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**FATHERS’ Day Stall – Thursday 1 September 2016**

To help students find a special gift for the main man in their life, there will be a fundraising P&C Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday 1 September, in time for the big day on Sunday 4 September. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the stall, you will be provided with a comprehensive how to guide and the promise of helpers. Please contact hazel_6056@yahoo.com.au if you wouldn’t mind carrying out this rewarding and fun role that only lasts a couple of hours.

If you would like your child(ren) to participate you are asked to make a donation of one appropriate, low cost desirable item per child to be left in the box found in the Admin area before Wednesday 31 August. Then on Stall Day participating children can buy one gift of their choice, ranging in price from $1 to $5. If you choose not to take part, please explain clearly to your child so we don’t run out of gifts. Thank you for your understanding.

**UNIFORM SHOP SET TO RISE AGAIN**

Great news – the Uniform Shop will be open for business on Tuesday 6 September under prospective new management. Looks like Tam and Jodi will finally get to do a handover! A big thank you to both of them for managing the shop so well these past few years. They have performed a wonderful service for the school community. They are taking Summer pre-orders up until Friday 16 September. The new order form will be on the school website in the next couple of days.

**BOARD GAMES WANTED**

Do you have any old board games hidden away in your cupboards that you no longer need? The school would welcome donations of board games that children can play in the hall at recess on rainy or very hot days. If you have games in reasonable condition with all the pieces intact and you would like to donate them, please leave them in admin. In addition to the hoped for donations, the P&C have set aside funds to purchase chess sets and other classic games.

**BIG SPENDERS**

We had a great time at the P&C on Monday 1 August. Flush with funds from our recent events, we set about finding things to spend them on. This did not take long as Mr Beilken identified the need for additional readers for Pre Primary and Year Ones. These don’t come cheap, so we have set aside a budget of $10,000 for this priority purchase. Mr B will be investigating suitable reading programs and we will keep you posted.

The other major project on the P&C horizon is nature play. Plans for the nature playground areas at the school and kindy can progress now that Ms Webster is back from long service leave, and the nature play committee expect to be meeting up with their chosen consultant in the near future.
Thanks to all those who assist in P&C fundraising. It is thanks to the efforts of our volunteers that we can invest in additional resources to enrich the educational experience of our children.

KINDY TO STAY A KINDY
We got a rude shock in the middle of the school holidays when the Guildford Heritage Precinct Master Plan came up on the agenda at a City of Swan council meeting. Despite input from the P&C last year stating there was no room on the school site for the Kindy and the school would want to renew the lease, the council report contained a recommendation that the council consider moving the Guildford Potters and the Guildford Library into the Kindy building. P&C committee members did not want this to be considered even as a vague option in the future, as it would create uncertainty and be a disincentive to invest hard-earned funds in a planned nature playground on the Kindy site.

At the P&C meeting on Monday president Andrew K thanked Jacqui G for representing the P&C in an effective deputation at the July 6 City of Swan council meeting, also Libby B for her personal deputation about the kindy, and Claire S for rapidly collecting 180 signatures on a petition. Andrew also thanked school parent and Midland/Guildford ward councillor Ian Johnson for his successful push to have the recommendations knocked back. The council was left in no doubt that the school community values and needs our Kindy, which has been in use for nearly 50 years. The council voted against this recommendation (7-6 a narrow win) and others that could have led to the commercialisation of the Mechanics Institute and other buildings in the Guildford Heritage Precinct. This was a great outcome for the community. Many thanks to the councillors who listened to our concerns.

YEAR SIX FUNDRAISING
Year Six are on their outback camp to Boshack this week, a big thank you to the school community for supporting their recent fundraising efforts, including last term’s crazy hair day. Thanks to your support every family got $100 knocked off the price of the camp. We were very fortunate to get some generous donations of fruit and snacks from local businesses for the camp. A big thank you to Danish Patisserie, Open Door Bakery, Benara Fresh Markets, Gilbert’s Fresh Fruit and Veg and Supa IGA Midland. Please support these businesses as they have supported us. We also thank Year 6 fundraising coordinator Andrea for organising these donations. Parents will be continuing to fundraise for the Year Six graduation through the selling of delicious snacks at recess on the following days: Wednesday 10 August; Monday 15 August; Monday 5 September and Wednesday 14 September. Please give your child a few gold coins so they can enjoy toasted cheeses, Milo and cookies.

THANKS FOR THE THANKS
Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who helped to make the Thank You morning tea for teachers such a success. The staffroom was transformed into a high tea venue, the table was laden with luscious food and the little personalised notes from students were well received by teachers. Hopefully the staff at Guildford Primary know how much we value their dedication and hard work. Robyn B

COMMUNITY INVITE - MESS AT ST MATT’S
St Matthew’s Church in Stirling Square would love to see Guildford Primary families at Messy Church, which is on the 1st Sunday of the month in St Matthew’s Hall at 4.00pm. Aimed at school age children, the next session will be on Sunday August 7. Children and carers are welcome to join in craft, stories, songs and a shared meal. For enquiries call the friendly Rev Katrina on 9279 1141.

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