

Guise Public School

"Educating and caring for the whole child"

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Warm Welcome

I'd like to thank the many parents who have made me feel so welcome at Guise PS this week. You all have a terrific little school with great potential. I am enjoying getting to know every child at the moment, whilst visiting classrooms, attending the many special events and joining in on the playground.

Mrs Meredith

As explained on Monday, Mrs Meredith is currently on leave and I will be Relieving Principal for at least the next fortnight. The very busy teaching and support staff are currently bringing me up to speed on specific school practices and priorities. I will keep you all informed of emerging information and plans.

Little Learners/Pre Kinder Program - Wednesdays 9am -12 noon

This week our Pre-Kinder Program commenced. This is a very important initiative for transition to school for 2016. It enables all children being considered for Kindergarten 2016 to be prepared, socialised and screened in a school like program. We will have specialist teachers providing rich learning experiences for participants that are specifically designed to inspire an understanding of and passion for big school. Please see Michelle in the office if you are interested in registering your child.

PaTCH Program

KE, K/1 S, K/1C, 2/3C and K/1C are all enjoying the additional support of very keen parent volunteers through the Early Action for Success PaTCH Program. A super group of committed parents from Guise and Curran are currently being trained by the EAS Team as classroom helpers. They are focussing on strategies to support the literacy and numeracy learning of our youngest students. They are strongly assisted by their teachers to ask questions of children in small groups, to deepen each child's reading, writing and speaking experiences. We'll keep you posted on the results. Many of the volunteers will follow this important work up with a TAFE course – Certificate 3 in Educational Support.

Parent Group

As a result of the hard work from a core group of parents, we are investigating the possibility of establishing a structured parent group here at school. Claire Trill and a number of parents, who organised a range of working bees last year, are proposing a project based group of parents and community with the aim of supporting Guise PS in fundraising, working bees, school image and other endeavours. If you are interested in becoming involved pop in and sign up for this group (at the office) and you'll receive an invitation for the first official meeting early next term.

Movie Making

A big thank you to Mrs Searle for organising a wonderful educational experience for our students! The movie-making workshops have been a real hit. Classes will be able to share their 21st Century Masterpieces with you shortly. Thought is being given to weaving these multimedia productions together as the links in our school concert later in 2015.

Reports and Interviews

Teachers are currently busy finalising assessments and formulating the content of each child's half yearly school report. Please be aware that reports will be shared with all parents during Week Nine this term. Guise PS holds three-way interviews where children are expected to play an active role in explaining their learning achievements and future goals. Strong research supports the benefit of children reflecting on and describing these milestones and their future learning directions. Notes will go home next week inviting you to join us for this important event.

Assemblies

There will be no K-6 assembly next week and we will hold Assemblies once per fortnight in future. This decision has been made to maximise classroom teaching and learning time.

Mark Diamond

Relieving Principal

CALENDAR

May

22nd Gala Day
25th No Assembly
Reconciliation Week

27th Aboriginal Garden

June

1st K-6 Assembly 2-3pm
Sorry Day
8th Public Holiday
11th SSW Cross Country

2015 CLASSES

KE	-	Mrs Elliott
K/1S	-	Mrs Searle (AP)
2/3C	-	Mr Carr
3/4H	-	Mrs Horn
5/6M	-	Mrs Mullen/Ms Bullock
K1C	-	Mrs Crichton
26C	-	Miss Capps
		Mrs Davies (AP)

Support Teachers

Mrs Kitsoukias
Mrs Tuni
Miss Anson

Learning Support Officers

Mrs Ballantine
Mrs Mayes
Mrs Hundt

Aboriginal Education Assistant
Miss Bell

Office Administrators

Mr Stevens
Mrs Ball
Mrs Ballantine

Principal

Mrs Meredith

Security

If you suspect someone is unlawfully on the school grounds.

Please call School Security unit:

1300 880 021

TERM ONE SAPPHIRE LEVEL AWARD WINNERS

KE - Aaron Ali	Zara Navae Vuong
K/1S - Taeje Eli	Ricky Painter - Dixon
2/3C - Jenhniesha Cooke	Noah Tauiliili
3/4H - Ebony Reyes	Phoenix Stokes-Erikkson
5/6M - Daejuan Henry	Imran Tabboule

