

# NEWSLETTER

**GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## Friday, 24 April

### COMING EVENTS

**Tues 28 April** Fun Food orders close 9:00 a.m.  
**Wed 29-Thurs 30** Mrs Burnett at First Aid Course  
**Fri 1 May** Fun Food lunch. No shop orders  
**Mon 4 May** **Parents' Club meeting 9:15 am**  
**Thurs 7 May** Mothers' Day stall  
**Fri 8 May** Last chance—Mothers' Day stall  
 Sale and District Cross Country  
 Yr 5/6 camp balance due  
**Sun 10 May** Happy Mothers' Day!  
**Mon 18 May** School Council  
*Education Week 18-22 May*  
**Tues 19 May** Open Day School Concert 2 pm

### **Welcome! Welcome!**

It has been great to welcome new students to our school this term. Guthridge greetings to Faith (Yr 3) and Paige (Yr 5) and Elli (Yr 3).

Welcome back also to Ben (Yr 6) and Cailey (Prep). We hope all our new families enjoy being part of our school community.

A special welcome also to two new staff members this term. Mrs Julie Riley will be teaching Kiley Cunningham's Year 3/4 class and Mr Graham Whitlock will be teaching Wendy Morgan's Year 5/6 class. Both Kiley and Wendy are on long service leave this term and we are very fortunate to have such experienced teachers as their replacements.

Ms Jessica Woodhouse has been enjoying her student teaching placement in Robyn's Yr 1/2 class this week and will be with us next week as well.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews—Thank You!**

Teachers were rapt to have such a fantastic response from our families for parent teacher interviews in the last week of term. 94% of our families attended their child's interviews. This really shows that our families are interested in and care about their child's education. If you were unable to make it on the day, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible as they are very keen to speak with you.

### **School Council—Skorts Survey**

Last term a survey went home via our newsletters to see if there was enough interest in including "skorts" (shorts that look like a skirt) in our school uniform. We currently have 149 families at our school and there were 10 responses in favour of including skorts. School Council decided as not enough interest was shown, that skorts would not be an additional item for school uniform. Our School Uniform policy was reviewed at the meeting and a copy is attached to the newsletter. This policy will not be reviewed for another two years and no changes will be made to our current uniform during this time.

It is School Council policy that all students are expected to be in full school uniform. The only school shirts, jumpers, beanies or scarves which should be worn are those with our logo on them. The old fleecy jumper with the large school logo has not been part of our uniform for some time now. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school jumper. Some second-hand jumpers and jackets will be available for purchase as soon as we complete sorting them into sizes (hopefully on Monday 4 May). A reminder that stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are

Congratulations to this week's Learning Heroes - Your certificates will be presented at Monday's Assembly

Rm. 1	Bethannie (Mod Prep)	Persevering in completing her beautiful sun cut out
Rm. 2	Louise (Prep)	Excellent manners
Rm. 3	James (Prep)	Making fractions in Maths
Rm. 4	Winston (Yr 2)	Great attitude towards Maths
Rm. 5	Connor (Yr 1)	Great class discussion of healthy lifestyles
Rm. 6	Megan (yr 5)	Trying extremely hard all week at Bouncing Back!
Rm. 9	Rebecca (Yr 5)	Being supportive of other students in their learning
Rm.10	Alexandra (Yr 4)	Wonderful work efforts and great attitude in class all week
Rm.11	James (Yr 4)	Learning his number facts
Art	Dylan (Yr 3)	Enthusiastic approach to art
P.E.	Shayn (Prep)	Trying hard with her skipping

the only acceptable jewellery. Children wearing necklaces will be asked to remove them and collect them at the end of the day. This is a safety issue to avoid accidental choking.

### Cross Country Success

Well done to all our Year 3-6 students who participated in the cross-country in perfect conditions yesterday. It is a very l-o-n-g way to run around Lake Guthridge but your have a go, keep trying and bounce back attitude was just great to see. Thank you to Geoff Avery and Heather Andrews for their excellent organisation of the day and also to our parent helpers. We could not have done it without you.

