 2017

If you have a child currently in Year 5 and are thinking about applying for government Selective High School for Year 7 entry for 2017, the application website is now open.

As was outlined on the "Intention to Apply" note that was sent home to all Year 5 students, you must apply online at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

- Applications can be made online between **13 October 2015** and **16 November 2015**. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 10 March 2016**.

Child Protection Education

This term, Child Protection lessons will be taught across the school (K-6). These lessons will be taught to each class by the class teacher. All lessons are tailored to suit the stage levels of each class to ensure that the content delivered is appropriate and relevant. Child Protection lessons across all stages are broken down into three themes;

- Theme 1: Recognising Abuse
- Theme 2: Power in Relationships
- Theme 3: Protective Strategies

While teaching Child Protection lessons, teachers refer to official documentation which is in line with the Department of Education and Communities Child Protection Policy.

If you would prefer your child does not participate in Child Protection lessons this term, please let the school know at your earliest convenience, so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Congratulations Kaila

Huge congratulations to Kaila K who travelled to the Gold Coast in the school holidays to compete in the Oceania World International Championship Karate competition. Kaila came 2nd in her Under 11 Division and will be flying to Tokyo to compete next year. Fantastic effort, Kaila. Well done!!



Have a wonderful week!
Megan Predl

P&C Sports Theme Fun Day



P&C News

Masters BBQ - Thank You

The P&C held a very successful fundraising Masters BBQ event at the Gregory Hills store on the last Saturday of the school holidays to raise funds for the school. I would like to thank the hard working P&C and other family and staff volunteers who helped out on this day. Your ongoing support of the school is very much appreciated.



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Enrol NOW for 2016
Now taking enrolments for
students Kindergarten to
Year 6 for 2016





P&C Sports Theme Fun Day





WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4

Community Liaison Officer Parent/Carer Workshops



WEEK	DAY	DATE	WHAT'S ON
1	Wednesday	7 th October 9am – 11am	Meet and greet in our Community Room
2	Wednesday	14 th October	CLO Away
3	Wednesday	21 st October All Day	Getting to know you excursion A day out for a walk along Thirroul Beach, followed by fish & chips on the beach. Leaving school at 9am- back by 2.30pm Carol will drive the bus and parents with young children will car pool.
4	Wednesday	28 th October 9am – 10.30am	9.15am P & C Meeting in our Community Room
5	Wednesday	4 th November 9am – 11am	Getting to know "Our Community" Workshop We will have outside agencies come in to join us for Parent Group in our Community Room- to let us know what services are out there and how they can help us.
6	Wednesday	11 th November 9am – 11am	P & C Meeting in our Community Room
7	Wednesday	18 th November 9am -11pm	Parent Group Meeting in our Community Room Workshop run by Junction Works
8	Wednesday	25 th November	Parent Group Workshop Cooking with Carol
9	Wednesday	2 nd December 9am- 2.45pm	Parent Group Christmas Party Pampering Morning – followed by going out for a nice lunch All Welcome ☺ Ho ho ho Merry Christmas – let's Celebrate
10	Wednesday	9 th December	P & C Meeting – Planning Day / dates for 2016 Followed by ... Christmas Lunch & Secret Santa gift exchange \$5 wrapped gift – everyone to bring a plate
11	Wednesday	16 th December	No Parent Group today CLO – Planning Day & Admin

Hi Everyone,

My name is Carol O'Brien and I am the Community Liaison Officer for Guise Public School. I will be working at Guise every Wednesday for the remainder of the year. I really look forward to meeting each and every one of our families here at Guise. I welcome you and your family and friends to join us any Wednesday for our Parent Group that runs in our Community Room from 9am - 11am.

On the 21 October (Week 3) we will be going on an outing to Thirroul Beach. I would love for you all to join us. I will be driving a mini bus that seats 11 and I will take any adults on a first in basis. For those that want to bring toddlers, we will car pool the remainder of parents and children.

I really hope you can all join us.

Please pop your names, contact phone number and how you will be travelling on the sheet located at the office.

Look forward to meeting you all.

Thanks Carol

If you need me at anytime you can email me on

Carol.anne.obrien@det.nsw.edu.au or call/sms on 0414 125 184 and leave a message for me. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I hope you can join us each Wednesday for our Parent Groups in our Community Room.

Family members and friends are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all this term at our workshops. Thanks Carol 😊

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School Planner Term 4 2015

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	5 October Public Holiday	6 October	7 October Pre-Kinder	8 October	9 October GALA DAY	10 11 Oct
2	12 October	13 October Triple P Positive Parenting Program	14 October Pre-Kinder 9.00am K-6 Assembly	15 October	16 October	17 18 Oct
3	19 October	20 October Triple P Positive Parenting Program	21 October Pre-Kinder	22 October	23 October GALA DAY	24 25 Oct
4	26 October	27 October Triple P Positive Parenting Program	28 October Pre-Kinder 9.00am K-6 Assembly 10.00am P&C Meeting	29 October	30 October	31 1 Nov
5	2 November	3 November	4 November Pre-Kinder	5 November Official Opening of 8 Ways Indigenous Garden	6 November School 40th Birthday Celebration	7 8 Nov
6	9 November	10 November Triple P Positive Parenting Program	11 November Pre-Kinder 9.00am K-6 Assembly 10.00am P&C Meeting	12 November	13 November	14 15 Nov
7	16 November	17 November Triple P Positive Parenting Program	18 November Pre-Kinder	19 November	20 November	21 22 Nov
8	23 November	24 November 2016 Kinder Orientation	25 November 9.00am K-6 Assembly	26 November	27 November	28 29 Nov
9	30 November	1 December 2016 Kinder Orientation	2 December	3 December	4 December K-6 End of Year Show 9.30am	5 6 Dec
10	7 December Sports Assembly	8 December Presentation Day Parent/carer Thank You morning tea	9 December Yr 6 Farewell 10.00am P&C Meeting	10 December	11 December Principal's Sapphire Level Reward Day	12 13 Dec
11	14 December End of Year Excursion - Movies	15 December	16 December Last Day for Students	17 December SDD Pupil Free	18 December SDD Pupil Free	19 20 Dec



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities? What if my child has to be away from school?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time

- ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives students time to greet their friends before class
- reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within **7** days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within **2** days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- **Compulsory Schooling Conferences**
You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.
- **Application to the Children's Court**
- Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*.

The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- **Prosecution in the Local Court**
School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

For further advice contact

Educational services
T 131 536
Learning and Engagement
Student Engagement and
Interagency Partnerships
T 9244 5356
www.dec.nsw.gov.au

Do you need an interpreter?

If you need help with English and would like further information please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on **131 450** and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

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