



NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

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| Mon 2 Nov | Parents' Club meeting |
| Tues 3 Nov | Melbourne Cup— state-wide school closure day |
| Wed 4 Nov | No Active After School "Stuck On You" orders due |
| 11-13 Nov | Year 3/4 Camp |
| Mon 16 Nov | School Council |
| Thurs 10 Dec | Family Fun Night |

Thanks Parents!

Thanks so much to those families who have been able to organise a "meeting place" with their child for collection after school. It's really appreciated that you have given your child this extra trust and responsibility and a further important step towards independence!

Melbourne Cup Holiday—next Tuesday

Next Tuesday is a state-wide gazetted holiday for schools. Local Councils can request the Minister substitutes another day in place of the Melbourne Cup day. Guthridge Primary School Council has written to Wellington Shire asking that the traditional Sale Show day holiday is reinstated. Our School Council believes that the Sale Show is an important event for our local community and deserves our full support.

Staffing

We warmly welcome Di Moulton back to our staff after a number of years of family leave. Di has been working in our school on many occasions this year as a casual relief teacher and also replacing Heather Ireland while she has been on long service leave for the first four weeks of this term. Di will now be taking library lessons on Thursday and Friday until the end of the year and also teaching Mrs Ireland's Preps on Tuesdays. Di is a very experienced, valued teacher and we are so happy to have her back as a permanent member of staff!

Goodbye and Thank You

Mrs Maureen McLeod has been teaching our beautiful Preps on Tuesdays for a number of years now. Maureen has also had a number of teaching roles in our school over the years. She has been a fantastic member of staff but has decided it's time to retire (although we hope to still see her from time to time in our Junior classrooms). Thanks Maureen, for all that you have contributed to Guthridge Primary School and we wish you a long and happy retirement.

Thank you also to Mrs Sharon Frerk who has rejuvenated our art program over the last twelve months or so. The children have made some wonderful creations and Sharon has given them lots of opportunities to use a wide variety of materials.

Congratulations to our Learning Heroes - Your certificate will be presented at Monday's Assembly

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| Rm. 1 | Chantelle | Writing sentences all by herself. |
| Rm. 2 | Anthony | Listening carefully and learning words from the Gunai language. |
| Rm. 4 | Sohpie | Being a fantastic weather presenter. |
| Rm. 5 | Erin | Writing a fantastic version of how the echidna got its spines. |
| Rm. 6 | Sam | Completing some Year 7 Maths. |
| Rm. 9 | Mitchell | Excellent investigations into billiard ball bounces. |
| Rm.10 | Paige | Behaving so well on our excursions. |
| Rm.11 | Zac | Showing a great attitude during learning activities. |
| Art | Bradley | Making a colourful fish picture. |
| P.E. | Patrick | Trying to do his best during Physical Education. |

It has been great to see our children develop their artistic abilities to such a large extent. Sharon has also been responsible for coordinating over 80 Show entries for display this year. What an effort! Unfortunately we will lose our art room as part of the demolition of the old building. Thank you so much Sharon. It's been great working with you. Our students have been very fortunate to have you as their art teacher this year.

Building Program

Waiting! Waiting! It's been a long drawn-out process but advice was received this week that the tender has finally been accepted but because of asbestos concerns, demolition of the old building will not commence until January. While we are disappointed this has not happened this year, it will minimise disruption (and noise) for our students and staff and is a safer option if it can happen over the holiday period. Ultimately, this is going to be a fantastic opportunity for our school community and we are going to end up with a \$2.5+ million dollar building comprising six brand new classrooms and a designated art room. Wow! Some things are worth the wait! By the start of 2011 we should have an outstanding new teaching space just in time for our 50th anniversary. Now THAT will be worth celebrating!

On-Line English Interviews

All Junior students from Preps-Year 2 have been involved in these one-on-one interviews over the past three weeks. Mrs Ireland will be assessing her Preps next week. The assessments are quite time-consuming and can take up to 40 minutes per child. Each Junior class teacher has had to be released three days from the classroom in order for the interviews to take place. The information gained will be very valuable for teachers and help guide future teaching and learning. School Council however has written to Minister Bronwyn Pike asking that consideration be given to these assessments being conducted at the beginning of the year so that teachers can have the full benefit of this useful information to guide their teaching for the year. School Council also requested that funding be provided in future as our school has had to pay the costs of replacing teachers from our own budget.

Mozzies!

Mosquitoes are out in force after all our rain and warmer weather and children are very welcome to bring roll-on mosquito repellent to school for their own use. Aerosols are definitely not allowed.

BIRTHDAY BOOK
It's your birthday!!! Congratulations!!!
Week ending 6th November, 2009

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| Sat. 31st | Rachael | turns 7 |
| Sun. 1st | Ot | turns 6 |
| | Jessica | turns 10 |
| Mon. 2nd | Winston..... | turns 8 |
| Thur. 5th | Anthony | turns 6 |
| Fri. 6th | Ben..... | turns 12 |

All the best for a fantabulous birthday!

No Active After School

A reminder there is no Active After School program next week, but it will be business as usual until 24 and 25 November which will be the last Active After School program days for the year.

Twilight Soccer at Sale United FC

The Vipers Soccer team (Yrs 3/4) needs more players. Come and play for your school. Get fit and have some fun. Mondays 5:10 for a 5:20 start. Viper training sessions at Araluen P.S. gym on Thursdays 5:00 to 6:00. Contact Kieran Murphy 0437865433 for further info.

Don't forget Twilight Soccer training for Guthridge students will be taking place on Friday afternoons on the oval 3:15 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Round 4 results: Cougars 1 3 St Thomas C, Vipers 0 6 St Thomas A, St Thomas 1 0 Swans, Stingers 4 1 Maffra

Scooters and Helmets

As from 9 November, it will become law that scooter riders must wear helmets. If riders at our school do not have a helmet, their scooter (or bike) will be taken into protective custody until a helmet is produced!

Thank you to the Raymond Street Florist and Arrangements with Flair who provided flowers for the Mod Prep children to make floral saucer displays for the show. Good luck to all children who have show entries this year!



Uniform Shop—Change of Venue

Due to end of lease at our Raymond St. store the Uniform Shop is now located at 254 York Street, Sale (previously the Wellington Craft Shop). All Guthridge and Sale College Uniforms - Cash, Card and Lay-By available. Contact numbers for Leanne are 0448 460 899 or 5144 2238.