Congratulations to our place-getters ...

*8/9 year old Girls* Breeanna (1st), Jade (2nd), Isabelle Cox (3rd)

*8/9 year old Boys* Nic (1st), Josh (2nd), Dylan (3rd)

*10 year old Girls* Sophie (1st), Madeline (2nd), Anna (3rd)

*10 year old Boys* Cooper (1st), Clayton (2nd), Brad (3rd)

*11 year old Girls* Haarmoni (1st), Paige (2nd), Sarah (3rd)

*11 year old Boys* Jayden (1st), Rhys (2nd), Joshua (3rd)

*12 year old Girls* Shari (1st), Madison (2nd), Khotti (3rd)

*12 year old Boys* Kyle (1st), Jai (2nd), Ben (3rd)

The Guthridge Primary School 2009 Cross Country Squad will be announced next week based on running times.

Those children selected will represent our school at the Sale and District Cross-Country on Friday 8 May.

### Lessons for Living-Being a Good Winner

The social skills we learn in life are just as important as all the academic knowledge we learn. People with good social skills make and keep friends more easily and know how to get along with people. Learning good social skills can help us deal with tricky life situations. Every week our school studies the same social skill in each classroom. This week we have talked about "playing fairly". Next week teachers will be talking with their students about "being a good winner". Even though most of us probably want to win in games, it is more important to maintain a positive relationship with other players so that they will want to play again and stay friends. A winning player who makes other people feel bad that they have lost will get fewer opportunities to play again and will lose friends. So Do keep your smiles and excitement low-key Do comment on what the other players did well (but don't over do it!)

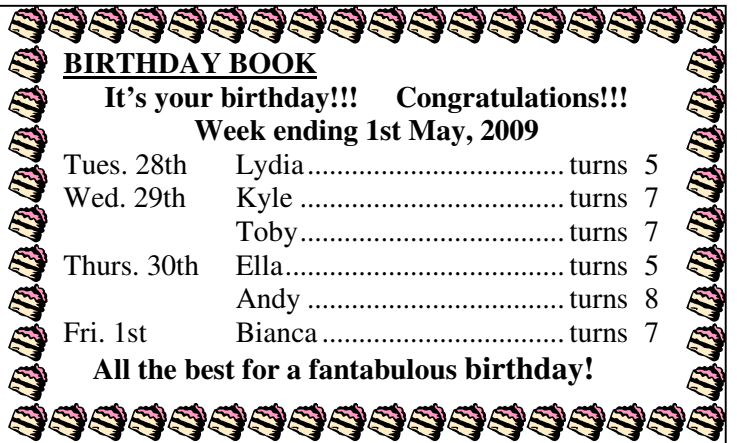
Do keep trying hard even if you are a long way ahead

Do thank the others for a good game.

Don't boast about how well you are doing or how well you played.

Don't comment on how far behind the other players are.

Don't act happy about other players' bad luck e.g. if they miss a shot or go out in the game.\*



### BIRTHDAY BOOK

It's your birthday!!! Congratulations!!!

Week ending 1st May, 2009

Tues. 28th Lydia..... turns 5

Wed. 29th Kyle ..... turns 7

Toby..... turns 7

Thurs. 30th Ella..... turns 5

Andy ..... turns 8

Fri. 1st Bianca..... turns 7

All the best for a fantabulous birthday!

\* "Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms" by McGrath and Francey

Playing games with your children gives them lots of practice at learning these important social skills at home.

### Attendance and Punctuality

At Monday's Assembly we were able to present certificates to 78 students who had perfect attendance in Term 1. What a great achievement! While we have many students who attend regularly and punctually, it was disappointing to also note that we lost over 500 days of learning last term because of student absences. Please help us maximise your child's learning potential by ensuring that you child is only away from school unless he or she is genuinely sick. To put it simply, "It's not okay to be away!"

