

# NEWSLETTER

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## Friday, 28th August

### COMING EVENTS

<b>31 Aug-4 Sep</b>	<i>Literacy/Numeracy Week</i>
<b>1-2 Sep</b>	<b>Last week of Active After School</b>
<b>Wed 2 Sep</b>	Last day for payment for Junior School trip to Melb.
<b>Thurs 3 Sep</b>	Fathers' Day Stall
<b>Wed 9 Sep</b>	Junior School Big Day Out
<b>Fri 18 Sep</b>	Yr 3/4 camp deposit due Last day of term 2:15 finish

### **Celebrating Book Week**

We hope everyone enjoyed being part of our Book Week celebrations and our Book Parade on Wednesday was certainly a high-light. Well done to all those children (and adults) who came dressed up. Thank you again to Sarah and her Parents' Club helpers who worked so hard organising our Adopt-A-Book program. As a result of your generosity, \$900 worth of brand-new books have been donated to our library!

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Throughout the week, Junior students paid a visit to our local Sale library for some story sharing. If you and your family are not members of the Sale library, please consider joining. It's absolutely free and imagine having hundreds and hundreds of books from which to choose!

### **Sharing Books With Children**

As a parent you can help your child's learning. Valuing and sharing books from a very early age is one way you can encourage children to learn to read. Making a special time to read books can become a comfortable and pleasurable part of the daily routine. A bedtime story is the ideal time to share the wonder and excitement contained within the pages of a book. Children are NEVER TOO OLD to be read to—and that includes Year 6s!

*Reading to* children shows how a book works—you are demonstrating what you do when you read aloud by providing a model for your child. Reading books TO children enables them to hear and enjoy books they would be unable to read alone.

*Reading with* a child occurs when you share a book together. This can be satisfying for the child who will gain confidence through the support of a more able reader. Taking turns to read and being able to join in as they feel confident allows your child to see and think of themselves as a reader.

*Reading by* the child offers time for the child to read appropriate books by themselves. This may involve reading aloud or silently and re-reading favourite books many times or browsing through more difficult books that interest them.

Congratulations to our Weekly Award Winners - Your certificate will be presented at Monday's Assembly

Rm. 1	Nathan	Making a fast start on and completing his tasks.
Rm. 2	Tom	Doing a fantastic demonstration of sculling to his swimming group.
Rm. 3	Alice	Always trying her best and having a fantastic attitude to learning.
Rm. 4	Jai	Completing a terrific Venn Diagram comparing Henny Penny and Blossum Possum.
Rm. 5	Chad	Making a great start to Grade 2 at Guthridge Primary School.
Rm. 6	Brandon	For improving his reading skills.
Rm.10	Cooper	Having a positive attitude and showing respect for others.
Rm.11	Kiera	Helping others and having a great attitude to her learning.
Art	Connor	Creating an interesting dinosaur land.
L.O.T.E	Wil	Listening and participating keenly in our French play.
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Reading should be a daily part of your family's routine. It's fun. It's cheap and it's just SO good for everyone!

### Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy Week is every week at Guthridge Primary, but next week in particular we will be doing some whole school activities. National Reading Day is Wednesday 2 September and we will be joining thousands of children all over the country reading together, sharing stories and listening to the stories of others. We will also be collecting lots and lots of data about our first names—How long are they? Which letter occurs the most? How many start with a specific letter? Are girls' names longer than boys' names? What is the most popular first letter of a first name? This data will be added to data being collected by schools all over the country. We will be using so many of our mathematical skills in collecting and comparing this data. How exciting! Not only will these activities further enhance our literacy and numeracy skills, they also give children the opportunity to work with children from other classes which is all part of our transition process.

### Confidential Parent Opinion Survey

This week thousands of parents throughout Victoria were randomly selected through their school's computer system and received a confidential parent opinion survey. This information is used to measure how we as a school are performing. We urge those families who were randomly selected this year to return their surveys by Monday as this information is very important in ensuring that we continue to achieve high standards in all that we do.

