



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



**Thursday 11 August 2011**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We had a very successful Education Week last week across South Western Sydney Region with some special events here at Guildford Public School. Thank you to all those parents and friends who visited us last week. Your support of our school and Public Education is always welcomed and much appreciated.

In this newsletter I have included a selection of photographs from our Education Week Assembly and Open Day where many parents visited classrooms.

***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to Jason Ly of class 3/4 Eucalyptus for being the first student from Guildford Public School to receive the Guildford **SUPERSTAR AWARD** for 2011. At the end of last year we finished the GEM Awards after a number of successful years. The Positive Behavioural Intervention Support (P.B.I.S.) committee has introduced a new positive reward system. The new system acknowledges students who are Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learners. Students can gain a 'Guildford Star' for any of the above positive behaviours. When they gain ten stars they will receive a special large certificate. I look forward to many students gaining this high level of leadership in the school over the next year.

Congratulations again to Jason Ly  
First Recipient of a 'Guildford Star'  
Certificate



## DEBATING TEAM MOST CONVINCING

Congratulations to our Senior Debating Team who had a strong victory over Merrylands East Public School last Thursday. Please read the article from Angela Nguyen regarding this success. Great work to all the team and to Miss Blewitt the coach.



### **PROUD DEBATERS**

Tooa, Aida, Sharon, Ricky, Hannah & Miss Blewitt

## SWIMMING SCHEME ALMOST HERE

Many of our students will be involved in the Swimming Scheme from Monday, 15 August through to Friday, 26 August. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn this important life-skill. Students involved will walk to Guildford Heated Pool each day for a fortnight to participate in learning to swim skills taught by professional swimming teachers and qualified Guildford staff. Each day a lesson of approximately 45 minutes builds towards the award of a certificate of Achievement at the end of the course. It is important that all children attending participate each day and try their hardest. I believe there are a few spots left.



Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless      Principal

## SPECIAL STUDENTS SENT TO SHOW GOOD WORK TO THE PRINCIPAL THIS FORTNIGHT.



KB	Zac Singca	
KD	Yusef Tarabiya	Ayat Imran
KLP	Anjie Kerdi	Jimmy Fu
1/2P	Pallavi Kamoda	
2KP	Aguer Deng	Meshwa Patel
	Tyson Ashton	
3B	Jeyda Olca	
3/4E	Mariam El Kassab	Aneeka Mehta
4/5C	Brianna Reed	
5WP	John Yaakub	
CL	Mahdi Qanber Ali	Rokya Al Jebori
	Rima Taleb	Amani Naaman

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

Mr Lawless

**I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!**

## PBIS: RESPONSIBLE

At Guildford Public School students are reminded that



one of our school rules is being responsible at all times. The meaning of responsible is to be honest, capable and reliable. Here are some ways to show you are responsible in Term 3:

- Move around the school in a responsible manner, taking care to not disturb other classes.
- When attending Dance to Be Fit ensure you are trying your best and working to the best of your ability.
- Model responsible behaviour for younger students. If they are doing the wrong thing such as going out of bounds, tell a teacher.
- Treat school equipment in class and outside with care
- Class jobs should be taken seriously and completed with care
- Use the time allocated in class to finish your work instead of talking or distracting others

Mrs McGrath

PBIS Team

## EDUCATION WEEK

### "Love of Learning Awards"

#### Kindergarten Banksia

Ibrahim Arbess

Hatice Aslan

#### Kindergarten Daisy

Karl Huang

Sybelle Alameddine

#### Kindergarten Lilly Pilly

Hassan Farhat

Sarina Georgis

#### 1 Cooktown Orchid

Ahmad Al Jebori

Emma Allawi

#### 1 Flannel Flower

Brodan Wallace

Skye Lepua

#### 1/2 Persoonia

Huazhen Liu

Tara Nogueira

#### 2 Acacia

Sarah Tababiya

Lawrence Li

#### 2 Kangaroo Paw

Vargha Hor

Mayset Elhaj

#### 3 Bluebell

Vishu Garg

Mena Moosawi

#### 3/4 Eucalyptus

Kobe Lepua

Mouaminah Abdulrahman

#### 4 Rose

Farah Al Tamimi

Alaa Agha

#### 4/5 Cassia

Zahra'a Qanber Ali

Aidan Turner

#### 5 Wollemi Pine

Ritika Garg

Hassan Awick

#### 6 Correa

Tooa Rees

Andrew Huynh

#### 6 Waratah

Jun Wu

Frandu Marcial II

## The Victory of Guildford Public School Debating Team

Last Thursday, our debating team has been successful in achieving the victory of the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the Granville-Strathfield Region Debating Competition against Merrylands East Public School. The topic for the debate was 'City Living is better than Country Living' and both teams had to argue about their point of view towards the topic. Our team stated that the statement was true and endeavoured to convince the audience to believe that our opinion is correct.

