



GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE



Thursday 22 September 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the final newsletter for Term 3. Mr Lawless is now in the USA on Long Service Leave. We all know he will have a fantastic time and I'm sure the students also are looking forward to a couple of week's holiday. I wish everyone a happy and relaxing holiday. Please encourage your children to play each day and get some exercise. It's also very important for all students K-6 to read daily for enjoyment.

School resumes for both teachers and students on Monday 10 October. Note there is no school development day at the beginning of Term 4. Please remember that students return wearing their summer uniform.

I would like to welcome one new permanent staff member to our school. Peter Hanna is our new Assistant Principal. He will commence in Term Four. Peter is well qualified for his leadership position at Guildford and I am sure he will contribute significantly to the improvement of student outcomes across our school. Peter will be teaching Year 5 Wollemi Pine.

Last Friday, Guildford had three teams playing in the PSSA finals – Junior Newcombe Ball, Junior Soccer and Senior OZ-Tag. Special congratulations to Mrs Byrnes and the Junior Newcombe Ball for winning the competition. Well done! Also congratulations to Mr Crowther, Mr Kranenburg and the students in the senior Oz Tag and junior soccer teams. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make the finals. Thank you to all our Winter PSSA teams and coaches for an incredible season.

CANBERRA AND SNOWY MOUNTAINS EXCURSION

During Week 8, I attended the Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) excursion to Canberra and Snowy Mountains. Although there were a lot of hours spent driving we visited many exciting and educational venues, including Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. Staying for two nights in Cooma and driving to the Snowy Mountains, I feel was the highlight overall. Many of the students had not seen snow before and it was a wonderful opportunity for me to spend some valuable time with our senior students. It was fantastic to have the support of Miss Blewitt, Mr Crowther and Mr Norambuena on this educational tour. Thanks to them for their hard work and care of the children over 3 days. The experiences the students were exposed to over these 3 days were extremely valuable and I'm sure they'll remember them for many years to come. I know everyone had an enjoyable time!



Have a fantastic holiday!

*Miss Patricia Walpole
Relieving Principal*

Thank You PACER

Stage Three students and their parents would like to thank PACER (Parliament and Civics Education Rebate) for supporting and assisting our recent trip to Canberra. This enabled us to visit our National Capital and learn more about our Australian Government.

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



KB	Amish Ghimire, Jihad Amoud
KD	Venice Pathak, Peter Marona Puhot
KLP	Richard Hosea, Bryce Bouton
1FF	Jemima Kassem, Alyssa Baker
1/2P	Renalds Sar, Katherine Tran
2KP	Mayset Elhaj
3B	Abbir Taleb, Shantal Hanna
4R	Adam Santoro, Karen Tran
	Kunwarbir Mahrok, Amodena Beazley
5W	Sela Masila, Christine Yau

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Ms Walpole

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

ASSEMBLY STARS

Week 9

Fraudo Marcial 6 Waratah
Brodan Wallace 1 Flannel Flower
Omar Hussaini K Daisy
Omid Amiri 6 Correa

FEATURE CLASS

2 KANGAROO PAW

2 Kangaroo Paw is always the best place to be. As a class we have had an extremely busy term. We have started a mathematics program called TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) which helps students with adding and subtracting skills. We also have been able to enjoy an excursion to Bicentennial Park with year 1 and 2 students as well as many of us were able to be involved in the swimming lessons. 2 Kangaroo Paw has also been learning about different workers in our community. Below you will see some photos of the TEN program in action and a recount of our excursion.



Bicentennial Park Reports

On Tuesday 6 September 2011 I went to Bicentennial Park to see the wetlands. I went with year 1 and 2 but in my group I had 1/2P and 2KP students. In my group we had 29 people.

Firstly prior to getting on the bus we lined up in our class lines at Guildford Public School. Secondly we got up and went onto the bus. While on the bus we talked and played games on the bus with our friends.

