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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring holidays recently? This is the first newsletter for the new term. It's hard to believe it's Term 4 already. Where has the year gone?

The highlights of this term will be many, however our Annual School Concert on Wednesday 14 November is certain to be a major school and community event as usual. Of course our Senior Choir and Dance Group will perform before then at the Our Spectacular production of "Great Southern Land" on Thursday 30 October at the Sydney Opera House.

In Week 5 our senior students in Year 5 and 6 head to Narrabeen for the Sport and Recreation 3 day school camp. The term will end with our usual celebrations including Presentation Assembly, Year 6 Farewell and other community events. We will keep you informed. End of year Student Reports will be issued in week 10.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

Our 10th Annual School Concert, "Animalia", is only a month away. Every class will perform at a matinee and evening performance as in past years. We seek your support in keeping that day and evening free. It is essential that all students attend both performances. This is our only evening event of the school year, where we request 100% attendance of all students.



This year's theme is around "Animals" and classes are practising an enjoyable selection of songs and dances around this special theme. **Tickets will be \$7.00 and will go on sale in week 4.**

This year seats in the hall will be numbered, so that when you purchase your ticket you will be allocated specific seats. This should help us ensure greater management of ticket sales and order. All seats will require a purchased ticket so even infant children, who take a seat, will need a ticket. Babies of course would need to be nursed throughout the show, as prams will not be allowed to be taken in the hall due to occupational health and safety

reasons. The reality is, there isn't enough space in the hall. The issue of heat, as in some past years, should be resolved now due to the installation of 6 air conditioners in the hall earlier this year. Each teacher has been allocated a \$200 budget to help with costuming for the students, however teachers will be requesting certain clothes items to support the costuming effects. Please assist to your best ability with these requests. Many items, students may already have.

More information regarding ticket and arrangements for this year's concert will be sent home shortly. It's going to be a great performance – as usual!

TRACK AND FIELD SUCCESS



Year 4 student Augustina Asabre has participated in the STATE Athletics Event this week. Augustina, who is strong in all athletics areas, was selected after the Regional Carnival to participate in the State Athletics in the long jump event. She is currently participating in the event as I write this article for the Newsletter. I wish this potential track star every success today and in the future. What an amazing personal achievement and a proud advocate of our school.

COUNTING DOWN TO OUR SPECTACULAR

The 12th Annual "Our Spectacular" will be staged at the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday 30 October. Once again our beautiful choir will be a part of the 500 strong combined primary school choirs.

Our Senior Dance Group will also be performing to our 2012 theme of "Great Southern Land". Thank you to those of you who have ordered tickets. You will be contacted soon to collect them from the office.

I am particularly proud of the hard work and commitment that Mrs Hemming, Mr Kranenberg and Miss Blewitt have put into the choir or dance. As Director for the whole event it will be wonderful seeing nearly forty schools perform.

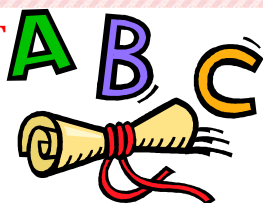
If attending please follow the instructions provided by the teachers for students attending and parents travelling on the school bus home. I will be at the Opera House all day on the 30th October from early morning until after the performance. I trust our students will be strong role models to other schools, both in performance style and behaviour. I wish them the best of luck for their big performance, which I will see firsthand. Enjoy the show!

Have a great fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless Principal

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



KB Amna Soueid, Amirah El Kassab
K/1E Melikeh Khan
1D Samira Kamoda, Peter marona Puhotau
2/3W Asad Mazhar, Arian Namder
3C Selina Tan
5/6Q Aneeka Mehta, Allen Zheng

Community Language:

Alaa Agha, Farah Al Tamimi

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

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

*** SUPERSTARS ***



Fhiras Agha 5/6Q
Grace Qoriniaisi K/1E
Aryan Pathak K/1E
Alarnyx Tautuhi K/1E
Hasina Yosufi K/1E
Tylah Black K/1E
Yasmine Hamdan 5/6P
Dylan Wallace 4/5N
Sohaib Agha 1D
Mayset Elhaj 2/3W
Amar Yassine 4W
Mahdi Mansoor 2/3W
TJ Cooper-Reynolds 4W
Mahek Mehta 2K
Viliame Ravouvou 4/5N
Brian Mac KSL