The debating team was made up of 4 students :

1<sup>st</sup> speaker : Ricky Newell – 4/5 Cassia

2<sup>nd</sup> speaker : Hannah Huynh – 4 Rose

3<sup>rd</sup> speaker : Sharon Thio – 4/5 Cassia

Team Advisor : Aida Mesanovic- 6Waratah

The chairperson for this debate was Angela Nguyen in 5 Wollemi Pine and the timekeeper was Tooa Rees in 6 Correa.

Our debating team worked really hard to make this debate a huge success and Miss Blewitt was very proud. I certainly look forward to the next debate.

By Angela Nguyen

# FEATURE CLASS

## 4/5 CASSIA

4/5 Cassia students have been having a great time this term learning to move and groove in Dance to Be Fit. Mr Lawless has kindly provided funding for each student in Years 3-6 to attend these fantastic lessons once a week for all of Term 3, giving the children an opportunity to learn to dance in an engaging and fun way.

The Dance to Be Fit Program is helping our students achieve the required Dance Outcomes. Included in Dance to Be Fit programs are Folk, Bush, Afro Caribbean, Social (Waltz & Cha Cha), Creative and Contemporary dance styles

Importantly, the classes are physically demanding to help achieve a higher level of fitness. Students are also learning dance choreography that will be used in our end of year school concert.

Pictured below are 4/5 Cassia students having a great time at Dance to Be Fit. Thank you to the parents who joined us during Education week to watch their children dancing away!



## Reminders:

- A reminder to all year 5 and 6 parents to please finalise all Canberra payments by 22 August. Thanks !

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 3

<b>15/8/11 To 26/8/11</b>	<b>Swimming Scheme Starts – Years 2 to 6</b>
<b>16/8/11</b>	<b>UNSW Maths Competition</b>
<b>18/8/11</b>	<b>Debate against Widemere PS At Widemere Public School</b>
<b>22/8/11</b>	<b>Final Canberra Payment Due. Please have All payments finalised by this date.</b>
<b>22/8/11- 26/8/11</b>	<b>Book Week</b>
<b>23/8/11- 25/8/11</b>	<b>Book Fair</b>
<b>1/9/11</b>	<b>Book Parade</b>
<b>5/9/11</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>6/9/11</b>	<b>Bicentennial Park Excursion</b>
<b>6/9/11- 8/9/11</b>	<b>Canberra Excursion. Stage 3</b>
<b>12/9/11</b>	<b>NSW Cricket Clinic. K-6</b>
<b>13/9/11</b>	<b>Kindy Farm Excursion</b>

## HEADLICE

We have had a few reports of headlice again. Please remember to check your child/children's hair regular and treat if need be.

## COUGHS, COLD AND FLU SEASON



With the onset of Winter, colds and flu are inevitable. **Any student with cold or flu symptoms should stay away from school until they are well. DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY**

### ARE SICK

Symptoms of cold or flu can include blocked or runny nose, headaches, fever, chills, sore throat, cough, tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

**If children come to the sick bay with cold or flu symptoms you will be contacted. Students should then be collected. When a child is taken to the doctors, please request a certificate.**



## Our Field Trip to the Field of Mars

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2011 Stage 2 students from Guildford Pubic School went to the Field of Mars for H.S.I.E, as last term we were learning about National Parks. Before leaving, we were split into 4 groups. We left at 8:45am by bus and arrived at our destination at 10:00am.

Then, once we arrived at the Field of Mars, a young lady called Lisa came and showed us around. Lisa picked two groups: Group 1 and Group 3. My group was with Kate and we started first. We looked at the mangroves, grass, moss and a river – the Lane Cove River which leads to the ocean. We stopped to do art and I sketched a fern. We then stopped by the river to eat our recess. I had cheese and chives flavour Shapes.