In cases of repeated unexplained absences or frequent late arrivals to school, we will be contacting the relevant authorities.

### Student Safety

Please do not call your child across busy Dawson Street or Guthridge Parade. These are extremely congested roads at the end of the day and potentially quite dangerous. Children must use the school crossings to get to the other side of they road. Let's keep our children safe by making sure they do the right thing.

### Nation Building Economic Stimulus Package

What does it mean for Guthridge P.S.? Well, a brand new \$2 million building of 6 classrooms and other learning areas! Wow! Once a site manager is appointed to work with us, we expect things to happen quickly. At this stage, the existing senior wing will be demolished and the new building erected on that site. As we learn more, we will keep you posted. It's all very exciting for our school.

### Education Week 18-22 May

Why are state school great schools? Well, bring a friend and show them our school for starters! We're having an Open Day on Tuesday 19 May with school tours at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We will also be having our Education Week P-6 concert in the afternoon at 1:45 p.m. Every class will be presenting an item and you'll also get to hear our world famous Choir and Concert Band. Impressive? Absolutely! Circle the date in your diary now so you don't miss out! Be sure to bring your family and friends so that we can really show-off the amazing talent at this school! A gold coin donation would be appreciated to further support our instrumental program.

## 2008 Annual Report to the School Community

The Annual Report to the School Community provides a formal opportunity for schools to provide a summary of their achievements and progress towards improving student learning, engagement and wellbeing and transitions and pathways. The 2008 Annual Report for Guthridge Primary School has been presented to School Council and Parents' Club. Parents are encouraged to collect a copy from the Office. It will also be available for down-loading from our web-site at [www.guthridgeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.guthridgeps.vic.edu.au)

### Head Lice Alert

A couple of cases of head lice have been reported in classes. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. Remember that treatment must be followed up one week later. If your child has head lice you will need to treat the whole family. Please contact the school or your local pharmacy if you require further information.

### Year 5/6 Camp Balance

Notes went home today indicating what amount was owed for the Year 5/6 camp. Payments must be received by Friday 8 May. **We will not accept late payments.**

### State-Wide School Closure Thursday 12 June

An early reminder to families that there will be no school for students on Thursday 12 June. This is a state-wide report writing day for government schools.

### Parents' Club News

#### Easter Raffle Winners

Thank to the many families who supported our monster Easter raffle. Over 50 prizes were on offer and the lucky first ten winners were:

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| 1. Linda Everton   | 6. Elsa Saund    |
| 2. S. Swarbrick    | 7. Thomas Duhig  |
| 3. M. Laube        | 8. Bryce Rankin  |
| 4. Khottie Dunbar  | 9. Lay family    |
| 5. Maureen Plekker | 10. Tahnee Lynch |

Our raffle raised \$ 1294. Thanks for your support!

**Fun Food Friday 1 May**—order forms went home on Tuesday. Orders are due back next Tuesday 28 April by 9:00 a.m. No late orders will be accepted. Choice of sausage in break or chicken burger. Yum! Yum! Please note ... there will be no orders from the shop on Friday 1 May.

### Mothers' Day/Special Person Stall Thursday 7 May

A wide range of gifts are available ranging in price from \$1 to \$6. Bargain!

### Uniform Price List

The uniform shop is a private business run by Leanne Chester. Uniform can be purchased from our school hall on Monday mornings after Assembly and Wednesdays from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Please contact Leanne on 0448460 899 if you have any uniform inquiries.

<i>Jumpers (with logo)</i>	\$24
<i>Polo shirt (with logo)</i>	\$19
<i>Long sleeved polo shirt (logo)</i>	\$19

<i>Beanies (with logo)</i>	\$ 7
<i>Scarves (with logo)</i>	\$ 7
<i>Track pants</i>	\$18
<i>Blocker pants</i>	\$18
<i>Jackets (with logo)</i>	\$28
<i>Rugby knit shorts</i>	\$14
<i>School dress</i>	\$12
<i>Flared track pant</i>	\$18
<i>Bags (with logo)</i>	\$25
<i>Library bags</i>	\$ 2
<i>Art smocks</i>	\$12
<i>School hat (with logo)</i>	\$ 8

*\*Prices subject to change*

Black school shoes or sneakers (preferred).

