Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

I warmly welcome all students, parents and staff to the 2017 school year. It was a delight to see all the happy smiling faces of both the students and parents (we know why the parents were smiling!). We had a smooth start to the year with students settling into the school routine very quickly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to ensure their rooms and lessons were organised to meet the needs of their students from day one. Throughout the holidays staff often came to work to prepare for the new academic year. Thank you also to the many parents who have spoken to me for your positive support and comments on the school structure. Feedback is a powerful and valuable tool.

The year is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting year with a variety of events and projects in the planning process. A continued focus this year is on developing the leadership skills of our senior students. With 37 Year 6 students this year, it is imperative we develop their leadership skills and prepare them for their transition into Secondary Schooling. The Year 6 students have been given the opportunity to nominate for leadership positions, with elections taking place today. These leadership positions will be for Head Girl and Boy, School Prefects and Faction Captains. Year 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate as Vice Faction Captains. Students from Years 4–6 and staff will vote today for Prefects and on Friday for Faction and Vice Captains. We will introduce our Head Girl and Head Boy, Prefects, Faction Captains and Vice Captains at the first Community Assembly of the term on Friday 24 February.

Each school year starts with new faces. I would like to welcome our new families and students to Guildford Primary School. I am sure you will enjoy our unique and friendly school now in its 184th year of operation. Guildford Primary School has a long and proud history as the oldest continuous operating school in Western Australia and the third oldest in Australia. We look forward to working with you in the journey we will share together in education.

Mr Beilken returns to Guildford Primary School as Deputy Principal. Mr Beilken is very pleased to be back at Guildford and working with the school community. Mr Beilken is replacing Mr Prew who is on long service leave this term.

A warm welcome back to Mrs Shapkaris and Mrs Nye who have returned from leave refreshed and ready to start a great year of learning with our students. Also on the note of ‘welcome’, I would like to welcome back Mrs Brescacin,

Did you know that you can SMS the school if your child/ren is going to be absent? Just send an SMS to 0407 388 021 before 9.00 am.
Mrs Gray, Mr Meagher, Mrs Ferguson and Mr Embry to the teaching team at Guildford Primary School.

Our school funding is currently being finalised through Central Office with census and student numbers being submitted next Friday. There has been a decrease in student numbers from 2016, which in turn affects our funding. Unfortunately, due to the drop in student numbers we are not able to, at this point in time run our Dance program. When our funding is finalised in the next month, we will then finalise our staffing and programs.

As the Principal of our beautiful school, I have very firm but fair expectations of our students and the school community. I do ask that you, as parents, become involved in the education process. The more involvement you have the greater understanding you will gain in how your child learns and be able to assist them to achieve their potential. I have an open door policy and am only too pleased to speak with you about any questions or concerns you may have with the education of your child or children. After all, we ARE partners in education. It takes a community to raise and educate a child. The greater the support and respect we have for each other, the greater the gains we make in a child’s education.

This year Guildford Primary School will be focusing on continuing to improve outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy as well as the social and emotional development of our students in relation to RESPECT. This includes self-acceptance and respect of self as well as respect and concern for others and their rights. Academic achievement of our students is a key area we constantly focus on.

I would like to remind parents that the school grounds are not available for after school play and social gatherings. The school grounds need to be vacated by 3.20pm unless an approved after school activity is being attended to. There is no duty of care on school grounds after 3.20pm and teachers are still working. Entrance gates will be locked at 3.20pm.