Mandy Huong K/1E
Murbarak Said K/1E
Aref Zreika K/1E
Joshua Paseka K/1E
Justin Phan K/1E
Ranna Fazil 3TD
Narges Nazari 1D
Kelsie White KSL
William Lam 4W
Sherif Awick 4W
Heame Khazma 2/3W
Amani Naaman 3C
Zehra Khany 5/6P
Ali Rezaee 5/6P
Kayra Bozdagci 5/6Q
Aydin Yag 2/3W

Websites of The Week

Road safety tips

Kids can be easily distracted on busy roads. Here are some tips to help you show your child how to make safety a priority when they're near traffic.

Go to: <http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/>

Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

Moving into high school

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make your child's move into high school less daunting.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

*****Assembly Stars*****

Mohammed Al Tamimi KSL
Ranna Fazil 3TD
Mohamad Jbara K/1E
Kimberley Irving 5/6P

Raheela Hasan KB
Sonia Lingad 5/6D
Leo Fale 2K
Fhiras Agha 5/6Q

Attendance & Absences

Missing school means your child misses out on vital information and maintaining learning routines. This can result in a loss of confidence and missing out on forming vital friendships.

Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (**preferably these should be made after school or during holidays**)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, you might like to talk to Mr Lawless, Mr Hanna or our school counsellor. An appointment will need to be made.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administration assistant at our school. A written note also needs to be brought in to the classroom teacher as soon as possible, or within seven days.

Thanking you for your support.

Unjustified Reasons

Absences for reasons such as some of the following may **not** be justified:

- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding siblings/other children/older relatives
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Hair cuts
- Weather conditions: Rainy/Windy/ Hot...
- Frequent car problems
- Frequent late train/bus
- Excursions/Carnivals/Sports/Camps...
- Airport/Visitors from overseas or other states
- Other member of the family is sick
- Hospital Visits to relatives or friends
- Head Lice

Justified

Absences for reasons such as some of the following **may** be justified:

- Unavoidable medical or dental appointments (**encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time**)
- Religious holiday
- Urgent family situation: Please specify ie funeral
- Sick or infectious disease

Mr Peter Hanna Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Mrs Virginia Villar HSLO Strathfield Office

Guildford Makeover!

Last Thursday, the school was invaded by a team of enthusiastic workers from a company called Investec. They arrived by bus wearing dark clothes and caps. After Mr Lawless gave them a brief introduction to the school, Mrs Hemming organised



them into teams, alongside teachers and members of the Student Representative Council, to transform the existing gardens from jungles into gardens. Armed with shears, clippers, spades, rakes and wheelbarrows they started work on assigned areas.



One team assisted Clayton in building and filling raised garden beds so that each stage within the school can create and maintain a vegetable garden. Mrs Soryal and her team hacked a way through the jungle so that the light and air would be able to reach the raised beds



The enthusiasm of all who took part was not at all dampened by the constant threat of rain and it was amazing to see the difference in the grounds after only two and a half hours of work. The day finished with all the workers (Investec, students and teachers) rewarded with a well-deserved sausage sizzle. The Team from Investec did not look nearly as fresh and invigorated as they boarded their bus to head back to their normal day's work!



This initiative was organised by the Australian Business Community Network (ABCN) and the school is grateful for this ongoing assistance. A big thank you to both ABCN and Investec. Thanks also to Clayton, Mrs Soryal, Mrs Lazras, Miss Lee, Mrs Edge, Miss Walpole, Mrs Hemming and the members of the SRC for their effort on the day.

On an even brighter note, the team from Investec could not stop singing the praises of our students: how polite they were, how hard they worked and how considerate they were to each other and the Investec Team.

Mrs Hemming Coordinator

Feature Class

KINDER SEALION – MISS SMITH

Kindergarten Sea Lion have been learning about how things grow and change. Students have planted bean seeds and monitored how they change as they grow.