When we had finished our break, we went to the river to look for crabs. While I was throwing pebbles, Frank got a crab and it bit him. Next we looked at a Scribbly Gum tree and Kate told us it was moths and caterpillars that made the scribbly writing on the bark. Kate gave us the leaves of two plants to taste. The first one tasted bad and of eucalyptus, the second one tasted salty.

When we arrived back at the beginning of the park, we ate our lunch and then did our last activity. My partner was Amal. We had to find some insects by shaking the branches of bushes and digging up the ground with some trowels which were supplied to us. When we found some insects we then had the put them in a little plastic container with the help of a paint brush. Amal and I didn't find any, but a lot of the other children did.

We got on the bus at 2.15 and arrived back at school at 3.00pm. I had a very exhausting but exciting day!

Aneeka Mehta - 3/4 Eucalyptus







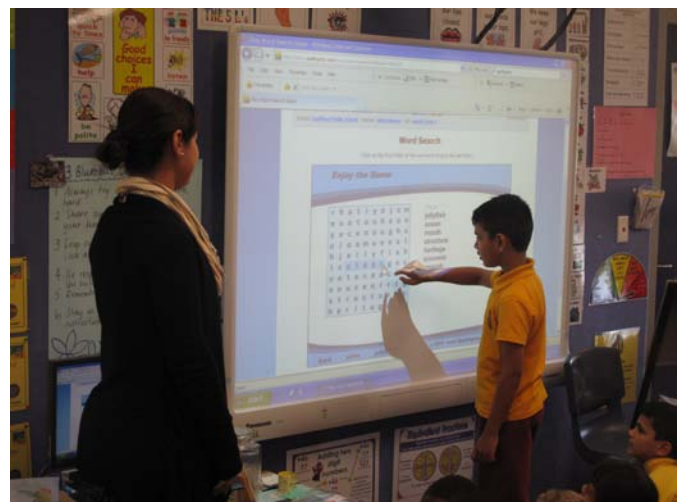
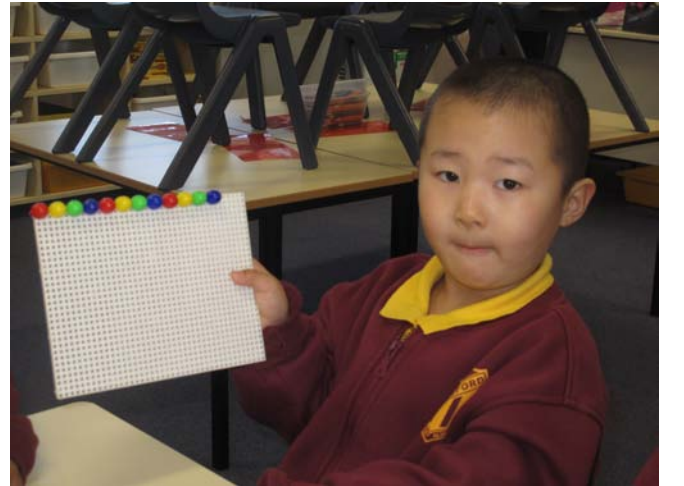
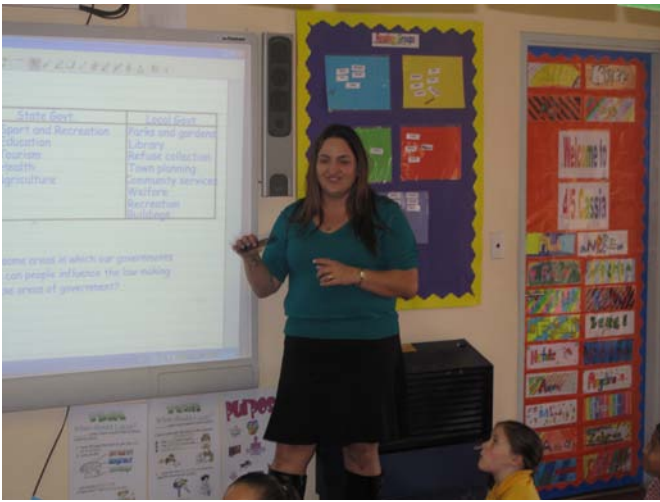
**LEARNING  
THROUGH THE  
ENVIRONMENT**



# EDUCATION WEEK 2011











Guildford Public School is collecting both Coles coupons and Woolworths receipts. So next time you go shopping please bring them in and place them in the box at the front counter.

IT'S ON NOW!

**Start Collecting!**

Make sure your school is registered.

500 bonus vouchers if registered before 11th Aug.

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