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Guildford West, Place To Be!

There's been a lot happening at Guildford West Public School. Here's why Press Gang thinks it's the place to be!

New Preschool Under Construction

By Michael S

We're building a pre-school at Guildford West Public School because they do not have enough pre-schools in the area.

Welcome to the new pre-school. Teachers said that they took a quarter of the grass space in the 3-6 playground to make space for the preschool.



Image: GWPS Students were excited to return to school for 2026

Good news: they've already finished up the roof, 10 of the windows, and solar panels. The builders had a machine that looked like a turret. They have also used a drill and

hammers. Sometimes the banging sounds are so loud that people can hear them from outside the school. The pre-school will be open for students in Term 1, 2027. We can't wait.

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It's a new year, and we have lots of new reporters in the Press Gang. We've been working hard all term to prepare this issue for you.

In this issue, you can read why Guildford West PS is the place to be, find out about the new Children's Laureate and enjoy our Entertainment report.

Stay tuned, and happy reading.

Zeena 😎

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Press Gang Report From State Library

By Maryam & Rita

On the 24th February, we went to the State Library to attend the official launch event for the new Children's Laureate, Andy Griffiths.

We interviewed Andy along with Student Reporters from other schools.

We asked Andy what he will be doing as Children's Laureate. "One of the main things I'll be doing is travelling around Australia and talking to groups of kids and their parents. I'll be taking them on imaginary adventures," he said.

Watch highlights of the interview in this video



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Guildford West PS Is The Place To Be!

GWPS Gets A New Class

By Mohil , Arham & Jun

This term, our wonderful school, Guildford West Public School, welcomed a new Class, named after Magnetic Island, off the coast of Townsville. There are 15 new students in the class with two teachers.

"I'm excited that we've got the new students here this year," said Ms Beede
 "I think it's fantastic that we've got a new cohort in our school who are going to excel at their learning," said Mr Robinson.

Let's meet some of the new students.

Enoch, "I like to ping pong with my friends at lunch and recess. I like to play volleyball and basketball outside of school. I came from Lidcome Public School. I am from South Korea."

Raymond, "I came from Redeemer Baptist School. I like playing games. I like playing ping pong with my friends."

Mohil, "I came from Holy Family Catholic School. I'm from Nepal. I play soccer and tennis outside of school and I do a little swimming."



Images: Above, students in 'Magnetic Island' celebrate Harmony Day. Below, Construction of the new GWPS Preschool started this term.



SPECIAL REPORT: HARMONY DAY

Sania, Nufaysah and Joumana

Imagine a day where you can wear multicultural clothes and show who you really are Wait, that's Harmony Day! Harmony Day is a day where you can express your own culture. You can have fun and build stronger relationships by respecting others and learning about other people's culture and religion. Harmony Day isn't a day where you can just have fun, it's a day of peace in the name of "Harmony".

On Wednesday 18 March students and teachers dressed up fabulously in cultural dresses and yellow or orange.

Classes took part in activities such as word searches, we talked about people's cultural foods, identity and their backgrounds.

There are many different cultures at GWPS. On Harmony Day, we wore clothing from different cultures. There was: Han fu a Chinese dress, a Shol an Afghan dress , a Croatian soccer jersey, a Bangladeshi shari, Arab abayas and many others.

Harmony Day is the best for multiculturalism and relationships.

We interviewed students on Harmony Day. Here are some of the things they said.

"Whatever happens, everyone belongs"

"I'm Pakistani and I'm just wearing this because I like it".

"I'm from Afghanistan, and I love Afghan clothes, so that's why I chose to represent it."

"Belonging and being with people and being nice."



Amazing Facts About Andy Griffiths



He has won over 80 children's choice awards and multiple Australian Book Industry Awards (ABIA), including Book of the Year for *The 52-Storey Treehouse*. Before writing full-time, he was a high school English teacher who created humorous stories to engage reluctant readers.

He was awarded the prestigious Dromkeen Medal in 2015 for his contribution to children's literature and was announced as the Australian Children's Laureate for 2026–2027.

He was born in Melbourne, Australia

He is an ambassador for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and the Pyjama Foundation.

His books are for age 7 plus so pretty much everyone can read it!

By Zeena, Sarina & Janiya

Imagine living in a treehouse that grows another 13 stories every day. Well, Andy Griffiths made that real with his quirky treehouse books! Want to know all about him? Then you have come to the right place! "

Why You Should Get A Pet



By Ashley & Isa

Woof, Woof! Aww! So cute! This is why you should get a cute, fluffy pet!