### Making a Difference

We received a very grateful letter from Sister Laurinda Pinto in East Timor. She was writing on behalf of her impoverished community which was absolutely delighted to receive a donation of discontinued uniform from us. Did you know that through our Social Service collection each Friday, we sponsor a child living in extremely difficult circumstances in a village in Ethiopia? Any loose change is always welcome at our school—especially on Fridays!

### District Athletics

Congratulations to our Guthridge P.S. athletes who represented us at the District sports this week. We were very impressed by your behaviour and the 100% effort you showed in all your events. Well done!

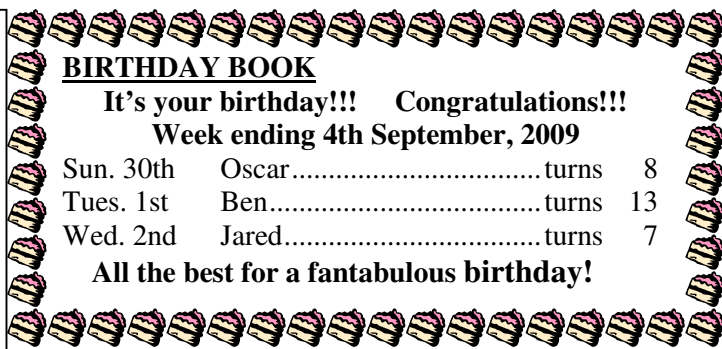


### Fathers' Day/Special Person Stall—Thursday 3 Sept

Fabulous gifts from \$1-\$6 available on Thursday (and Friday if there are any left over). Bargains galore!

### Lessons For Living—Making Decisions in a Group

This important skills involves making sure everyone has been heard and checking for agreement before the group decides. So—ask each person in the group, one by one,



### BIRTHDAY BOOK

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

Week ending 4th September, 2009

Sun. 30th	Oscar.....	turns	8
Tues. 1st	Ben.....	turns	13
Wed. 2nd	Jared.....	turns	7

All the best for a fantabulous birthday!

how they feel about the idea. If there isn't agreement, ask for another idea and then check how everyone feels about this one. Keep doing this until you get a decision that everyone feels okay with. Remember, you may have to use your "negotiating" skills as well. The main thing is don't see it as "losing" if your idea isn't accepted by other people. Teachers use group work throughout the day. Being able to "work as a team" is an important part of learning in today's busy classrooms.

### Last week of Active After School

Next week is the last week of the Active After School program for this term. Thank you to Lea Dugan and her coaches who have provided lots of fun activities over the last 7 weeks.

**Welcome to Chad** (Yr 2) who had joined Miss Duffield's class this week. Chad was with us for a little while when he was in Preps and it's just lovely having him back with us again.

**New baby sisters** for Connor (Hayley, born 24 August) and Ryan (Chloe, born 19 August). Both boys are in Room 11 and are very proud indeed!



### Community News

Sale & District Autism Support Group next meets on Tuesday 8 September from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Carer Respite Centre, 52 McArthur Street, Sale. Contact Sharyn on 51472738 or Lisa 51444691

### WANTED - Girls Under 10 years

The Sale Amateur Basketball Association is currently running a combined U10/U12 girls competition due to a lack of U10 girls. Tuesdays during 4th term 2009 and 1st term 2010. No experience necessary. Please call Jackie Hughes on 5143.1965 and leave message.

### Sale Cricket Club

Junior Registration Night for U11, U12, U14 and U16 years. 4:00 to 7:00 includes BBQ tea. 18th Sep Sale Cricket Club clubrooms ]. Contact Ross on 0428 825 275 or Col 0403 171 960

### Junior Golf Clinics

From Sunday Aug 30 at 1:30. \$6 per clinic. Contact Sale Golf Club on 51497160/0406581683