Finally, I would like to thank Robyn Bishop for organising the Welcome Morning Tea to new families to the main school campus last Wednesday. Thank you also to all the wonderful P&C members who took parents on a tour of the school.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Ms Webster
Principal

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Staffing 2017

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Registrar Mrs Barrett
(Mon, Tue, Thurs & Fri)
School Officer Mrs Manson (Mon/Wed)
School Officer Mrs Elmer (Tue - Fri)
Library Officer Dr Higgie (Tues-Thurs)
Special Needs Education Mrs Halsey Room 10
Assistant Mrs Povah Room 7
Library Room 7
Education Assistant Mrs Halsey Room 10
Assistant Mrs Povah Room 7
Education Assistant Room 11 Mrs Anderson
(Tues/Wed)
Education Assistant Kindy Mrs Pavey-Smith
(Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri)
School Gardener Mr Haynes
Cleaner in Charge Mr Egan - Offsite Kindy
Cleaner Mrs Rakovich
Cleaner Mrs Leacock
Cleaner Kindy Mrs Casey

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Voluntary Contributions
The voluntary school contributions for 2017 are $60.00 for Primary, Pre-Primary and Kindy students. Thanks to all families who have already paid. We would encourage all families to do the same as these voluntary contributions are used to supplement the school grant to purchase resources and consumable items to benefit the education of all children.

You are welcome to pay your voluntary contributions by direct deposit into the school bank account. Please use your child’s name as the reference.

Account Name: Guildford Primary School  
BSB No: 016 255  
Account No: 3409 56308

We will send you an acknowledgement by mail.

Visitor’s Book Reminder
We ask all visitors to the school to please report to the office on arrival and sign the Visitor’s Book as per previous years. When a parent or visitor leaves the school, they are then asked to sign out. I appreciate that most parents come to the office first when at school already. However, formalising this procedure strengthens our Duty of Care obligations. It also allows us, in the event of an emergency, to know who exactly is in the school.

Parents who need to take their child home early or take them to an appointment during the day are also asked to sign in and sign out when they leave. This allows the Administration to know exactly who is at school, again in case of an emergency or sudden need for evacuation.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support in this matter.

School 40 km per hour zones
Our school and the off site Kindergarten have speed limits reduced to 40 kilometres per hour between the hours of 7.30-9.00am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days. The speed limit is enforced by the Police to ensure that all children get to and from school safely every day.

Please take care when driving around our school and observe the 40km/h speed limit to ensure the safety of all children.
Library

2017 Library Opening Hours
The library is open Tuesday – Thursday 8:30-3:30pm. Parents are welcome (and encouraged!) to come to the library with their children before or after school to look for books. Dr Higgie is always happy to provide recommendations and talk about books.

Parents’ Library Volunteers Group
Dr Higgie is looking for some help with the day to day running of the library, including shelving, book covering and setting up displays.

If you’re available during school hours from Tuesday – Thursday, we’d love to hear from you. Sign up in the library or send Dr Higgie an email at rebecca.higgie@education.wa.edu.au

Brilliant Back to School Books
What better way to start the new school year than with a brilliant book? Brilliant Back to School Books is all about students sharing their love of reading. Students can recommend their favourite books to their fellow students by filling in a small recommendation sheet and scoring the book out of 5 stars. All recommendations will be pinned up on the board in the library.

The Wicked Word Bank
This term, the library is looking for your wicked words! This is all about students sharing new words they discover as they read. Students can fill in a form with their ‘wicked word’ and what it means, and then ‘deposit’ it in the library’s resident piggy banks. Wicked words will go up on the board every week.

The library is also running a competition to name the piggy banks (see the picture!). Submit your name ideas by Thursday 16 February.

At the end of term, the library will run a competition for students to write stories with the wicked words on the pin up board.

Star Borrower Competition
As a way of promoting good borrowing habits, students who return their books every week in Term 1 will win a prize (yes, all 300+ students can win!).

School Calendar
School Calendars have been sent home with students today.

If you require additional copies of the calendar, they are available from the front office.

Community News

Milo T20 Blast
Boys and girls can play fun games of cricket with their friends.

Join the fun, sign up today at playcricket.com.au/wa

Perth Scorchers
Chloe Piparo Girls Only
Milo T20 Blast Centre:
Venue: Swan View Park, Morrison Road, Swan View
First Session: February 15th is a Free Come & Try
Day & Time: Wednesdays 5pm-6:30pm
Ages: 7-12
Dates: February 15th - April 7th
For more information, contact Adam Bunce on 0426 227 494 or adam.bunce@cricket.com.au