



NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Tues 12 May	Active After School Prep-2
Wed 13 May	Active After School Yr 3-6
Fri 15 May	Walk Safely To School Day
Mon 18 May	School Council meeting
<i>Education Week 18-22 May</i>	
Tues 19 May	Open Day School tours 9:30 a.m./7 p.m. Concert 1:45 p.m.
Wed 27 May	Sale Eisteddfod (Concert Band)
Thurs 28 May	Sale Eisteddfod (Choir)

Mothers' Day Shopping

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What a wonderful range of inexpensive gifts to choose from! Thank you Parents' Club for organising the stall for our many satisfied customers. Happy Mothers' Day for Sunday!

Sale Art Gallery Visit—Year 5/6

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On Tuesday Room 6 and Room 9 went to the Sale Art gallery to view the work of local artist Geoff La Gerche. His paintings are based around the idea of his own Garden of Eden. Mr. Gerche paints about his feelings and about the way he feels about the world. Some of his paintings were happy and some were sad. He uses lots of colours, and some of his paintings have taken years to finish! When we got back we designed our own Garden of Eden. Some of us have created gardens entirely made out of lollies, whilst some have designed their own skate parks. It was a really good excursion.

By Shari Year 6

The visiting artist also commented on our children's exemplary behaviour at this excursion as well as their thoughtful questions. We are so proud of our students! Thank you to our art teacher, Mrs Ferk for organising this wonderful opportunity for them.

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

Rm. 1	Dylan	His willingness to keep trying till he completes his tasks
Rm. 2	Tom	Reading rotation activities
Rm. 3	Casey	Her fantastic attitude to school and always trying her best
Rm. 4	Nyssa	Reading chapter books so fluently and competently
Rm. 5	Shaden	His great attitude towards his reading
Rm. 6	Taylor	Showing responsibility and using initiative
Rm. 6	Tim	Showing responsibility and using initiative
Rm. 9	Kate	Being consistent and determined in her approach to learning
Rm.10	Sophie	Her efforts in writing
Rm.11	Callum	Completing his homework quickly
Art	Erin	Her great attitude towards art
P.E.	Matthew	Trying really hard during P.E. activities

Lessons for Living—Positive Tracking

This week's social skill is *positive tracking*. People who are *positive trackers* are liked by other people and have lots of friends. They're just nice to be around. So, how can we be a positive tracker?

- Look for the good things that you do and say them to yourself and sometimes out loud.
- Look for the good things that other people do as well.
- Look for the good things that happen in your life, however small.
- Don't put yourself or others down.
- Don't grizzle and complain about the bad things.

Looking for the good things is the way to succeed!

Thank you to

Ms Bartram's Year 5s and 6s who have made some great posters for display around our school about "how to be a good loser". Be sure to have a look!

School Performance Data

Over the past two weeks and in the upcoming fortnight, our school is involved in a number of projects that assist us in analysing our teaching and learning. Two weeks ago, students in Grades 3-6 completed online Reading assessment tasks as part of the Wellington Schools' Network and Melbourne University Project towards improving student performance. Our Year 5 and 6 students have also completed the Attitudes to School Survey and next week, our Grades 3 and 5 students will complete the Federal Government's National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Our teachers will use the data from all of these sources of feedback to further improve our practice.

Education Week 17-23 May

Government schools are great schools and the theme for this year's Education Week is "*Helping your child shine.*" We would love to welcome as many families as possible to our Open Day on **Tuesday May 19** with school tours being offered at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please spread the word and encourage any friends or family members to come along and see first-hand the fabulous teaching and learning happening at Guthridge Primary School.

Education Week Concert Tuesday 19 May

There will be a vast array of talent on display at our Concert on Tuesday 19 May. We will start on the dot at 1:45 p.m. so don't be late. Each class will be performing and you will also get to hear our choir and concert band as well. This is a great opportunity to really see your child shine! All for a gold coin donation! Best valued entertainment anywhere!

Jumpers/Jackets

Please check that your child is bringing home their own jumper or jacket and not someone else's by mistake. Kate in Room 6 has a clearly named Size 12 jumper that she would love to have returned to her. Thanks!



BIRTHDAY BOOK

Week ending 15th May, 2009
NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Uniform Shop—Yr 6 Graduation shirts

Those students who have not yet picked up their graduation polos, please do so by next Wednesday as other students would like to purchase them. Contact Leanne on 51442238

Welcome to



Ot (Modified Prep) and Art (Yr 6) Khamchom who have only just arrived from Thailand.

Neither of the boys can speak English but it is amazing how much we can communicate through smiling (a great example of *positive tracking*)! It is very exciting for us to add yet another culture to our multi-cultural school. Some of the cultures already represented at our school are Russian Federation, Ukrainian, Cambodian, Turkish, Italian, German, Chinese, New Zealand, South African, Phillipino, Tongan, United Kingdom, Greek and of course our indigenous culture. We really celebrate our cultural diversity and have much to learn from each other.

Walk Safely To School Day—next Friday 15 May

Leave the car at home and walk to school! Great for the environment, keeps the family fit, reduces traffic congestion around the school and your child learns important road safety skills on the way.



Congratulations to



Alexander (Yr 4) who won two gold medals in the cub division at the Australian National Archery Championship in Mildura over Easter. Well done!

Active After School Program (Free!)

Preps-Year 2s are on Tuesdays and Year 3-6s are on Wednesdays straight after school until 4:30 p.m. Get fit and healthy and have fun as well. If you would like your child to participate, see Sue Burnett.

Bon Voyage Madame Kennedy

Sue Kennedy is on leave for the rest of term and we look forward to hearing of her travels around Alaska, Canada and Texas upon her return. Sue is looking forward to visiting schools in Canada where she will be able to observe their French teaching immersion program.

Mrs Sue Cooper will be replacing Sue for the remainder of the term and will be taking library classes.