When we got there we had our recess. I had strawberries. After that a man called Michael took us into a room. We got to



meet his turtle called Petal. He was so soft and friendly. We all had a turn in touching the turtle softly. Next we split into 6 and looked for

different bugs in little trays. Then Michael took us into the forest where mangrove trees were. I was able to see snails, crabs and other mini creatures. Next we walked up the hills and Michael split us into 3 groups. I was in Mr Kranenburg's group. We were just like detectives looking for small creatures within a dry environment. Then we thanked Michael for showing us Bicentennial Park.

After spending time with Michael, we went down the hills and ate our lunch. I had an apple and it was yummy. Once we finished our lunch we were able to play with the hoops for a little bit of time. Suddenly the teachers said that we could play with our friends and roll down the big hill. It was great fun.

After lunch we did some artwork. We drew the mangrove trees as well as a few animals that we saw in the mangroves.

On the way back we jumped on the bus and Mr Kranenburg played a game with us. The game was that we needed to close our eyes and if you talked or opened your eyes that you would be out. I fell asleep in the bus and got woken up when we got back to school.

I really enjoyed our excursion to Bicentennial Park.

By Meshwa Patel 2KP

On Tuesday the 6 of September 2 Acacia and the other year two and one classes travelled to Bicentennial Park. We went to Bicentennial Park because we learnt about Mini beasts last term. We changed the date of the excursion because it was wet weather.

Firstly all the classes who were going to Homebush sat in two straight lines. Then we waited for the bus to arrive. When the bus arrived we got onto the bus and the bus driver started to drive.



When we got there all the stage 1 classes ate their recess. I ate delicious biscuits. After recess the teachers called each class to go to the toilets. After we went to the toilets we met Mitchell who was our guide for the dry environment, the wet

environment and the wet and dry environment.

Next Mitchell took us to the dry environment. At the dry environment we found insects such as ants, spiders, caterpillars and worms. We found these insects because we used a magnifying glass and a brush.

Then we went to the wet environment. At the wet environment we found some insects that live underwater. They were great insects! Then he took us inside a little classroom and talked about the insects.

Finally it was lunch and we went under the cola. Under the cola the teachers said we could play up the hill or we could play at the bottom of the hill.

Then we climbed a big tall tower that had sixty eight steps. Then we walked all the way back down. When we got down we went up a little hill to play a game of parachute and jockeys and horses.

After that we walked down to the cola and waited for the bus to arrive. When the bus arrived we walked all the way down the path so we could get into the bus and go back to school so our parents could tuck us home.

I felt very happy because I learnt some things that I didn't know about insects.

My favourite part was playing horses and jockeys.

By Tiresa Rees 2 Acacia



On Tuesday 6 September all stage 1 students went to Bicentennial Park by bus to learn about mini beasts.

All year 1 and 2 students came early to school. We came early to school because we had to catch the bus early in the morning. After the roll was marked we went over to the bus. I felt excited.

When we got there we had recess for twenty minutes.

Next we met our guidance officer. He told us that we were going to three environments.

Our first environment was the dry environment. At the dry environment there were a lot of insects and webs.

The second environment was the wet environment. There were 5 tubs and the guidance officer split us into 5 groups. Each tub had a card of all of the insects beside it. We had to catch the insects and put them in an ice cube tray. My group caught 9 insects. The next environment was the wet and dry environment. It was really quiet.

I saw a crab a tadpole and spiral shells. Then it was time for lunch. We rolled down the hill and played bull rush.

After lunch time we walked up a tower. Next we touched water fountains. Then we played some games.

Finally everything was over and we went back to school.

By Shanil Wijesurendra 2 Acacia

CANBERRA EXCURSION

REPORTS

The first destination after we boarded the bus was the **CSIRO**. We learned some facts about food, and how some bugs and pests ate most of the plants that the farmers grow. Then we discussed a quick review of how three dimensional movies work, to actually watch a 3-D movie. The movie explained how omega-3 would be put into more food. Our second location was the National Museum. The guide talked about Nancy Bird and some other famous people. Then she introduced different areas of the National Museum. We saw different old, historical stuff, like Phar Lap's heart.

