



GUTHRIDGE NEWS

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Coming Events

Mon 25 June	PC Lunch orders due
Tues 26 June	Maths Curriculum Day – no school for students
Wed 27 June	Cake orders delivered
Fri 29 June	PC lunch – no shop orders Last day of Term 2 2:15 finish
Mon 16 July	Whole staff First Aid training No school for students

Maths Curriculum Day – no school for students Tuesday, 26 June

We are combining with the staff of Stratford Primary School next Tuesday for a maths-focused curriculum day with consultant, Michael Ymer. Michael Ymer is a highly sought-after presenter and we had to book him twelve months in advance. Our focus for the day is “Effective Strategies for the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics”. We will be looking at differentiating the maths task in order to cater for all levels of ability. We will look at enhancing our skills to help children develop independence and their investigating skills. We will also learn many more activities that we can take straight back to our classroom.

On Wednesday, Michael will be demonstrating his teaching techniques in our classroom. Michael will be able to provide feedback and strategies specific to teaching teams. After school, we will meet as a whole staff again with Michael. This will be an opportunity to de-brief and ask questions.

Needless to say, staff from both schools are very much looking forward to these two days of intensive professional development.

Once again our wonderful Parents’ Club is providing the catering for both morning tea and lunch on this day, so thank you in advance to the many families helping with this. Parents’ Club receives payment for this and that way we keep the money in our school to purchase resources (probably maths equipment this time) for our students!

Year 5/6 Camp

112 students participated in two camps this week at Forest Lodge Farm, near Yarram. Despite some chilly mornings, the weather was great and the children were able to participate in all the activities which included

giant swing, canoeing, archery, flying fox, bush cooking and a low ropes course. It really was an adventure camp! The camping program can only be provided if teachers are willing to facilitate it and there is a huge amount of planning and responsibility involved. Teachers are on duty 24/7 during these camps and it’s exhausting. Thank you to our Year 5/6 teachers, education staff and parent helpers who left their own cosy beds and the comfort of their homes and families to make it happen. It would not be possible without your support and we hope that all 112 children and families realise this.

The other wonderful by-product of camp is that children realise they can actually survive perfectly okay without access to social media, computers, tv, mobile phones and any other form of electronic devices!

Reports – next Wednesday

Next Wednesday, 27 June, your child will be bringing home a very detailed report that has been hours in the making. Teachers rely on more than just one source of information when assessing students and they will have collected a number of assessments over the semester. While it’s great to know how your child is performing academically, to me the most important part of the report is the “Effort” and “Behaviour”. We have also included your child’s performance against our school’s values of Show Respect, Have a Go, Keep Trying, Bounce Back and Work as a Team. If your child always tries hard, is well behaved and works well within a team, then that is fantastic. Read the teacher comments carefully and act on any advice given. It’s all about helping your child reach his or her full potential. We can’t do that if your child has lots of absences or lots of late arrivals or early departures. **Every minute counts!** When parents/carers give their full support to our school, we are unbeatable! Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding his or her report.

“Let them get bored. Kids benefit when they’re not kept entertained.” *Herald Sun Tuesday 19 June*
Did you know that according to parenting experts it’s good for kids to be bored because it fuels creativity and problem-solving? “Boredom teaches children to

push themselves, boosts resilience and helps contribute to positive self-esteem” according to the Parenting Research Centre. Parents often feel as if they have to entertain their kids all the time, but they don’t. Children benefit from working out what to do with themselves. They can explore ideas and do something that matches their mood. They can use their imaginations and create different play scenarios.

Assembly

3/4LH and 3/4JB will be performing at Monday’s Assembly.

Emergency Management

We will be having a lock-down drill on Monday. We had an evacuation drill in Term 1 and now it is time to practise what to do in the event of a lock-down. There is no cause for concern. We just need to ensure that we have in place the correct procedures in the event of any emergency situation. If you do not have the Flexibuzz app downloaded on your smart phone, now is the time to do so.

Greetings from Mrs Moulton in Paris!

Di Moulton, our art teacher, has excitedly asked me to let all the children know that she saw Picasso’s “Weeping Woman” in Paris this week! The children studied the works of Picasso and Van Gogh last year and should know why Di is so thrilled to see it for real! Di is currently on very well-deserved long service leave.

So many positives

As this is our final newsletter of the term, it’s timely to acknowledge another fabulous term of teaching and learning at Guthridge Primary School. Thank you to Parents’ Club for your tireless efforts in fundraising. Thank you School Council for your on-going support of what we want to achieve for our students at this school. Thank you to those members of our terrific school community for showing that you value your child’s education by ensuring he or she attends on time, every time. To our many volunteers who assist both in and out of the classroom, where would we be without you? Finally, thank you to our wonderfully dedicated teaching staff and education support for all the ways you make a difference. Together we can achieve so much! Have a safe and happy holiday!

Please note: The first day of Term 2 is **TUESDAY**, 17 July. Our staff is participating in a first aid course on the Monday.

Holiday Activities

Contact the Office for information about:
 Lego Story Starter sessions Sale Library 10 July
 Push it! Lab – Free hip-hop workshops for 12 to 25 year olds at Wellington Centre, 70 Foster Street, Sale
 Dance Themed School Holiday Program – Sale Library 5 July
 Term 3 Drama classes at the Wedge Call 0431682560

Happy Birthday! Week Ending 29th June

Sat 23 rd	Amelia Neilson	Turns 7!
	Kara Tourtoulas	Turns 8!
Sun 24 th	Aimee-Lee Turner-Douthat	Turns 10!
Mon 25 th	Charlotte Grant-Dean	Turns 10!
Wed 27 th	Yalini Gnaneswaran	Turns 12!
	Lakeesha Robinson	Turns 10!
Fri 29 th	Sophie Little	Turns 7!
	Tia Blackley	Turns 10!
	Mitchell Powell	Turns 12!

Happy birthday also to the many children having birthdays in the holidays.

Congratulations to our Learning Heroes!

- PF** *Audrey Ross* – modelling the correct procedure and behaviour in the Library
- FS** *Annella Kerr* – listening for the sounds she can hear when writing
- FW** *Paige Robinson* – always giving her best effort and with a smile on her face
- F/1P** *Ella-Maree Jones* – trying hard to record the sounds in words she is writing
- 1D** Jake Lawless – showing all the Guthridge Values when completing his learning
- 2A** *Clarissa Cahyani* – always being a responsible and committed learner
- 2J** *Joel Garthwaite* – explaining the purpose of nouns and verbs in sentences
- 2W** *Tahlie Bailey* – consistent approach towards all of your learning
- 3/4BH** *Liam Wilton* – putting more and more effort into his learning
- 3/4LH** *Grady Vos-Glasson* – his enthusiastic attitude towards his learning
- 3/4JL** *Nikki Sandeman* – her terrific leadership as Mayoress of ‘J.L City’
- 3/4JB** *Imogene Johnston* – using great evidence to make accurate predictions
- 4/5P** *Isaac Cockell* – being a positive, helpful and encouraging student while on camp
- 5/6G** *Jessica Browne* – for being an amazing team player on camp
- 5/6P** *Kelson Gould* – challenging himself and trying new things on camp
- P.E.** *Alvin Sae-Chew* – challenging himself when training for athletics
- Art** *Jemma Ryswyk* – for trying crosshatching techniques when doing Observational drawing of your shoe
- Music** *Ella Lawdorn* – her outstanding voice projection during the “Riptide” assembly performance