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## NEWS UPDATE

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### 'ANIMALIA' A BIG HIT

From your response last Wednesday to our Annual Concert, 'Animalia,' and the feedback and emails received, it is very clear that our school concert was a big hit with the audiences.

Thank you to those who attended either the matinee or the evening performance. Your support of our school is most appreciated. I am sorry that some people missed out seeing the show as the evening performance sold out early, as in past years. We had only 250 seats for each performance which is the maximum number we can accommodate safely in the hall.

Congratulations to our 400 students and every teacher for the wonderful performance and effort. As usual I was very proud of the students and appreciative of the staff for their hard work and commitment.

I have placed on the school's website, quite a few photographs I took during the dress rehearsal on Tuesday. Please also look at the display in the newsletter.

Once again well done to all involved in the 2012 production. We will be sending home a short survey regarding our concert. We would appreciate you completing it and sending it back to your child's class teacher.

We want to know your thoughts so that we can maintain a high standard and improve on any areas needed.

### PLANNING CLASSES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2013

While we've started evaluating the 2012 school year, we are also planning for 2013. Critical to this planning is our student enrolment K-6. The loss of a few students can affect our class entitlement and teacher allocation. It is highly possible that we will increase our number of classes in 2013. We are currently 16 classes but looking like we may go to 17. This will depend on Kindergarten enrolments. It also hinges on losing students from other years. I need to know now if you will be moving from Guildford at the end of this year. Some students have mentioned they are leaving however we need definite dates on this.

Consequently, I request you let me know in writing. Please send a note to inform the school if your children are not returning to Guildford Public School next year.

This is very important for our planning. Obviously, we are sorry to see any families leaving our school community, however understand that this sometimes happens due to changing housing requirements etc.

**So please advise now in writing if you are leaving GPS. This will really help our planning for 2013**

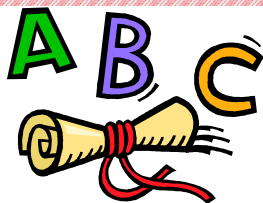
Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless

Principal



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



K/1E Khaldoun Khazma, Kristina Gierke  
 1D Khoder Abbas, Samira Kamoda  
 1B Joseph Ishak, Nicole Tan Terles  
 Austin Flood, Nadine Yasseer  
 1/2P Emma Allawi  
 2K Badrie Elhaj, Ahmelia Katoa  
 Ahmed Aljaberi  
 2/3W Ahmed Taleb, Connor Flood Aydin Yag  
 Pallavi Kamoda  
 3TD Calvin Jo  
 4W Abdullahi Said, Lennyx Tautuhi  
 5/6P Paul Charbel, Saleh Eslami Natanzi,  
 Mervin Janer, Sayed Ahmed Moshref  
 Hanan Handullah, Dilhan Yag  
 5/6Q Ashkan Gholam Hossein Zadeh  
 Adam Santoro, Marshall Bogg

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK

## Feature Class

### 5/6 Dingo – Mr Hanna

This semester, 5/6D has been working hard in HSIE and linking that with ICT. We have been looking at Antarctica, as a unit of study throughout Semester 2 combining HSIE, Reading and ICT. One major part of our study of Antarctica was on the Emperor Penguin. Students used their background knowledge, their work from class and their own research, which they had to summarise into their own words to create their own Popplet in the computer lab.

Popplet is a web tool program where students can take their information, add pictures and change colour and backgrounds to create a mind map of the Emperor Penguin. Students had a look at aspects of the penguin such as habitat, diet, mating and how they survive in Antarctica. During these sessions, students were encouraged to express their work creatively using the many unique functions of Popplet. This is a free program, where students are encouraged to explore and create popplets on any theme they wish at home.

I have been very impressed with the students' ability to summarise information into their own words and transfer that information into a concept map

(popplet). Students were highly engaged and enjoyed creating their own popplets



## \* SUPERSTARS \*



Noora Malti K/1E	Yasmine Zreika 1D
Bryce Bouton 1D	Khoder Abbas 1D
Elias Bouchelouha 2/3W	Mahdi Salman 4W
Micah Collis 4W	Abdullahi Said 4W
Mahmatjahn Olca 5/6Q	George Duwai 5/6Q
Peter Marona Puhotau 1D	Alan Wen 1/2P
Jessica Trieu Phu 1/2P	Kirsty Nguyen 1/2P
Luke Whaanga 2K	Mariam Moosawi 5/6Q
Andrew Chen 5/6Q	Anjie Kerdi 1/23P
Hanan Handullah 5/6P	Mariam El-Kassab 4/5N
Micole Croombes 4/5N	Qoussay Agha KSL
Emily Flood KSL	

## Websites of The Week



Website of the Week:

BlogEd

Find the link on your **student portal** to Guildford Public School's Student Blog

Find out more:

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

### Changing schools

Research shows that when parents take the time to get children ready for a change of school they settle in quickly. Find out what to do if you're planning to make the move, whether across town or interstate.

Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/smoothing-the-way-when-your-child-changes-schools>

## BUS PASSES 2013

Bus application forms are available from the school office.

1. All students moving from **year 2 to year 3 in 2013** will need to complete a **new blue application form** as they must now meet eligibility criteria.
2. All students moving from **year 6 to year 7 in 2013** will need to complete a **new blue application form** as their eligibility criteria changes even if they are still at the same school and on the same campus.
3. Any students who has changed address or will be changing address before return to school in 2013, should complete a **new blue application form** showing the new address for pass to be processed.

**ALL BLUE APPLICATION FORMS** are to have student's **CLASS YEAR** circled and clearly **marked 2013**.

**COMPLETED FORMS MAY BE FORWARDED TO:  
SCHOOL BUS PASSES, LOCKED BAG 5085,  
PARRAMATTA 2124.**

## Staff Professional Learning Update



- Mr Hanna, Ms McGrath, Mr Nicolas and Mrs Racanelli presented their learning and application of new Formative Assessment Techniques they have used with their classes to other teachers from South West Sydney Region at Fairfield RSL on 1 Nov.
- Miss AliKhan participated in welfare administration training on 2 Nov.
- Mrs Hemming and Mrs Ali Khan participated in an information session about new DEC student welfare restructures on 8 Nov.
- Ms Blewitt and Ms Bryceland met with Best Start Leader to analyse student results.
- All teachers have now met with the Athletics Consultant to set up student learning activities for their class.

Ms Paterson HAT



Thank you to all the families that kindly donated to the Stewart House clothing appeal. We had a great response for a worthwhile charity.

Mrs Edge. Charities Coordinator



# Whispers from the Library



## Last week of library.



This week was the last week of borrowing, and next week will be the last week of library lessons. It has been a wonderful year of library with students from kindergarten to Year 6. The reason library lessons end next week is because the library closes for stocktake. This is when Mrs Cullen (librarian assistant) and I start to scan all the books with the barcode scanner and find what books are missing and also calculate the loss rate. This is why it's very important that your child brings back their books.

## Stocktake Commences Week 9

This year's stocktake will commence on Week 9. As explained before, this is the time when Mrs Cullen and myself scan all the books in the library so we can have a record of what's lost and what's not, we decide on what needs to be kept and what might need to be donated to classes. It's also an important time when we find out how much stock we've lost this year. During this time we have parents help sort the books in order. If you're interested, please see me or speak to Mrs Rees or Mrs Thorne who normally help out. They can explain what they do and can show you where I am.



## Overdue notices so all books can be returned.



Some of you would have received overdue notices this week, simply so you can remember to return all books to the library.

It's important this is done as soon as possible so that they can be included in the stocktake.

## Places to find books.

Every year I make suggestions where you could find a missing book. Most of the time Mrs Cullen and myself will search through the shelves for any books that may have missed the return process, but it was VERY IMPORTANT that you help by looking at home.

Check the following places for missing books

- Behind cupboards, shelves or couches
- Under furniture such as couches, beds, etc
- In the toy box, or cupboard.
- On the book shelf where other children books are.
- Behind the fridge.
- Check the garage or shed. If your child has a cubby house, check in there.
- In your car, under the car seat, in the boot of the car.
- If your child is picked up by someone else, ask that person if you could check their car, or if they can have a look at home.
- If your child goes to OOSH, or another version of after school care, ask the carers if they can find a book that is missing. Ask to look on their book shelves.
- If your child is shared amongst you and your former partner, tell your child to look at their mum/dad's house.
- Check their bags!
- Ask the teacher if you can check their desks.
- Ask the teacher if they can have a look at the bookshelf in their class.

Remember if you are asking your child's teacher, YOU MUST, ask them before or after school and NOT on the bell. The best time to speak to your child's teacher is before 845am and after 315pm. Thank you

Mr Norambuena

Teacher Librarian



## KINDY TRANSITION

The students who are preparing to start Kindergarten in 2013 have been having a great time at Kindergarten transition. They have had the opportunity to play maths games, puzzles, building things, writing numbers and letters and doing some craft. Students have also listened to stories and practised answering here when they hear their name called. Over the last two weeks the students have sung "Incy Wincy Spider" and made a spider as well as singing "I'm a Little Teapot" and making a teapot.

They have all settled in to routines well and have enjoyed making friends and getting to know teachers at Guildford Public School.

This week is the last week of Kindergarten transition and students will have the opportunity to participate in some fitness activities, have some morning tea and receive a graduation certificate for completing transition.

It is not long now till they will have their very first day in Kindergarten at Guildford Public School!

*Miss Laura Blewitt Kindy Teacher*

TERM 4	DATES TO REMEMBER
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



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# Animalia Concert 2012











Animalia K-6 Concert  
14 November 2012  
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