Jitty Jo 5W

After the last event on the first day we went to the **Motel**. The restaurant was in the far right and our rooms were on the far left. Our dinner on the first day was soup for our entrée, the main course was beef and some mixed vegetables. One of the best excursions ever!

George Duwai 5W

On the second day in the Act (Canberra) we went straight to the snow. We stopped at a snow hire place in **Jindabyne** and got boots, a jacket and a pair of pants for the snow. The chairlift was so scary. Kitty and I freaked out but after a while it was relaxing. Kitty and I agreed, up, up, up we go!

Rachel Thorne 5W

Questacon is a place with rides, souvenirs and a café. My buddy, Thomas B and I went on the ride 'Earthquake House' Earthquake House lets you experience what a real earthquake feels like. Next Hassan and I went to a ride called 'Curve Ball'. This is when you and your partner settle in a chair and spin around and around really fast, You have to try and throw a ball diagonally to your partner.

Ziad Kassem 5W

We have arrived at the Canberra **War Memorial**. We advanced towards the exhibits where journal entries, weaponry, models, planes, submarines and artifacts could be seen. Afterwards we looked at models of typical war scenarios. At last we reached the commemoration area where the name of every ANZAC Soldier who served in war was inscribed onto bronze plates.

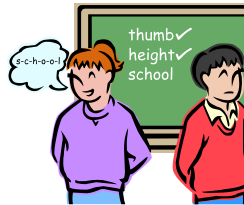
Gihan Perera 5W

On Thursday 8 September the people who went to Canberra made their next stop at the renowned **Parliament House**. As we entered this colossal building, we were met by a tour guide who guided us to the House of Representatives located in the Upper house. The tour guide gestured where each member of Government sat. We were then led to a hall of portraits of past Prime Ministers dating back

to Federation in 1901. We also witnessed a golden mace that the Sergeant at Arms carried. Next we were taken to the Senate where bills were discussed. This was the last stop for the day. After this we made our journey back to school.

Angela Nguyen 5W

Premier's Spelling Bee- Regional Final



Congratulations to our super speller, Sharon Thio, who won the junior division of the regional Spelling Bee finals early this week. Sharon will now compete in the state finals which will be held at the ABC Centre, Ultimo in November. We wish her the best of luck! Well done to Jason Ly, Thomas Batistic and Shehan Wijesurendra for their achievements in the regional competition. The Premier's Spelling Bee is an annual state-wide competition which encourages students to engage in spelling in a fun and educational way. Well done to all Stage 2 and Stage 3 students who participated in the competition this year.



Mrs Byrnes
Spelling Bee Coordinator



Sharon Thio accepting her 1st place prizes.



Our junior super spellers, Jason Ly and Sharon Thio.



Our senior super spellers, Thomas Batistic and Shehan Wijesurendra.

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 3

23/9/11	Last Day of Term 3
10/10/11	School Resumes. No Staff Development Day.

PSSA News!

Auburn PSSA Junior Newcombe Ball Champions 2011.



Last Friday our Junior Newcombe Ball team won their grand final game against Granville to become the winners of the 2011 Auburn PSSA Junior Newcombe Ball competition. Congratulations to the following students for showing excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the competition.



From left to right: Dylan Wallace, Adut Deng, Jason Ly, Jasmine Lepua, Long Zou, Sarah Kocherain, Grace Tokobobo, Tj Cooper-Reynolds, Mena Moosawi, Sela Masila, Farah Al Tamimi, Angela Nguyen and Allen Zheng
Well done everyone!

Mrs Byrnes
Newcombe Ball Coach



Whispers from the Library.

Fantastic Story Teller!!!!



The students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 (Grades 3 to 6) had a lovely time listening to the story teller, Donna Jacob Sife. Her genuine love for telling folk tales and legends really had the students well engaged. Thank you for all those parents who supported this special event we had for the school.

Book Week

Competition

Winners!



