



The Weekly Bulletin

Guildford Grammar School

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COMBINED SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The season of Lent and then Holy Week, which will be upon us soon, challenges us to consider the really important issues of life.

There is an old Russian folktale about a peasant couple who after each evening meal would say: "If only we had enough land, then we would be happy." As the story progresses, the couple come into a little more land, but the meal always ends with the same wish. In time they acquire a great deal of land and become wealthy landowners.

One day a neighbouring Tartar who has more land than they do, comes to share their table. When the meal ends with the usual wish, the Tartar asks: "How much land is enough?" The peasant, now a gentleman, responds that all the land he could walk around in a single day would be enough. The Tartar tells him that he may walk his land and have all that his feet touch providing he makes a full circle.

The man sets out at dawn and walks and jogs all day, always widening his circle to gain a little more land. Come sunset, he can see his wife and the Tartar at the end point of his journey. Instead of heading straight for them, he decides to make one more circle to encompass the magnificent home of the Tartar. Just as the sun sets, he reaches his wife's arms. Victorious, he laughs - then dies; his over-worked heart has failed him. He is buried the next day. Once again the Tartar asks how much land is enough, and then answers his own question: "Why, that is easy! No one needs more than a plot three feet by six. Our friend finally has enough land."

GOING FORWARD

Copies of our fabulous coffee table book **Going Forward** are on sale for those who were not able to make a purchase at the end of last year. This and the enclosed DVD offer a magnificent view of the life of the School. Please phone Emma Little on 93779200 for orders (including postal).

PASSIONTIDE AT THE SCHOOL CHAPEL-Now that we are over half way through the season of Lent, we turn our attention more to the sufferings and death of Jesus. All members of the school community are welcome to the special services to be held in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. George over the next couple of weeks.

Sunday March 9 at 9.00am, (Lent 5) Holy Communion. Theme: 'carrying the cross.'

Sunday March 16 at 9.00am. (Palm Sunday). A service of Holy Communion, with procession, distribution of palms and dramatic reading of the gospel.

Wednesday March 19 at 6.45pm. (Holy week liturgy). A service of Holy Communion including, foot washing, holy communion, procession and the stripping of the altars.

Thursday March 20 at 8.30am/9.15am... A service of Holy Communion to commemorate Maundy Thursday, with reading of passion for John's Gospel.

P&F GENERAL MEETING The P&F invites all parents to attend a presentation by Mr Rob Zordan about the **Catalyst Project**. Guildford Grammar School, like all schools both private and State, is having to plan for the change in starting age for secondary school from Year 8 to Year 7. Mr Zordan will update the School community on the strategy the School has adopted to find the best possible educational and social outcomes for our students. The presentation will be held at **7.30pm on 17 March**, at the Foundation Pavilion followed by informal drinks. All parents and friends are encouraged to attend.

LADIES AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKERS AND MORNING TEA -Parents of Preparatory and Senior School are invited to a Ladies Auxiliary General Meeting on **Wednesday, March 12 at 9am** to be held in the **Foundation Pavilion**. School Nurse, Marshal, Counsellor and Prep School Special Needs Teachers will give a short talk each. This is followed by a morning tea. All welcome.

2008 PSA INTER SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Date: Thursday 13 March: Time: 6.15pm. Location: Challenge Stadium

Spectators: Parents and Family welcome however **entry is by pre-purchased tickets only:**

Tickets are \$12.00 and are available at the Administration foyer at Guildford Grammar Senior School.

Telephone 9377 9222. **Numbers are limited.** There is No Charge for GGS student spectators.

ASG INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER AWARDS: NEiTA is calling on parents, schools, and early childhood communities to show their teacher appreciation with an award nomination in NEiTA's new awards, the ASG Inspirational Teacher Awards.

Nomination forms for NEiTA's new program, the ASG Inspirational Teacher Awards are available from schools, early childhood centres or local libraries, or by calling the NEiTA Secretariat on 1800 624 487.

Alternatively, nominations can be made online at www.neita.com.au or by emailing NEiTA at neita@asg.com.au

MUSIC NEWS: Upcoming Events

Please see the email version of the music newsletter for all upcoming events effecting both the Prep and Senior School.

GG/PC Choir - New Members Wanted!

The newly formed GG/PC Combined Choir (Yr 8-12) has a number of exciting performance engagements in the next few weeks. If you enjoy singing and would like to enrol in the combined choir, see Mr McCarthy for further details. You do not have to be a class music student or enrolled for private lessons to be involved.