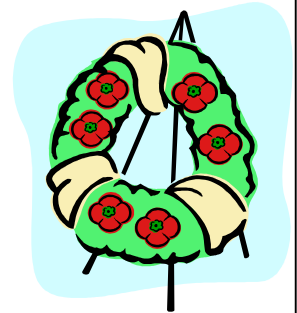
Iron-on logos are not a School Council approved item.

The only jewellery items that should be worn are ear studs, sleepers and watches. Students are not permitted to wear make-up.

*When children leave the school grounds (e.g. excursions, sport), full school uniform must be worn.*

### ANZAC Day

Student Council led our Anzac Day memorial service this afternoon and will also represent our school at the wreath-laying ceremony tomorrow. This is a tremendous show of leadership skills by our senior students and we commend them for being such great ambassadors for our school.



### Community News

#### Sale Little Athletics 2009 Cross Country Season

First meet is a 9:00 a.m. start on Saturday 2 May at Sale Fauna Park. Session usually lasts 30-45 minutes. For further contact Tracey Warry on 51454367

#### Chaplaincy Trivia Night Friday 1 May at 7:30 p.m.

Sale Memorial Hall Supper room. Adults \$15 Students \$10. Tables of 8. BYO nibbles and drinks. Bookings essential. Contact Sale College on 51443711 by 29 April.

#### Big Golf Days Out

Ideal for children yet to start or just getting started in golf (recommended ages 6-12 years old, boys and girls). All equipment provided. Sale Golf Club Sunday, April 26, 10:30-1:30 p.m. Cost \$15 (includes lunch time snack).

#### Sale City Auskick Centre—Parent Preparation Day

Get more out of Auskick. Sunday 26 April 10-11:30 a.m. Sale city Social club Stephenson Park

#### Sale City Auskick Lessons

Sunday 3 May 10:00 a.m.—Stephenson Park main oval. Registrations accepted on this day. \$55 per child. Parents/guardians must be in attendance.

#### Everybodies Gifts Now Open

Stocking giftware, pictures, vases, glasses, figurines, cups and plates, decorated shoes, hats, t-shirts, embroidered towels, food hampers, chocolates, lollies, chips and drink. Offering Playstation 30 min \$5.00.

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# **GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

School Council has determined that the wearing of a school uniform at Guthridge Primary School be compulsory for all students.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing the school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **POLICY OBJECTIVES**

- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- To provide durable and sun-safe clothing that is cost-effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- With respect to the wearing of jewellery, to ensure that items that compromise the safety of students are excluded.

### **GUIDELINES**

- After consultation with the school community, School Council determined a Dress Code that it believes provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many, varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of family.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursion.
- The school community will continue to be consulted and to have input into the dress code policy and subsequent changes.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- A list of school uniform requirements will be drawn up and made available to all families.
- Students will be required to wear a school hat every day during Terms 1 and 4. Students without hats will be required to play in the shade and will not be permitted to play sport or be involved in outdoor activities at these times. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Teachers will be encouraged to wear hats on duty to set an example.
- Protective winter clothing such as coats, scarves and beanies should not be worn inside.
- Clothing associated with school events (e.g. graduation shirts, fete, Production, sports days) may be worn for a time specified by the school.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Staff will positively encourage the correct wearing of uniform.
- Parents will be made aware of the dress code policy on enrolment and will be asked to clearly label all uniform.
- Students out of uniform require a note from parents/guardians, explaining the circumstances.
- Children should dress to suit the weather. Tights and track-suit pants should not be worn under school dresses.

### **PURCHASING**

- Uniform can be purchased from the school on Monday mornings after Assembly and on Wednesdays (8:45 to 9:15)

This policy was last ratified by School Council in April, 09