



# Guise Public School

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## Term 4 Week 2 2020

### School Term Dates 2020

Term 4 Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December (Students finish Wednesday 16 December)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon 19 - Fri 23 October

Tuesday 20 October

Tuesday 27 October

Wednesday 28 October

Thurs 29 - Friday 30 October

Thursday 12 November

Tuesday 17 November

Book Week

Book Week Character Dress Up Day

Assembly

Year 5 Leadership Day

NSW Health Dental Screenings

Guise Film Festival

Assembly



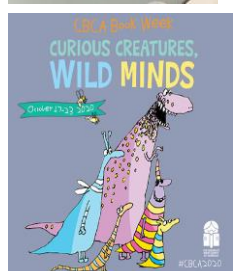
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## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope all families and children had a lovely holiday break. This term is going to be another busy one, as can be seen by the scheduled events on the school planner, which is included in this newsletter. Please keep this at hand, so your child/ren don't miss out on any planned activities.

### Book Week - 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'

This week students and staff celebrated Book Week and the theme this year was 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.' During the week classes participated in a Virtual Book Bingo in their classes through Seesaw, where children could select a Bitmoji of staff and then listen to them read one of the shortlisted books of the year. In addition, children enjoyed the character dress up day on Tuesday, where they dressed up as their own favourite characters from books. My special thanks to Miss Rossiter for organising the wonderful activities for Book Week this year.



## Year 7 Selective High School for 2022

If you have a child currently in Year 5 and are thinking about applying for government Selective High School for Year 7 entry for 2022, the application website is now open. Selective high schools cater for high achieving, academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

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

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

- Applications can be made online between **6 October 2020** and **9 November 2020**. Applications will not be accepted after 9 November 2020.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on **Thursday 11 March 2021**.

## Guise Public School Facebook

Guise Public School officially launched a Facebook profile late last term where notices, student work and newsletters will be shown. We are excited to add this communication and sharing platform for our school community, in addition to our existing Skoolbag, Seesaw and Guise PS website. As you would understand, we need to operate the official Guise Public School Facebook page with a strict set of guidelines and terms and conditions of use. Guise Public School follows both the Department of Education Code of Conduct and Facebook Terms and Conditions.

Please ensure you follow our 'Rules of Engagement in joining our community on Facebook' and also carefully read the Guise PS policy before joining our page. Please use the link below to find the official Guise Public School Facebook page. We look forward to sharing the wonderful things that are happening at Guise PS with our community through this communication and networking platform.

<https://www.facebook.com/guisepublicschool>

## Online Enrolments

Just a reminder that our new online enrolment process went live last term!

Enrolling online makes it easier and faster to enrol your child at your local school. Click the link below to start your application today:

<https://enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/#/?schoolCode=4461&catchmentLevel=primary>

This process is currently only available for students in our local catchment area. To find out if this is you please visit the above link and type in your address.

Out of Area Applications are still available through our school office.

## Do you have our Seesaw app?

### What is Seesaw?

- ✓ Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom.
- ✓ Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology.
- ✓ Each student receives their own journal and will add things to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes.
- ✓ When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or SMS.
- ✓ Parents are only notified about their own child's work, and all data is safe and secure.

### How do I connect to my child's Seesaw journal?

Your child will have their own unique QR code that was sent home last term. Once you download the app to your device you will be able to connect to your child's journal by scanning the QR code. If you have lost or misplaced the QR code, feel free to ask at the front office or your child's classroom teacher for another copy.

The following link is a short video to show you how to set Seesaw up on your device

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdN2S0m\\_ZAo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdN2S0m_ZAo)



## Attendance

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please explain the reason by phone or written note as soon as possible and within seven days.

**Guise Public School's Attendance Policy can be found on our School Website.**

Have a wonderful week!  
Megan Predl



## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by Monday 26 October.

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.**

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

## Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carer: \_\_\_\_\_

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10 September, 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Guise Public School has officially launched a Facebook profile where notices, student work and newsletters will be shown. Below are a set of guidelines and terms and conditions of use. Guise Public School follows both the Department of Education Code of Conduct and Facebook Terms and Conditions.

Rules of Engagement in joining our community on Facebook.

### **Facebook Terms and Conditions of age appropriateness**

- Please note that the Facebook Terms and Conditions state that no one under the age of 13 years should have a Facebook profile. Therefore, any primary students who ‘Like’ or comment on the Guise Public School Facebook page will be deleted and reported immediately.

### **Comments Terms and Conditions**

- The comments policy for Guise Public School encourages interaction from Facebook users but is not responsible for comments or wall postings made by visitors to the page. Comments posted also do not in any way reflect the opinions or policies of Guise Public School. Guise Public School asks that people making comments on the page show respect for their fellow users by ensuring the discussion remains civil. Comments are also subject to Facebook's Terms of Use and Code of Conduct. Remember that your name and photo will be seen next to your comment, visible to visitors to the page. We reserve the right, but assume no obligation, to hide or delete comments that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, spam, that advocate illegal activity, contain falsehoods or are wildly off-topic, or that libel, incite, threaten or make attacks on Guise Public School students, employees, guests or other individuals. We also do not permit messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures. Facebook encourages all users to utilise the ‘Report’ links when they find abusive content.