The students put in an awesome effort this year for the Book Week Competitions and winners were announced last Wednesday at the assembly. The first, second and third place entries are displayed on the library door and inside the library. The competitions were judged by a panel of teachers. I would like to thank the following teachers who helped vote for the competition winners.

They are: Miss Smith, Miss Bryceland, Mrs Ferguson, Mr Kranenburg, Mrs Byrnes and Miss Blewitt. I was also part of the committee.

This year's winners are as follows:

Kindergarten Colouring Competition

- 1st Anjie Kerdi (Kindergarten Lilly Pilly)
- 2nd Austin Flood (Kindergarten Daisy)
- 3rd Ibrahim Arbess (Kindergarten Banksia)

Year 1 Colouring Competition

- 1st Anna Chung (1 Flannel Flower)
- 2nd John Tuuholoaki (1 Cooktown Orchid)
- 3rd Anjanie Jayarathne (1 Cooktown Orchid).

Year 2 Colouring Competition

- 1st Rayyan Arbess (2 Acacia)
- 2nd Jayden Christmas-Estephen (2 Kangaroo Paw)
- 3rd Samira Wang (2 Kangaroo Paw).

Redesigned Book Cover

- 1st Shanil Wijesurendra (2 Acacia)
- 2nd Diloris Katoa (2 Kangaroo Paw)
- 3rd Losa Tuuholoaki (2 Kangaroo Paw)

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Advertisement for a CBCA nominated Book

- 1st Vishu Garg (3 Bluebell)
- 2nd Augustina (3 Bluebell)
- 3rd Jason Ly (3/4 Eucalyptus).

Family Tree

- 1st Deya Daoudi (3/4 Eucalyptus)
- 2nd Frank Rees (4/5 Cassia)
- 3rd Natalie Batistic (4/5 Cassia)

Comic Strip based on a CBCA Nominated Book.

- 1st Hannah Huynh (4 Rose)
- 2nd Chelti Madamba (3 Bluebell)

Book Review of a CBCA Nominated Book

- 1st Jason Ly (3/4 Eucalyptus)
- 2nd Hannah Huynh (4 Rose)
- 3rd Vanessa Lam (4 Rose).

Short Story

- 1st Terrence Halagigie (6 Waratah)
- 2nd Joseph Lingad (6 Waratah)
- 3rd Matthew Sitima (6 Waratah)

Poem

- 1st Tooa Rees (6 Correa)
- 2nd Alyssa Turner (6 Waratah)
- 3rd Nherrie Pillay (6 Correa)

Picture Collages

- 1st Jessica Vidler (5 Wollemi Pines)
- 2nd Jun Wu (6 Waratah)
- 3rd Tooa Rees (6 Correa).

Comic Strip (Folk Tale or Legend)

- 1st Andrew Huynh (6 Correa)
- 2nd Rachel Thorne (5 Wollemi Pine)
- Equal 3rd Aidan Turner (4/5 Cassia)
- Rebel Smulders (6 Waratah)

Comparisons of Two Cultures

1 st	Tooa Rees (6 Waratah)
2 nd	Tyson Lepua (6 Correa)
Equal 3 rd	Jake Ghamrawi (6 Waratah)
	Kitty Jo (5 Wollemi Pine).

Congratulations to all those who entered the competitions. Well done to those who won a placement.

Book Fair a Success!!

We counted the money made from book fair and am pleased to say that we have made approximately \$1500. From this amount the school gets 30% in books. This means we get approximately \$500 worth of books. Some of this money has already been used for Book Week prizes but the others will be used for resources for the library and class readers. Thank you again for your support with Book Fair 2011.



Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).



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Years 5 & 6 Canberra & Thredbo 2011





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Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps. Camps are located around Sydney and regional NSW. For more information and to book go to:

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp

Free fun at Sydney Olympic Park

There are heaps of wallet-friendly activities for younger children these school holidays at Sydney Olympic Park. For example, children can join a fun dinosaur dig with Circus Solaris and search for the mysterious 'Olympasaurus'. The day includes craft activities as well. Details of this and more at:

www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/whats_on/free_activities_events