Palm Sunday Concert Updated Rehearsal Information – Sunday 16 March, Supreme Court Gardens

Our Music Students will be performing at a *free* public concert featuring the vocal group 'Idea of North', recently back from their US tour. The Archbishop and Justin Langer will be speaking at the concert – bring along a picnic! As per the music performance calendar, there are rehearsals on Tues 11/3 and Fri 14/3, both from 6.30pm -9pm at PC. Own transport is required for these two rehearsals.

GG/PC Combined Ensembles Weekend Rehearsal Day – Sunday 9 March

After full rehearsals from 9am-1pm followed by a BBQ lunch THIS SUNDAY for the GG/PC Concert Band, Orchestra and Choir, these three ensembles will embark on a 'performance tour' day on Monday 10 March. A Concert will be held on Monday in the DLD for the entire GG Prep School (12.10pm), at PC for the PC Primary School (9am) and at Government House for a private function (3pm).

Minor Changes to Guildford Rehearsal days/times (Prep and Senior School) and Permanent Individual Instrument lesson day Changes for some Piano and Drum students.

Please see the expanded music update for more detail regarding some minor lesson/ensemble day changes.

GUILDFORD MUSIC QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 29 March 7pm.

What? Music Quiz night

Who? Students, Staff, families, Prep and Senior School

When? Saturday 29 March, 7pm

Where? Guildford Grammar Dining Hall

Tickets? Go on Sale Monday 10th March (3 weeks before the quiz night)

Cost? \$10 per ticket – tables of 8

FOR FULL DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE GUILDFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT THE COLLEGE WEBSITE at www.ggs.wa.edu.au and find the Current Music Update, located on the 'News and Events' drop down menu.

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

PARKING (YEAR 6 PARENTS)-Year 6 parents can use the Pavilion car park when dropping off children in the morning, however as there is not a Duty Teacher in the Year 6 classroom area, parents ***must walk their child to the classroom and wait with their child until 8.15am when classrooms open.*** In the afternoon, Year 6 parents can also use this car park area; however parents are required to ***collect their child from the Year 6 classrooms,*** as there will not be a Duty Teacher at this car park in the afternoon. ***The Duty Teacher is stationed at the Kiss and Drop, Drop off and Pick up point in the morning and afternoon. Students are not to arrive at School before 8.00am.***

INDUCTION OF COUNCILLORS AND CAPTAINS-Takes place this Friday, 7 March, commencing @ 9.00am in Priestley Hall. Parents and Friends are welcome to attend this occasion. The students from Years 4-7, along with the teachers, voted, and as a result, have elected the Student Councillors and Quarter Captains for 2008. Subject Captains have also been selected. All of the students who will be inducted this Friday have been endorsed by the students, specifically, the Year 7 students and the staff.

Best Dress is to be worn for the Induction of Councillors and Captains.

TRIATHLON CLUB-Parents are advised that Triathlon Club commences @ 7.00pm; change rooms are open from 6.45am. This is to allow time for a full training session, showering, changing and breakfast. Congratulation to all participants-you are training hard, organised and having fun.

FOPS News-What an overwhelming response from our school community for the Quarter Swimming Carnival last Tuesday evening. Thank you to all for embracing a new concept with regards to the donation of food for such events, the time and effort made by some of our parents never ceases to amaze us and we have never seen such an array of wonderful treats. Our gratitude to all those who volunteered their services and made the evening a great success, your loyalty and support is highly valued. In just over 3 hours we raised over \$4,000.00 for the children of the prep school, what a fantastic effort! **Thank you!"**

ANGLICARE EMERGENCY RELIEF 2008-Year Group Contributions

These items will be alternated, Term by Term. A big container for each Year Group will be placed in respective areas – Councillors will collect all contributions once a week – at end of Term we will invite a representative from Anglicare, and in particular from the Anglicare Emergency Relief Fund to collect from the School on an Assembly Day.

Year Group	Non- Perishable Item
Kindergarten	Cereal (Small packets preferred)
Pre Primary	Long Life Milk
Year 1	Tin/Package Soup
Year 2	Tin Meats
Year 3	Tin Beans
Year 4	Tin Fruit
Year 5	Biscuits
Year 6	Vegemite/Jams
Year 7	Pasta/Rice/2 Minute Noodles

If we all participate positively, showing all the compassion, generosity and kindness this deserves, we should be able to donate a minimum of 1600 items by the end of the year – and this is significant. There is of course no limit to where this could all end up. We make a living from what we get, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE FROM WHAT WE GIVE.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE NEWS

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL: The Active After School Program has started again in the 3rd week of the Term. There will be FENCING workshops on Tuesdays from 4.00pm to 5.00pm and GOLF clinic on Thursdays at the same time. The classes are run by professional coaches and numbers are strictly limited, no additional fees apply (only After School Care fees).