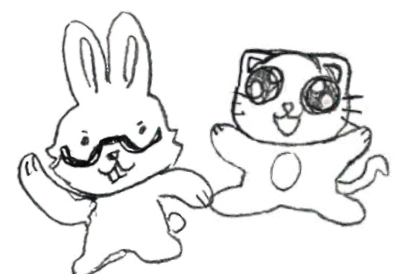
If you are sad then your pet will come and keep you company. You won't feel lonely if you have a pet, your pet is your best friend.

We asked K-2 students and teachers whether or not they want a pet.

One little boy said, "I don't have a pet, but I want one because I'd like it and I would play with it."

Kayla said, "I don't have a pet because my mum wouldn't let me get one, but I would like a pet and play with it."

Ms McGregor said, "I have a puppy because I want to cuddle it and teach it tricks and go outside and play with it."



Humans of GWPS: Ms Chau

By Maggie

What made you join GWPS?

I started coming here on my first prac as a student, and I had Ms B as my prac teacher. So she looked after me, and I loved the way that she supported me. So I stayed for two extra years as an SLSO, and now I'm here as a teacher.

What's your favourite subject to teach?

At the moment right now, I really enjoy teaching maths. I think being able to see the kids understand it after explaining it or working through it with them, I feel it's very rewarding.

What do you like about GWPS?

I love that the staff are willing to support one another, even if it's just checking in or sharing resources. I think that that's really good to have as a first year teacher.



What do you do in your free time?

I listen to music. I am a music geek. I love listening to all sorts of music and all sorts of artists.

Where would you go if you could go anywhere on holiday?

I would go to this place called Malta. It's an island near Italy and I've seen lots of videos about it online. I would love to go there one day.

ENTERTAINMENT

Music: Listen To Katy Perry



By Najwa & Reiana

Have you heard about Katy Perry? Her music is the best because it is energetic and very catchy.

Katy Perry has one child called Daisy Dove Bloom. She has over 40 songs and she is 42 years old.

We surveyed Press Gang to see how many students listen to Katy Perry and their favourite Katy Perry song.

12 out of 24 people listen to Katy Perry. The most popular songs are Firework, California Girls and Roar.

TV: The Amazing Digital Circus



By Ana & Olliea

The Amazing Digital Circus is a TV show made by Glitch Productions. You can watch it on Netflix or YouTube.

The series follows a group of characters who are trapped inside a strange digital world with no way out.

Six characters remain - Pomni, Jax, Ragatha, Zooble, Gangle and Kinger - who are all trying to escape the circus.

Meanwhile, Caine does his best to keep everything fun and entertaining. However, things aren't as they seem. Bubble is actually a virus and is responsible for causing the terrifying "abstractions".

Anime: Dragon Ball



By Xane & Ahmad

Dragon Ball is about a Saiyan called Goku (a Saiyan is an alien born with a tail that has a lot of power). The anime goes way back in 1984 when a manga artist called Akira Toriyama created an anime called Dragon Ball.

He already had one successful anime called Doctor Slump. He really liked the Jackie Chan and Bruce Lee films, so he combined the two to make Dragon Ball an anime about martial arts.

Dragon Ball is about a boy called Goku from a different planet called Planet Vegeta. He was transported by a little spaceship to Earth. Later, an old man called Gohan heard all the commotion (because when the spaceship landed, it made a huge bang) and ran out to check what it was.

When Gohan checked, he saw a baby with a tail in the spaceship. Goku was in it, and Gohan named him Goku. At first, Goku was vicious and

was very feisty until he hit his head really hard and became nice. One night, Goku stared at the full moon since he had his tail, which made him turn into an Oozaru, a giant ape with red eyes that killed Gohan.

YouTube: Caylus



By Zayn & Sophie

Do you know the YouTuber Caylus? You probably do because he has 24 million subscribers. But, if you don't, here are six reasons you should watch Caylus.

He is famous worldwide for his interesting videos.

He made a Roblox game that became the top game on Roblox, Survive Lava for Brainrots.

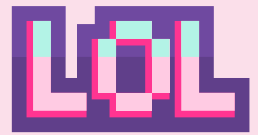
He makes videos every day.

He has many channels, including his real-life one and his Roblox videos one.

He is family-friendly, which means he does not swear on his videos.

Caylus has a condition called aphantasia, which means that if you tell him to picture something in his mind, he can't.

NOTE: While Caylus is Family-Friendly, some of his videos feature games that are not suitable for children.



Q. What's more than a talking bird?

A. A spelling bee!



Q. What birds can you find in Portugal?

A. Portu-geese!

Q. What is the strongest bird?

A. A crane!

Q. What do you call a bird in the winter?

A. Brrrrrr-d!



Q. What do ducks have with cheese?

A. Quackers!

Q. What do you call a poorly bird of prey?

A. Ill-eagle!



Q. What's the most musical part of chicken?

A. The Drumsticks!

Q. What do birds watch on tv?

A. Duck-umentaries!

