

OLD GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for 2021! I hope that you've all had a great break. Students have had a wonderful start to the year. They are all in their classes with their teachers and learning routines have started. I would like to wish all new families an extra warm welcome. Starting Preschool, Kindergarten or enrolling in a new school is a big step but know that we are here to support you and your child.

This year we welcome three staff members to our community. Ms Christina Massey, who will work to support Stages 2 and 3 as Deputy Principal Instructional Leader, Ms Wendy Nguyen, who will teach 4W and Ms Sonja Schalo, who has returned to our school and will be teaching 5S. We will post a small 'get to know you' about each staff member on Facebook so you can learn a little more about them. Please join me in welcoming them to our school.

It is the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, so we are naming our 18 classes across K-6 after vegetables. In addition, we will have 2 Preschool groups. Classes P-6 for 2021 are as follows:

Preschool Butterflies – Ms Kath Barlow

Preschool Ladybugs – Ms Kath Barlow

Kindergarten Alfalfa – Ms Amber Haider

Kindergarten Nopalitos – Ms Nadine Assaf

Kindergarten Radish – Ms Rayan Hamoui

1 Bean – Ms Judith Bow

1 Heirloom Tomato – Ms Kim Huynh

1 Pumpkin – Ms Marcia Powell

2 Cucumber – Ms Kate Colvin

2 Daikon – Mr Daniel Daniello

2 Haricot – Ms Lauren Hagarty

3 Lettuce – Ms Kelly Le

3 Rocket – Mr Benjamin Richmond

3/4 Peas – Ms Rachel Phelan

4 Nori – Mr Nathan Quan

4 Warrigal Greens – Ms Wendy Nguyen

5 Butternut Pumpkin – Mr David Burns



5 Squash – Ms Sonja Schalo

5 Fennel – Ms Angela Feggaris

6 Spinach – Mr Omar Shadid



Specialist Staff

We have a number of skilled teachers and non-teaching staff (SLSOs) who work alongside class teachers to support students in their rooms. The following staff members will be in these roles:

Mr Michael Hawkins	Teacher Librarian
Mr Samy Saad	Community Language
Ms Christine Donovan	RFF (Kindergarten & Stage 3), Stage 3 Interventionist
Ms Ntombi Moyo	EAL/D
Ms Demi Makris	EAL/D
Ms Rouba Ramlawie	EAL/D
Ms Sandra Gadd	EAL/D
Ms Sylvia Lin	S1 Interventionist
Ms Karen Hodgson	S1 Interventionist
Mr Randolph Frankson	S2 Interventionist
Mr John Bakes	S3 Interventionist
Ms Wendy Brand	S3 Interventionist
Ms Jenny Pevey	LAS
Ms Susan To	LAS
Ms Manuela Antoine	SLSO

Ms Nasiba Anwar	SLSO
Ms Silvana Pappard	SLSO
Ms Izabel Sleiman	SLSO
Ms Lejla Donaldson	SLSO
Ms Karina Iocca	SLSO
Ms Manal Serhan	Kitchen Assistant
Ms Cheryl Crump	Kitchen Assistant

School Administrative Staff & General Assistants

Our front office is available to assist with your enquiries. Ms Jane Docherty is the School Admin Manager and Ms Anna Torrisi and Ms Sue Burton are our School Admin Officers. Our school grounds are cared for by Mr Guy Brand, Mr Ross Coble and Mr Jack Murphy.

School Leaders

Executive staff have various responsibilities and assist me in leading and managing the school. Our Executive team for 2021 includes:

Ms Alex Ricci	Preschool
Ms Diane Safrglani	Early Stage 1
Ms Jenny Cai	Stage 1
Ms Pirkko Hamalainen	Stage 2
Ms Alicia Tanios	Stage 3
Ms Caroline Thielemans	Instructional Leader (Early Stage 1)
Ms Sharen Scerri	Instructional Leader (Stage 1)
Ms Christina Massey	Instructional Leader (Stages 2 & 3)

Student Leaders

Our 2021 student Captains are Thy Tran and Fatma Kattar, with Mariam Allouch, Tasneem Awad, Abdullah Malas, Mahmoud Awad, Aya Alazaizi and Mariam Habib as our Prefects. We look forward to watching them lead.

School Values

Our school values of **Honesty, Excellence, Persistence, Participation, Cooperation, Respect and Responsibility** have been developed in collaboration with the community and we know they are also values you uphold in your families. Students, parents and school staff are expected to display our values at all times.

School Rules

In addition, the following three rules form the basis of our Student Behaviour Management policy.

We share the voice space

We follow instructions

We use build ups

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves

We own our behaviour

We all have the right to feel safe at all times

We know that student behaviour is best supported by families and schools working together and we appreciate the time you take to remind your children of our rules.

2021 – 2024 Strategic Improvement Plan

We are in the final stages of finalising our 4 year Strategic Improvement Plan. Some areas that we would like to see improvement in are feedback to students, explicit teaching, collaboration and data skills and use. To lay a solid foundation for the implementation of our plan and to create more teaching time in the timetable Kitchen lessons will now run fortnightly and all students will be engaged in the Community Language program where they will learn about culture and language. I thank teachers and parents for their time and support during the consultation phase. Our plan will be published on our website at the end of Term 1.

COVID-19 Updates

Our Kiss and Ride for morning drop off is operating in the same manner it did last year for Students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Our gates will open at 2.50pm for a quick pick up. All members of the community are reminded to practise social distancing by staying 1.5m apart. Any members of the community entering our school outside of these times must scan a QR Code which are located at the entry of all gates, then proceed to the front office to sign in and complete a COVID-19 declaration form.

Preschool and Kindergarten drop off and pick up is slightly different and has been communicated to parents.

Students are now allowed to use our bubblers but we do encourage every child to bring a labelled water bottle.

Permission to Publish

We are proud of our students and we often showcase them on our Facebook page, newsletters and website. We gain permission to publish at enrolment but if you would like to withdraw this, please make an appointment through the office.

I looking forward to a productive year of teaching and learning. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require support.

Helen Morgani

Principal

02/02/2021