BOOKINGS: Some parents still sending their children to After School Care without prior bookings. This is an unwise practise as the Centre has a staff to child ratio. An additional amount of children not booked can jeopardise the ratio, thus also the safety of all the children. Please BOOK your children for ANY required session direct with the Centre on 9377 9290. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

PERTH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Perth College Council offers a number of scholarships to outstanding students entering Year 8, and the Old Girls' Association offers a bursary for the daughters and grand-daughters of Old Girls of Perth College. Please contact Perth College on 9471 2100 for further information.

THE HAMERSLEY RESOURCE CENTRE -The Prep Library Needs Help!

- If you are able to assist in shelving or covering books for the Prep Library, please contact Mrs Glenda Crothers or Mrs Lorrie Finlay on 9377 9288.
- The Million Puppet Project is to be held on 6 April in Perth for a new Guinness World Record. We are looking to promote this with a display of puppets in the Library. If you have any puppets to support this display, please contact us on the above number.

LOST

Jadon Nicholas 6L has lost his Tog Bag containing his blue crested shirt and short, new blue striped socks and blue/white Nike shoes. All items are named.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER FEBRUARY/MARCH

Thursday 6	Emma Lyford
Friday 7	HELP REQUIRED
Monday 10	HELP REQUIRED
Tuesday 11	Kym Sauzier
Wednesday 12	Elizabeth Lee-Visser
Thursday 13	Elaine, Carmen & Orla
Friday 14	HELP REQUIRED

REMINDERS: MARCH

Thursday 6	Sport vs. Aquinas JSHAA Boys Swimming Carnival, Challenge Stadium
Friday 7	NO ASSEMBLY - Induction of Captains & Councillors, Priestley Hall, 9.00am
Monday 10	Late Sport Years 4 - 7
Tuesday 11	Fotek Individual & Class Photos
Wednesday 12	Year 7 Immunisation Sport Uniform to be worn
Thursday 13	Sport vs. Trinity

POSITIVE PARENTING

There will be a 2 hour free Triple P seminar on Positive Parenting, for parents of children in years K – 5 in the Foundation Pavilion on Wednesday 5 March between 4pm and 6pm. Mrs Josie Utley will facilitate this informative seminar. Triple P is not just for parents experiencing difficulties managing a child, although it will greatly assist you with this, but is in fact for ALL parents. Please register your interest in this program by email to Josie Utley on: jutley@ggs.wa.edu.au

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

PARENTS DROPPING OFF SENIOR STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO USE THE ALLPIKE STREET, THE TERRACE ROAD CAR PARK OR THE DLD. DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL SERVICE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY INTO OLD MALCOM HOUSE.

OVERSEAS EXCHANGE IN 2009 -YEAR 12 STUDENTS and PARENTS; if you are interested in applying for a Rotary Exchange or a GAP Year Exchange in 2009 then call Mr Benzie on 93779246 for information.

GUILDFORD PSA SWIMMING

The preliminary team has been selected for the PSA Swimming. Students have been personally notified and their names and events are listed on the notice boards outside the library and swimming pool.

Selected students are to attend morning or afternoon training sessions and the sessions listed below:

Thurs 28 Feb	PSA Team relay training	1.15 – 1.45pm	Senior Pool
Tues 4 March	PSA Team relay training	1.15 – 1.45pm	Senior Pool
Thu 6 March	PSA Team relay training	1.15 – 1.45pm	Senior Pool
Fri 7 March	Quadrangular-Meet	7.00pm	Challenge Stadium
Mon 10 March	PSA Team relay training	1.15 – 1.45pm	Senior Pool
Tues 11 March	PSA Team relay training	1.15 – 1.45pm	Senior Pool
Wed 12 March	PSA Team Training	3.45 – 5.00pm	Senior Pool
Wed 12 March	Swimming Dinner	7.00pm	Dining Hall
Thurs 13 March	PSA Interschool Swimming	6.15pm	Challenge Stadium

SWIM TRAINING FOR PSA INTERS - Sprinters for Inters and NUGGET Squads begin training Thursday morning at 6.30pm in the Senior Pool. Swim Training is on each morning from 6.30am to 7.30am (breakfast afterwards) and each afternoon 4pm to 5pm. Everyone welcome. GGS needs you!!!

All Year 11 parents are invited to meet for a coffee and chat, 8.30am on Thursday 20 March, at Taylors, 510 Great Northern Hwy, and Middle Swan (just past Waldecks). Please call Caroline Nisbet on 9454 5387 if you are able to come.

