



# GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17 JUNE

WEEK 8, TERM 2, 2022

## COMING UP

Tuesday	21 June	Winter Solstice – Pyjama Day for students and staff.
Thursday	23 June	Last Day of Term 2 for students – normal 3:15pm finish
Friday	24 June	Student-Free Day – Teacher Professional Practice Day
	3 –10 July	NAIDOC Week
Monday	11 July	First Day of Term 3



Emily Streitberg  
Principal

### End of term:

We are almost at the end of Term 2. Next week is the last week of term and it will be a short week as Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June is a Student-Free Day. While there will be no students at school on Friday, our teachers and Education Support staff will be busy planning together for next term.

### Student Reports:

Student Reports will be sent home with students on Thursday. We will have a normal finish time of 3:15pm on Thursday. Reports will not be available before Thursday. If your child is absent on Thursday, the Reports will be sent home with your child at the beginning of next term.

### Celebrating the Winter Solstice:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June is known as the Winter Solstice. The Winter Solstice means the day has the shortest amount of time between sunrise and sunset. With so few daylight hours it is hardly worth getting out of our pyjamas at all.... So on Tuesday don't bother getting dressed for school. Instead students and staff have my permission to stay in their pyjamas all day!

Students are permitted to wear their pyjamas to school instead of their uniform. As it will be a normal learning day, everyone will need to make sure their pyjamas are suitable for a full day at school – fully button up or zip up, allow for going to the toilet and allow for ease of movement for normal school activities. Students can bring their slippers to wear inside, but they need to wear normal school shoes for outside activities. Students should also bring their school uniform to change into as an option for later in the day.

### School Fees Reminder:

If you haven't paid your child's school fees, or Parent Payments yet, I have attached the policy to this Newsletter. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call and speak to me, or our Business Manager, Meranda Baker.

### Enrolments for 2023

We are now definitely taking enrolments for 2023 and Enrolment forms can be requested by calling the Office, 5144 3633. If you have a child turning 5 years old by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, please contact us today to arrange enrolment.

### Leaving??

It is vitally important that we know of any students who will be leaving our school this year, or at the end of the year. If your family are moving out of the area, or your child or children are changing schools, then please let us know immediately. Our 2023 planning has started already, and it helps us enormously if we have a clear indication of enrolments as early as possible.

