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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We apologise for our Newsletter being a week behind our usual fortnightly schedule. Due to an upgrade of our computer server, we have been unable to generate this newsletter until now.

"OUR SPECTACULAR" WAS JUST THAT.....SPECTACULAR!

Congratulations to our Choir and Senior Dance Group who performed on stage at the Sydney Opera House on 30 October.

The production with our 2012 theme of "Great Southern Land" was once again a triumph for Public Education. The Spectacular featured a massed choir of over 500 students as well as individual items from twenty four schools across the Granville, Strathfield and Bankstown School Education areas of South Western Sydney Region. Our students performed with enthusiasm and energy and were an outstanding credit to their school.

Special thanks to our choir teachers Mrs Hemming and Mr Kranenburg, and our Dance Group teachers Miss Blewitt and Mrs McGrath. Special thanks also to Miss Walpole who was the Technical Advisor of the whole production assisting me as Director. We are fortunate to have such talented and committed teachers. I would also like to thank my office staff, Ms Coaldrake and Mrs Alterio for their support with administration including ticketing and Special Guests Invitations etc.

Please see the photos I took at the Opera House.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Our annual school production is about to go on stage. Thank you for your support. Please note well the following information which will assist the school in presenting this show for your enjoyment. Students should follow the class teacher's instructions regarding the costuming. Most teachers will be storing the costumes at school so that students can change into them before each performance.

Matinee 11:30 am....Wed 14 November

There are still tickets available for this session. Don't leave it to the last minute as tickets may sell out.

Evening Performance 7pm

The evening performance is now sold out.

Parents attending please be seated by 6:50.pm. Show to start right on **7pm**. I especially ask the **AUDIENCE** to please keep **QUIET** during the entire show just as you would at a picture show or theatre.

All students should be at school at 6:30pm and meet their teacher.

All other students go to their own classrooms.



Make sure students have their costumes. Parents not attending the evening performance can pick up their son/daughter after the evening performance at their classrooms. The concert will finish about **8:30 approximately**. All students need to be collected by an adult family member.

Security: As usual I have hired two security guards to patrol the school and premises before during and after the concert. This is to assist with the safety of students, staff and visitors. Consequently, it is not wise for older brothers and sisters to hang around the school during the concert times. If they attend they need to have a ticket and be seated in the hall.

Please help make this concert a big success as in past years by ensuring that all students K-6 attend both the matinee and evening performance.

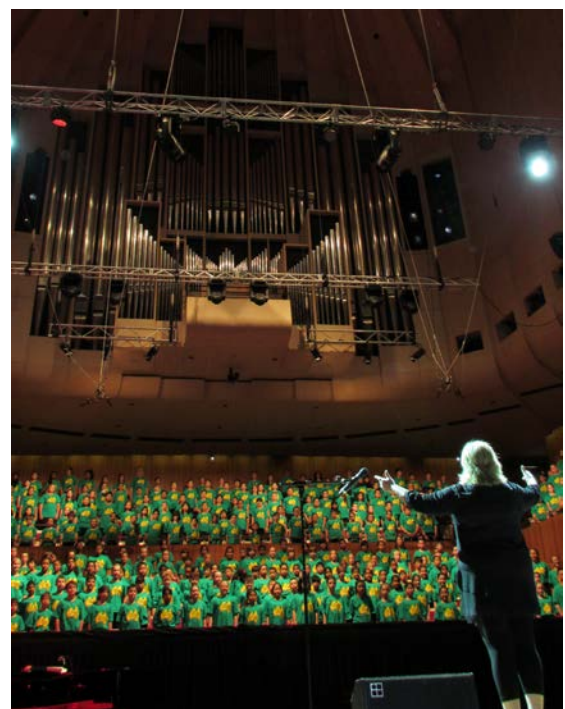
Students who fail to attend the evening performance will spoil the class item. This is a whole school event. We are counting on your support!

I know you will love our 2012 theme of 'Animalia'. Thanks for your support. See you next week at the show.

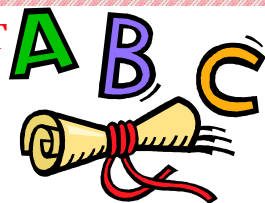
Have a great fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless Principal



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



KK Amira El Assaad
KSL Mohammed Al Tamimi, Kimmy Chung
1D Ibrahim Arbess, Gilliane Portes
1B Joseph Ishak, Zakaria Tobbieh
1/2P Alan Wen, Yousif Al Hesany, Chloe Liu
4/5N Cullen Rollo

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

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

* SUPERSTARS*



Mena Moosawi 4W	Issa Arbess 4W
Hope Croombes 2K	Zainab Hussain KSL
Samim Golestani 1B	Phoenyx Tautuhi 5/6P
Muhammed Khazma 1B	Amal Elhaj 5/6P
Fadia El-Fatayerji 5/6Q	Mostafa Qanber Ali 5/6Q
Amna Soueid KB	Bemnet Asrat 2/3W
Aallyah Zreika 4W	Francis Asabre 5/6Q
Zahra'A Qanber Ali 5/6D	Allen Zheng 5/6Q
Ali Akbar Moosawi 3TD	Hassa Al-Shamari 5/6Q
Amodena Salguero Beazley 5/6Q	

Teacher Professional Development update:

All Stage Two and Stage Three teachers participated in SENA training. Each teacher developed their understanding of the learning framework in number. Teachers sat one-on-one with each of their students to diagnose their current understanding and use of mental strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

Miss Ali Khan participated in Gifted and Talented training organised by Best Start, where she developed her understanding of Gifted and Talented policies, strategies and programs for kindergarten students. Miss Ali Khan will investigate how these policies and practices can be applied to the Guildford Public School context.