We also learned about the farm. We found out about how the different animals grow and change, what living things need and what products we get from the farm. Then we visited Calmsley Hill City Farm and saw all of the animals that we have learnt about.



PSSA - Term 4

Unfortunately the first week was rained out. Please remind students to pay their \$5 on Thursday mornings.

Whispers from the Library



Stocktake 2012

Stocktake will commence in Week 9 and end on the Thursday of Week 11. This year we're focusing mainly on the Non Fiction section of the library. I will be issuing overdue notices closer to stocktake so you can find and return the books in time for stocktake.

New Monitors for 2013 - Training has commenced

The search for 10 new monitors for 2013 commenced on Tuesday 16 October. Students have been excited to be trained and the Year 6 Monitors have also shown responsible behaviour by being the trainers. Some students have been confused with seeing their names in the training groups. Please explain to your child that this is only a training period. It doesn't mean they are selected for 2013. That will be revealed in Week 9. Not all students being trained will be selected.

In the meantime, please remind your children to look and study their training time for the week. Each week they will get a new time table and will be on different days.

Mr Norambuena

Teacher Librarian



Talent Quest

Come and be part of the audience at our Talent Quest Show. There will lots of entertainment for you to enjoy.

WHEN: TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

TIME: LUNCH TIME (1:10pm)

COST: GOLD COIN (Audience only)

Stewart House

Clothing Appeal 2012

Stewart House have asked us to participate in a clothing appeal. Please place any unwanted clothes that are still in good condition into the bags which will be sent home today with the newsletter. **Donation bags need to be returned to school by Thursday 1st November.** Public Education, and many of the staff at Guildford Public School, supports the work of Stewart House. Thank you.

Mrs Rita Edge

Charities Coordinator

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123 Magic

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Topics covered include:

- Encouraging good behaviour
- Managing difficult behaviour
- Strategies for building children's self-esteem
- Childhood development
- Children managing their own emotions
- Practical tips for parents.

DATES: Thursdays, 1 November – 15 November

DURATION: 3 Weeks

TIME: 10.00am – 12.30pm

LOCATION: Level 1, 149 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead

COST: Fees based on a sliding scale according to income

To make a booking, or for more information about any of our courses or seminars, please contact by phone on: 9806 3299



Group Enrolment Form

Name:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Daytime Telephone: Mobile:

Date of Birth:

Country of Birth:

I would like to enrol in the following Group:

Location of Group:

Name of child/partner attending group:

(name of child or partner is only required for children's groups such as Kidspace, or couple's groups)

Payment Details:

☐ I am handing in this form in person and paying cash or EFTPOS

☐ I have enclosed a cheque/money order for the amount of \$

☐ Please debit my VISA / MASTERCARD / AMEX in the amount of \$

My card number: / / /

Expiry Date: /

Name on Card:

Cardholder's Signature:

I understand that payment is required in full in order to secure a position in the group. The payment is non-refundable if I change my mind, however if the group is cancelled or I am deemed not suitable for this group, I will be reimbursed.

Client Signature

Date

Please return completed form and payment to Lisa at Relationships Australia Westmead. Completed forms can be faxed to (02) 9806 3250, or posted to Relationships Australia, Att: Lisa, PO Box 206, Westmead NSW 2145

TERM 4	DATES TO REMEMBER
23/10/12	Talent Quest
25/10/12	Parent Excursion
30/10/12	Our Spectacular
1/11/12	Stewart House Clothing Due Back
1/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 1
5/11/12-7/11/12	Year 5/6 Camp to Narrabeen
8/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 2
14/11/12	K-6 Concert. "Animals"
15/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 3
22/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 4
5/12/12	Year 6 High School Orientation Day
10/12/12	School Reports sent home
13/12/12	Presentation Day 9:30am
14/12/12	Class Parties
17/12/12	Year 6 Farewell
19/12/12	Last Day of Term 4 for Students
20/12/12-21/12/12	Staff Development Days
28/01/13	Australia Day Holiday
29/01/13	School Resumes for Students 1-6
30/01/13	2013 Kindy Students Start

More information can be obtained from the office or Parent café!