### Happy Birthday to you!

19<sup>th</sup> June - Penny Glover & Maddison Rogers

21<sup>st</sup> June - Charlie Lamb

22<sup>nd</sup> June - Millie Cropley & Fletcher Murray

23<sup>rd</sup> June - Amelia Neilson

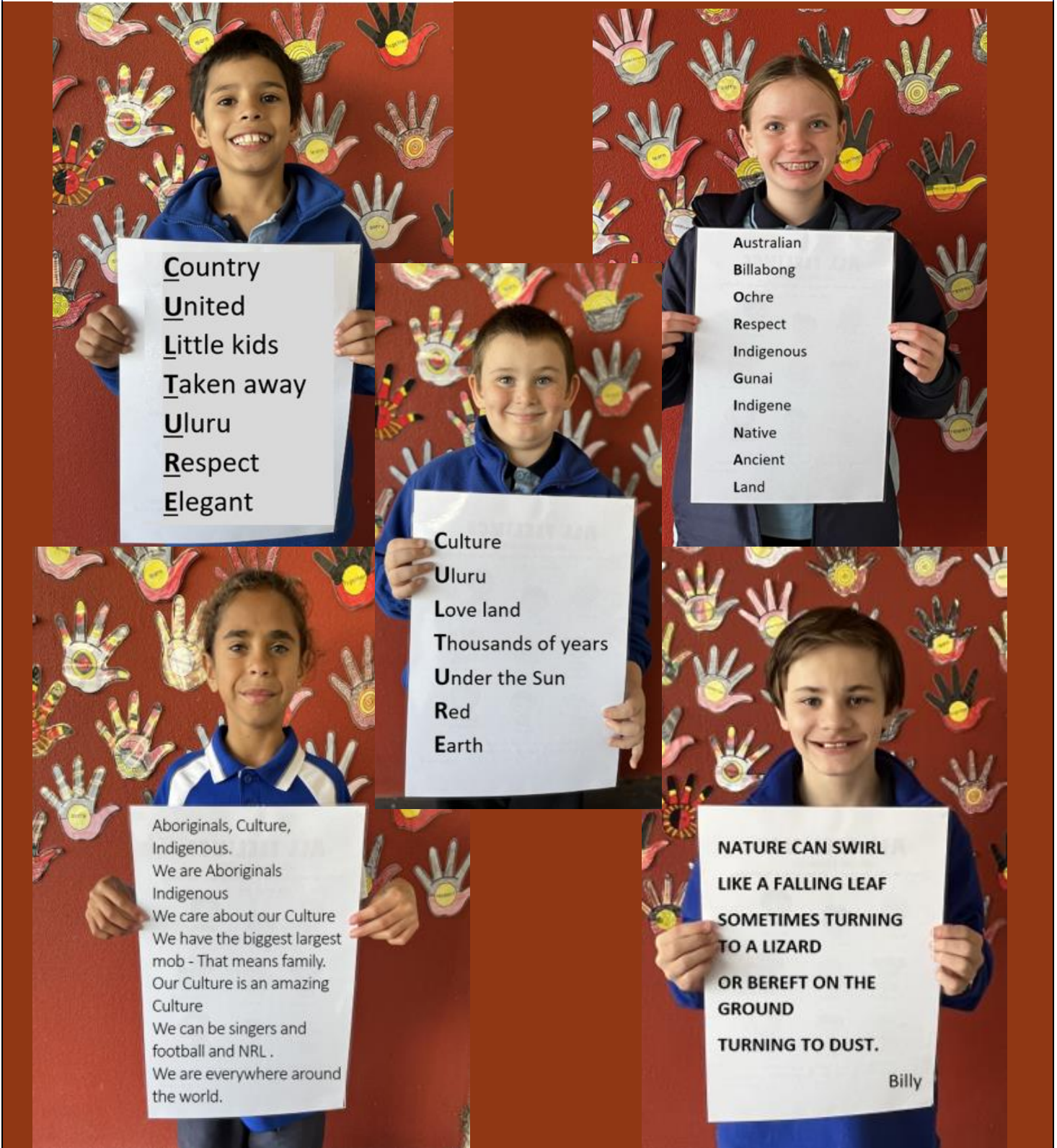
24<sup>th</sup> June - Addison Jenkins

*All the best for a fabulous birthday!*



**NAIDOC Week 3-10 July:**

Across Australia NAIDOC Week is not just celebrated by the Indigenous Australian communities but it is a time for us all to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. While NAIDOC Week is in the holiday period, we have been learning about all the ways we can celebrate Indigenous Culture at any time of the year, such as, listening to Indigenous Australian music, reading Dreamtime stories, visiting Indigenous Australian websites on the Internet, listening to yarning stories, and appreciating Aboriginal artworks ... or even creating your own inspired art, or poetry related to the week. Over the last few weeks our Koori students have been thinking ahead and sharing their thoughts about what makes NAIDOC Week such a special time for their Culture:



Country  
United  
Little kids  
Taken away  
Uluru  
Respect  
Elegant

Australian  
 Billabong  
 Ochre  
 Respect  
 Indigenous  
 Gunai  
 Indigene  
 Native  
 Ancient  
 Land

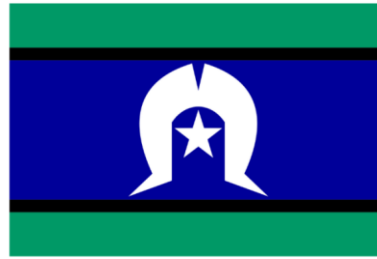
Culture  
 Uluru  
 Love land  
 Thousands of years  
 Under the Sun  
 Red  
 Earth

Aboriginals, Culture,  
 Indigenous.  
 We are Aboriginals  
 Indigenous  
 We care about our Culture  
 We have the biggest largest  
 mob - That means family.  
 Our Culture is an amazing  
 Culture  
 We can be singers and  
 football and NRL .  
 We are everywhere around  
 the world.

**NATURE CAN SWIRL  
 LIKE A FALLING LEAF  
 SOMETIMES TURNING  
 TO A LIZARD  
 OR BEREFT ON THE  
 GROUND  
 TURNING TO DUST.**  
 Billy

# I'm Sorry

-By Devaj Pattni



I'm sorry that my people barged into your country so long ago,  
That rude act of violence.  
But I admire your solidness,  
How great the capacity is of your tolerance.

I'm sorry we abducted your children,  
Forced their world under ours.  
But you didn't let your hopes leave,  
But rather increased them with each hour

I'm sorry we took your territory and land,  
A burden some still boast was brilliant.  
But you imply adapted to it so well,  
You proved incredibly resilient.

I'm sorry we treated you unequally,  
Because we thought you were less than us.  
But you stayed quiet and calm,  
You showed no reaction against us.

I'm sorry you had to follow our laws,  
The ones that made your blood boil.  
But you fought your way to freedom,  
Making us realise you were the fire, we  
were the oil.

I'm sorry we treated you like our slaves,  
Because we thought you needed teaching.  
But you changed our thoughts entirely,  
Showing us that you were just as good at  
breaching.

I'm sorry we waged war on you,  
Decreased your numbers every day.  
But now things are getting better,  
As we respect you and where your dead lay.

I'm sorry you lost your way of life,  
Because we thought ours was better.  
But things are improving now,  
As never will you be alone again.

I'm sorry you had to put up with everything,  
Injustice, terror and torture.  
But we have realised our mistakes  
And are supporting you every day.  
Now you have our support,  
Our respect and admiration.  
Your pains have come to an end,

I'm sorry for everything.