Mrs Edge and Miss Sunnucks were each mentored for a day to complete their accreditation with the NSW Institute of Teachers.

Miss Patterson - Highly Accomplished Teacher

Websites of The Week

How much Screen time is too much?

Get advice about your child's screen time: How much is too much? How can you help your child manage their screen time?

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology>

Swimming for survival

Help keep your child safe this summer at Swim and Survive programs for all levels. The programs – taught by experienced, AUSTSWIM-qualified instructors – run

November to February throughout NSW.

<http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive/>

Movies and books

Is your child a reluctant reader? Why not try helping them find the book that goes with a movie or DVD they've enjoyed, or are about to see. Encouraging your child to read can help them to build their imagination.

For tips and ideas:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/how-movies-can-inspire-kids-to-read>

Rainforest creatures

Experience Taronga Zoo's stunning Wild Asia rainforest trail guided by volunteer researcher Heidi Greentree. Rainforest Heroes is a new, free iPad app that lets students capture their discoveries, on location at the zoo or from home, and then make a field report.

Find out more about the app:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/taronga-zoo-rainforest-heroes/id558373157?ls=1&mt=8>

Fitter, healthier, happier

Go4Fun is a free lifestyle program being run across NSW towns. For 7-13 year-old children who are above a healthy weight, activities aim for a long-lasting and healthy approach to living and are suitable for both kids and their families.

To make an enquiry:

<http://healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/go4fun%C2%AE-program.aspx>

Assembly Stars

Adam Santoro 5/6Q

Katherine Tran 2K

Ahmad Elias 5/6P

Rayyan Arbess 3C

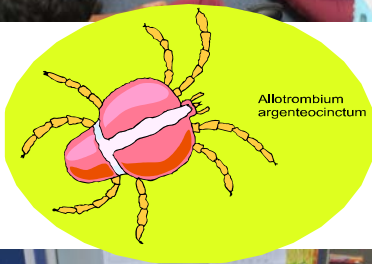
Feature Class

3 Cuscus - Mr Crowther

3 Cuscus have made great progress in Literacy this year and enjoy a wide variety of Literacy based activities. In this lesson we are using diagrams to help us understand what we are reading. Using a diagram of a "blood sucking tick", we had to choose five words that we thought would be in the text, then read the text and tick off words that we found were in the text.

We do this with our EEKK partners first, then we had a turn at doing it in small groups.

Here are some pictures of us enjoying the lesson below:



TERM 4	DATES TO REMEMBER
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. "Animalia"
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 Public Holiday
29/01/13	School Resumes for Students 1-6
30/01/13	2013 Kindy Students Start

Whispers from the Library



Overdue notices are to be handed out this week and next week. Please look for any books you may have hiding at home and return them as soon as possible.

Mr Norambuena

Teacher Librarian



KINDY TRANSITION #1

On Thursday 1 November Guildford hosted the first Kindergarten Transition session. It was very exciting to see many parents and new Kindergarten students here to participate in the session.

The parents were entertained by KSL who sung for them, the senior dance group and Kindergarten students who talked about why they love coming to school. Thank you to these students who presented to the new Kindergarten parents and helped to make it an exciting session. Also a big thank you to the Year 5 students who led the parents on tours of the school.

It was great to see people from the community and staff getting behind and supporting this special time for the new Kindergarten students and their families!

The next session will be held on Thursday 8 November in the school hall from 9:15-10:45am. The focus will be "Our School" and different people will be talking about office procedures, attendance, uniforms and library. We look forward to meeting with the new Kindergarten students and families again!

Miss Ali Khan Relieving Assistant Principal



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Carols by Candlelight at Old Government House, Parramatta (Parramatta Park)

Saturday 8 December 2012

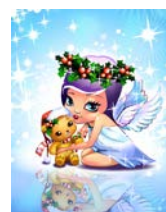
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Gates open 6.00pm

Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Railway Band. Enjoy performances from Northmead Creative and Performing High School and Baulkham Hills High School and a visit from Santa Claus.

Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)

There will be a sausage sizzle, ice creams, candles, drinks and coffee for sale.

Please bring rugs or low chairs for seating at the front of Old Government House.



CALMSLEY CITY FARM KINDY EXCURSION



Moo cluck, quack woof,
baa chirp oink maa

