

# Guise Public School

## "Educating and caring for the whole child"

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### TERM 2 WEEK 8 2015

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### Student Learning

I am very pleased to say that I have had a number of very good conversations with parents regarding the level of focus on quality teaching and learning in recent weeks at Guise PS. I know the teachers are challenging their students to produce excellent work in English, Maths and other areas of the curriculum. I have had many student visitors with their personal best writing or reading to share with me and I have deliberately expected them to explain their new learning in their own words. Kids at Guise can tell you **what they are good at, what they need help with and what their next learning step** looks like. I am encouraging you to have these important conversations at home to complement our efforts at school. Highlights have been seeing real life problem solving in Kinder, Year Five/Six kids focussing on Prediction in Reading, our unit children exploring minibests and exemplary writing in Stage Two. Wow what a fortnight!

##### Parent Teacher Interviews

As you know we are holding Parent/Teacher Interviews for all classes on Monday and Tuesday next week. The teaching staff are determined that 40 families be represented at these important educational events. Your children and their teachers will take enormous encouragement from your attendance at these occasions. The children have been specifically prepared to share **their two stars and a wish** with you regarding their educational progress thus far this year. Every child will be ready to explain two highlights and one challenge representing their learning across the curriculum in the first semester. With your permission we will only hand out reports to those who attend interviews during Week Nine. All of the remaining reports will be sent home during Week 10. Mr Neilson's class is holding a parent teacher meeting both afternoons next week for a general chat that will allow you to share your aspirations and knowledge of your child with him, as he in turn shares his class organisation and philosophy of teaching. If you are unavailable to attend school next Monday or Tuesday but would still like an interview please indicate so on the Interview Return Slip and teachers will accommodate this some other time during Weeks 9 and 10.

##### Mr Neilson - DP Teaching and Learning

We are delighted to welcome Mr Nathan Neilson to our school as the new Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning. He comes to us from Milperra PS and formerly St Andrews PS as an outstanding educator and school leader. Nathan has enormous expertise in successfully implementing rich and authentic literacy and numeracy through cutting edge programs such as L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) and TEN (Targeted Early Numeracy). Nathan has plenty of previous experience supporting our most vulnerable students both in the classroom and the playground. His referees commented on his enthusiasm and work ethic as fine attributes making him highly suitable to this important role in our great school. Nathan will help construct an excellent professional learning package tailored for all teachers and teams at Guise.

##### Gala Days

Mr Carr and Miss Bullock report that our soccer and netball teams competed with sportsmanship and rigour at last week's Fields PSSA Gala Day. Our junior soccer team was undefeated on the day and the netballers were highly competitive. These are great feats for such a relatively small school. Special mention must go to Yolonda Mumbulla and Alyah Pera for excellence in netball and Alex Sokalski and Achilles Alofia for brilliance in Soccer. Thanks also to the many parents who travel to the venues and cheer on and encourage all kids who represent the school. Remember that school sport is a learning focussed activity with ample opportunities for our students to learn how to co-operate, persevere and bounce back. Sport also teaches our kids to take turns and learn how to win and lose gracefully.

##### Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Kayla Killeen of 5/6M and Jenna Kostewicz of 3/4 H who will represent the school at the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Hurlstone Agricultural College on Thursday. This is a wonderful achievement considering over 200 schools will be represented on the day by a variety of competitors from rival PSSA Zones from Bankstown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Strathfield, Campbelltown and Picton etc. We look forward to hearing of your experience whilst flying our school flag girls!

##### Guy Hamilton

Guy Hamilton the Captain of the Bulldogs U/20s Holden Cup squad has commenced working with us as a School Learning Support Officer. Guy will work on Wednesdays to support a number of disengaged learners in classrooms with their Individual Learning Plans. He is also mentoring students on our playground. Guy is also charged with promoting sport and physical fitness with all students and will be involved in games of touch footy with a variety of children from all classes.



#### CALENDAR

##### June

15/16th Interviews

17th Bangarra Dance ATSI Kids

19th Gala Day

Gardening Working Bee  
Parents

22nd Assembly of Excellence

Reconciliation Week

24th Safe Neighbour Concert

26th P&C Launch Breakfast

Pyjama Day and Disco

#### 2015 CLASSES

KE	-	Mrs Elliott
K/1S	-	Mr Neilson (DP)
2/3C	-	Mr S. Carr
3/4H	-	Mr L. Carr
5/6M	-	Mrs Mullen/Mrs Bullock
K/2C	-	Mrs Crichton
3/6C	-	Miss Capps Mrs Davies (AP)

##### Support Teachers

Mrs Kitsoukili  
Mrs Bullock  
Miss Anson

##### Learning Support Officers

Mrs Swadling  
Mrs Harris  
Mr Ellaali

##### Aboriginal Education Assistant

Miss Bell

##### Office Administrators

Mr Stevens  
Mrs Ball  
Mrs Ballantine

Principal Mr Diamond (Rel)

##### Security

If you suspect someone is unlawfully on the school grounds. **Please call School Security**

**1300 880 021**

## TERM TWO Wk 7 ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

KE - Chloe Pamplin, Michelle Mapa, Queen Teofilo  
K/1S - Mia Johnston, Ellie-Mae Polsen, Pauli Mapa  
2/3C - Selitha Houang, Noah Tauiliili, Temukisa Leuea  
3/4H - Pheonix Stokes, Debbie Li, Shaun Vetemotu  
5/6M - Fehoko Tuimoala, Tuimoala, Juliet Tauiliili, Ulmran Tabboule  
K/1C Dylan Palinko, Alex Badham, Wyatt Dell 2/6C Mathew Beckett



### Guisse PS P&C News

It is with enormous pride that I report that a group of very motivated parents have re-established a P&C (Parents and Citizens) Group within the school. This group will meet on Fridays approximately twice per term from this term on. Clair Trill (mother of Ryan from 3/4H) will be President, Jackie Hill (mother of Kayla 5/6M) will be the secretary and Christine Jones (Mother of Peter in KE) will be the treasurer.

They will launch this group on the last day of term with a breakfast for interested parents. This will be followed by a ***Wear your PJs to School Day and Disco Fundraiser***. More details to follow... A brief meeting will be held next Friday morning at 9am (19<sup>th</sup> June) in the school library to finalise arrangements for this event. A gardening Working Bee will also be held from 1pm next Friday in support of school beautification.

### Pre Kinder Program

Ms Lauren Winnsborrow has commenced as our Pre-Kinder Teacher and is giving our potential 2016 kinder students a wonderful preparation for big school. The children are participating in a school readiness program with enormous potential to prepare them for a very healthy transition to kindergarten. This important initiative will grow throughout Term Three and Four to include more demanding learning experiences for the kids and effective briefings and communication with parents.

### Bush Garden Project/Sorry assembly

Congratulations to Mrs Mullen and Miss Bell for their work in creating a great feature for our school in The Bush Garden. This project was a partnership between our school and Airds HS and the Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. Well done team! The Sorry Assembly and Reconciliation activities completed in all classrooms also capped off an appropriate recognition of indigenous culture and its importance in modern Australia.

### Working Bees

Many thanks to the staff and community members who helped with gardening and a clean up of storage around the school recently. I think we banked many General Assistance hours as a result!

### School Uniform

Thanks to Mrs Ballantine and our new P&C for organising our new school uniform. The children will all receive one brand new teal and navy polo shirt and navy jacket with the new school logo, embroidered on each item by, the end of term. School hats and sports uniforms will be our next target. Additional school uniform will be on sale once per week before school commencing in term Three.

Hats must be worn in the playground as a matter of sun safety. Teachers will model this expectation.