For more information on the unfair treatment of aboriginals and Torres Strait islanders, see below  
[Racial discrimination in Australia](#)

## Here are our Learning Heroes for this week.

### Congratulations to:

- F/SP** *Pippa Stafstrom* - Noticing and correcting errors when reading
- FD** *Archie Duffield* - Applying his Phonics knowledge to spell words during independent writing
- FL** *Angie Hartwig* - Using 'ay' to write the word 'play' independently
- 1J** *Charlie Lamb* - Thoughtful mathematizing
- 1W** *Willow Jagielka* - Writing persuasive facts about looking after our oceans
- 2G** *Brooklyn Neal* - Listening to feedback and using it to write down fact family sums
- 2G** *Hudson Dryden* - Starting to consider the meaning of words he reads in text
- 2S** *Evee-Rose Bennett* - Challenging herself to achieve her best in all areas of learning
- 3S** *Makayla Russell* - Taking on board feedback and making a great effort to bounce back
- 3C** *Eli Brickle* - Working really hard during Maths
- 4/5O** *Willow Downton* - The high effort she is putting into her learning
- 4/5H** *Luke Beck* - Demonstrating our Guthridge values at the Winter Sports football competition
- 4/5M** *Billy Helem* - Being a focused learner and improving the presentation of his learning
- 4/5D** *Zara Tassie* - Using her time wisely to research information for her writing
- 6H** *Tiarna Mobourne-Terrick* - Her 'have a go' attitude with all her learning
- 6B** *Jayde Jones* - For demonstrating our school values every day
- Art** *Piper Sandeman* - Always arriving at the Art Space ready to learn
- Music** *Steele Brown* - Working with determination and focus in Music
- PE** *Ruby Glover* - Helping umpire netball, you always do such a great job
- Mrs Streitberg* - Using so many splendid Tier 2 words during assemblies



## WINTER SPORTS NETBALL

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June Grade 5/6 students had our netball winter sport competition. The day had icy wind, pouring rain and a little sunshine but that didn't stop everyone. We had an awesome time, we did our best and had lots of fun. On the day we had three teams called Guthridge Mixed, Guthridge A and Guthridge B. Mrs Meredith, Mrs Hodge and Ange helped and coached on that day and so did Tayla's mum. All teams did so well and kept trying even if they didn't win. So many students had never played netball before and had so much fun learning and playing the game. Congratulations to the Mixed team for winning all of their 6 games played and won the Grand Final. They will go through to the next round, Regional competition.

Thank you all netball players who participated on that day and the helpers.

By Josiah Gubaton, Tahlie Bailey and Aidan Jenkins



## PARENT PAYMENTS 2022

Under the guidelines from the Department of Education & Training, schools can request parents to make voluntary payments for curriculum items. These are items that are essential to support instruction in the standard curriculum. These are also items or activities that the school deems compulsory. Each student receives their classroom supplies on the first day of school. Some are individual supplies, and some are shared within the classroom.

In addition, the school will continue its family friendly policy of providing a sun-smart school hat (\$14 value) free of charge to each Foundation-support and Foundation child commencing Guthridge Primary School for the first time.

Please find the itemised list of Parent Payment requests for 2022:

<b>PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS</b>		
<b>Curriculum Contributions</b>	<b>Education Items:</b> All classroom stationery, items which can include student workbooks, folders, diaries and paper, pens, pencils, textas and crayons, glue, cartridge paper, cover paper, kinder squares, newsprint, art supplies, sticky tape and masking tape.	\$60.00
	<b>Swimming Program:</b> Provided by a qualified Austswim trained instructor. No refunds will be given for non-attendance. School Council heavily subsidizes the swimming program, this includes paying the swimming tutor, pool cleaner and the maintenance/chemical costs.	\$60.00
<b>Other Contributions</b>	Guthridge Primary School welcomes your voluntary contribution that goes towards our school's important priorities for 2022 (purchase of play equipment and learning resources, and facilities upgrades and grounds maintenance) as well as providing additional activities and services for all students.	\$20.00*
<b>Extra-Curricular Items and Activities</b>	Guthridge Primary School offers a range of Extra-curricular activities that are additional to the delivery of the standard curriculum. These events and activities include but are not limited to school photos, camps, big day out etc Notice of upcoming events and activities will be sent home for permission and payment throughout the year.	
<b>TOTAL PARENT PAYMENT REQUEST</b>		<b>\$120.00*</b>

*All payments made are voluntary and the absence of such payments will not result in any student or family being disadvantaged. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to contribute or not.*

We understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including: the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, Centrepay fortnightly payments, or Direct Deposit payments.

Payment can be made by Cash, EFTPOS, Centrepay, or Direct Deposit (Bank MECU -BSB 313140 Account 12052533. Write child's name as reference)

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact Emily Streitberg (Principal) or Meranda Baker (Business Manager) on 5144 3633 or email: [guthridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:guthridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

# PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

## ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.