- **Friending Staff on Facebook**

The Department of Education has this advice for teachers 'Friending' parents on Facebook: *‘The line between your professional and personal life could become blurred making it difficult to manage your professional relationship with the parents when that becomes necessary. You also need to bear in mind that becoming a Facebook friend with a parent could result in their children getting access to your account as well. You also need to be mindful that you need to be careful what you say on Facebook if you have parents as friends as comments made online can be misunderstood and could result in parental complaints made to your principal’.*

In short, please do not ask to friend a member of staff on Facebook as refusal often offends.

Please use the link below to find the official Guise Public School Facebook page. We look forward to sharing the wonderful things that are happening at Guise PS with our community through this communication and networking platform. <https://www.facebook.com/guisepublicschool>

Renee Heyburgh  
Deputy Principal

Megan Predl  
Principal



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## Guise Public School Facebook Policy

### **Rationale:**

Guise Public School acknowledges that there are an increasing number of people using social networking sites. The widespread availability and use of social networking applications brings opportunities to understand, engage and communicate with audiences in new ways.

### **Aim:**

Guise Public School aims to:

1. Allow our community to be informed about activities and achievements through a widely used forum.
2. Promote a positive image for our school and celebrate the highlights of our school community.
3. Make connecting with our school more convenient and accessible for our families.

### **Policy Statement:**

Guise Public School reserves the right to block parents from using the school's Facebook site at the discretion of the school Principal. Where there are issues of a potentially serious criminal nature such as threats or inappropriate comments, the matter will be referred directly to the relevant governing body.

### **Guidelines:**

- Guise Public School staff administrators of the GPS Facebook website are the only users who can post to our Facebook page.
- Parental consent for the use of student's first name and photos will be obtained.
- All users following the school's Facebook page who are interacting ('Liking') the posts must do so with a Facebook account that is identifiable.
- The school will not respond to private messages, comments or questions on the page.
- The school will only use first names of students in posts.
- Teacher's official names or parents first names may be used when acknowledging positive work or contribution.
- Guise Public School reserves the right to remove any content which is deemed to be in breach of the Facebook Guidelines. This includes discriminatory, illegal, obscene or misleading/fraudulent comments, spam or any indecent content.
- Guise Public School does not endorse children under the age of thirteen years of age having their own Facebook account. We encourage children only under parent supervision, to view our school's Facebook page.
- We trust the conduct of our community members on our Facebook page will serve as a positive role model on how to behave appropriately on social media spaces. Should anyone fail to comply with the Facebook Page Terms and Conditions and Guise Public School Policy they will be blocked from the Guise Public School Facebook Page.
- Guise Public School's Facebook Page operates under the School Facebook Policy, Department of Education Social Media Policy and Code of Conduct, as well as Facebook Terms and Conditions. Find the Guise Public School Facebook Page via: <https://www.facebook.com/guisepublicschool>



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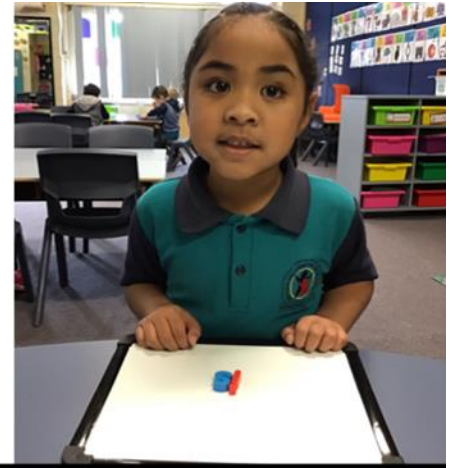
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## School Planner Term 4 2020

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>Week 1</b>	12 October First day back for staff and students	13 October	14 October Links to Learning	15 October	16 October	17 18 Oct
<b>2</b>	19 October Book Week	20 October Book Week Character Dress Up Day	21 October Links to Learning	22 October	23 October	24 25 Oct
<b>3</b>	26 October	27 October Assembly	28 October Links to Learning  Year 5 Leadership Day	29 October NSW Health Dental Screenings	30 October NSW Health Dental Screenings	31 Oct 1 Nov
<b>4</b>	2 November	3 November	4 November Links to Learning	5 November	6 November	7 8 Nov
<b>5</b>	9 November	10 November	11 November Links to Learning  Remembrance Day	12 November Guise Film Festival	13 November	14 15 Nov
<b>6</b>	16 November	17 November Assembly	18 November Links to Learning	19 November	20 November	21 22 Nov
<b>7</b>	23 November	24 November	25 November Links to Learning	26 November	27 November Jump Rope	28 29 Nov
<b>8</b>	30 November	1 December Year 7 Orientation Day	2 December Links to Learning	3 December	4 December	5 6 Dec
<b>9</b>	7 December	8 December Presentation Day	9 December Gold/Sapphire Reward Day	10 December	11 December Sports/Arts Presentation Day	12 13 Dec
<b>10</b>	14 December Year 6 Farewell	15 December	16 December Last Day for students	17 December Staff Development Day	18 December	19 20 Dec



# IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2021?



To assist with school readiness, Guise Public School is offering a free Pre-Kindergarten program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9am-12pm. For further information or to book in, please contact the office on 9605 4397.

# Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

**1**

## Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

**2**

## Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

**3**

## Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups

