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NEWS UPDATE

6 DECEMBER 2012



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I feel like I'm on a steam train heading for destination... New Year 2013. We've only a few more stations and we'll be there! How can the train be going so fast?

With less than two weeks to go before we finish the school year I'd like to remind you of our **PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY** next week. It's at 9:30am on Thursday December 13 under our COLA.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

As mentioned our Annual Presentation Assembly is next week. We are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 13 December at 9:30am. The assembly will be run by the Captains and Prefects and will cover special awards and presentations from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Some of the awards include:

- 8 certificate awards from each class covering 2x academic, 2x most improved, consistent effort, courtesy and consideration, neatness and bookwork, and creativity.
- Sports Awards for 2012.
- Holroyd Council – "Pursuit of Excellence" Award Year 6.
- Public Speaking Award – selected by Principal.
- Performing Arts Award – selected by Principal.
- School Citizenship Award – Year 6 student.
- Dux of School – Year 6 student.

I will also announce the captains, vice-captains and prefects for 2013.

END OF YEAR REPORTING

Please be advised that student reports K-6 will be issued next Monday. Students should deliver them to you after school on that day. Please take the time to read the report thoroughly and to see your child's teacher (please make an appointment) should you need to discuss any matter.

Reports cover: English, Mathematics, Human Society and It's Environment (HSIE), Science and Technology, Personal Development Health and Physical Education, and Creative Arts.

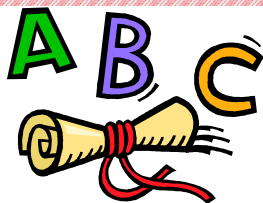
The last page is called Social Development. This is a particularly important part of the report which parents and caregivers need to take very seriously. While it is challenging for any student to gain Outstanding in all twelve areas, a Satisfactory level is worth being pleased about. The area Needs Improvement suggests that the student clearly is not performing to a recommended level of effort. It also suggests that this should be a strong focus next year for development and improvement. It is also an area that we request and recommend the parents to support their son/daughter's application. Improvement in these Social Development areas will undoubtedly help improve a students academic performance.

Have a great fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless Principal

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



- KK Calvin Kay, Amira El Assaad, Hamze Hasna
Topou Fisihoi, Salahudeen Al Zobbi
- KB Mariam Elsamad, Tukana Saukuru
Karim Abu Farha, Jean Beazley
Andrew Abou Zeid, Jack Waddington
- KSL Norah Ayouch, Qoussay Agha
- 1D Ali Naaman, Danny Eng
- 2K Mahek Mehta, Mya Zreika
- 2/3W Tiana Setefano, Bemnet Asrat, Ceren Kiyak
Jemima Kassem
- 3TD Craig Delarue, Zimraan Anjum, Ian Rivera
Lina Marwan
- 4/5N Samisoni Ikamanu, Laila Al-Absawi
- 5/6D Angela Nguyen, Christine Yau, Aidan Turner
Natalie Batistic, Jason Ly, Faris Shuwayhat
Angela Moeakiola, Irrvin Lariosa,
Grace Taufa, Wesam Niem, Hassan Awick
- 5/6P Yasmine Hamdan, Gihan Perera, Abdi Said
Talei Qoriniasi, Kinberley Irving
- 5/6Q Yasin Naseri, Amodena Saleguero Beazley
Mostopha Qanber Ali, Mohsin Salman

Community Language:

Sara Tarabiya, Elias Bouchelouha

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK

- Zakaria Tobbieh 1B
Ricky Newell 5/6Q
Abhay Singh 1B
Muhammed Yassine KK
Narges Al-Shenawa KK
Joelle Alameddine 1B
Mohammed Yasseer 3TD
Tupou Fisihoi KK
Ali Hamdan 1/2P
Ali Nabizadah K/1E
Sharlene Muru-Tucker 4W
Ruvimbo Sitima 1/2P
Zachariah Abdulwahab 1B
Mirna Abdulwahab 4/5N
Chelti Madamba 4/5N
Jeyda Olca 4W
Brian Lolohea 1D
Rabee Zreika 1D
Angela Chen KB
Lennyx Tautuhi 4W
Taylan Yag 4W
Faria Moosawi 1B
Crystal Howell 3TD
Samisoni Ikamanu 4/5N
Lorima Rokosuka KSL
Shanaz Kowaidar KSL
Sarah Kochergin 5/6P
Richard Hosea 1D
Rangipene Wikotu
Tayla Kanj KK
Grace Qoriniasi K/1E
Murbarak Said K/1E
Farzad Hussaini KK
Aphirak Nawara 3TD
Sayed Moshref 5/6P
- Sarah Sabra 4W
Kayra Bozdagci 5/6Q
Sarina Georgis 1B
Emre Cilek KK
Ibrahim Arbess 1B
Ian Rivera 3TD
Fatema Elsamad 3TD
Yasmine Hamdan 5/6Q
Anna Chung 2/3W
Jemima Kassem 2/3W
Pallavi Kamoda 2/3W
Jane Waqa 4/5N
Adem Arikan K/1E
Zakaria Skaf 3TD
Mohsin Salman 5/6Q
Tiresa Rees 3TD
Ahmad Elias 5/6P
Amirah El Kassab KB
Losa Tuuhaloaki 3TD
Abbir Taleb 4W
Adam El-Bortol 1/2P
Arda Kulak 1B
Zac Singca 1D
Mandy Vuong 5/6P
Lana Abouzaid KSL
Kimberley Irving 5/6P
Hunter Bogg 1D
Amirah El Assaad KK
Eylul Ozcakmac KK
Kanwar Singh KK
Justin Phan K/1E
Mohamed Jbara K/1E
Tara Noguera 3TD
Tiffany Bogg 5/6P

TERM 4 DATES TO REMEMBER

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	Staff Development Day
30/01/13	School Resumes for Students 1-6
31/01/13	2013 Kindy Students Start

*** SUPERSTARS***



William Barati KK
Rosabel Gyan KK
Exodus Rees KB
Mariam El-Samad KB
Vivian Dokolo KB
Natalia Wang 5/6Q
Andrew Abu Zeid KB
Raheela Hassan KB
Malak Al-Hesany 1/2P
Huazhen Liu 2/3W

Ayla Rivera KK
Hamze Hasna KK
Ali Farhat KB
Salome Hosea KB
Jean Beazley KB
Sonia Lingad 5/6D
Frank Rees 5/6D
Mya Zreika 2K
Arian Namdar 2/3W
Sarah Tarabiya 2/3W

Feature Class

3 Tasmanian Devil – Ms Ward

This term has been a busy one for 3TD with lots of exciting things happening both inside and outside our classroom. In English, our focus has been narrative (story telling). 3TD have investigated the characteristics and structure of literary texts and then compared these with those found in factual texts. We have had opportunities to use a narrative text to create a Reader's Theatre script to perform in front of the class. These drama lessons were lots of fun but it also helped us to develop fluency and expression when reading aloud and our comprehension of the text. We have been encouraged to use new and more interesting words in our writing. To expand our vocabulary we brainstormed word lists together and also used a thesaurus. We are looking forward to writing our own narratives in the coming weeks.



Websites of The Week

When your child's new best friend is a bad influence

Best friends are a key part of children's lives. But what do you do when you suspect your child's best buddy is a bad influence?

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-influence>

Copying and plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

Help your kids enjoy reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

Leaving your child at home alone

Making some clear 'home alone' rules with your child gives them an understanding of their boundaries and can also keep you from worrying. Most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed.:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone>

Developing a team spirit

Team sports help kids to learn that things don't go their way all the time, and that they need to respect their peers. They also help kids with resilience and how to respond to setbacks.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>



Transition to School

On Thursday 22 November 2012 we held the final Kindergarten to School Transition Day. Most of the Kindergarten students for 2013 have come along to the sessions to spend time with their new friends. Over the past 4 visits some staff from our school have shared informative sessions with the parents. The topics included The Best Start program for Kindergarten, Technology in our school and Events at Guildford PS.



While the parents were at the information sessions, the new students tried some of the activities that they will be doing next year. They included reading, singing songs and making some artworks. Some of the 2012 kindergarten children have been assisting them with the activities by encouraging them to try new things and assisting them with craft activities. A thank you to Danny and Rosabel from K Kangaroo, Emily from K Sea Lion, Angela from K Bilby and Justin and Melikeh from K/1E for helping the 2013 Kindergartens.

2013 Kindergarten students will start school on Thursday 31 January 2013 at 9:00 in the school hall.



Miss Ali Khan Kindy Coordinator

Whispers from the Library



Thank You for Returning Books

Thank you for all of you who have had a good look for the books that were overdue or on loan. It's always good to have a good response.



New Monitors for 2013.

After a vigorous training for 6 weeks, it was time to select the new monitors to join the roster for 2013. I would like to thank everyone who tried out and although not all were selected, it was really good to see so many interested in working in the library.

The new monitors joining the ranks next year will be:

Sarah Tarabiya (2/3W)
Tyson Ashton (2/3W)
Mohammad Yasseer (3TD)
Jayden Christmas-Estephan (3TD)
Tiresa Rees (3TD)
Shauna Dower (3TD)
Amar Yassine (4W)
Marian El Kassab (4/5N)
Razzan El Kassab (5/6D)
Alaa Agha (5/6D)
Farah Al Tamimi (5/6P)
Mahmutjahn Olca (5/6Q)



Sometimes students leave the school during the year or are sick when they are rostered to do their job, so we always have reserves. This year's reserves who will replace students who leave or are sick for a day are:
Regina Collis (3C)
Maya Elsamad (4/5N)
Yasmin Hamdan (5/6P).

Congratulations to all those students who were selected as permanent monitors and reserves. Those who did not get selected will be placed on a waiting list. If your child is in Year 3 or 4 and tried out but did not succeed, they are still eligible to apply next year.

THANK
YOU!

Thank you Parent Helpers.

A big thank you to Mrs Rees and Mrs Thorne who have been helping in the library during stocktake, it's been a

great help!.

PRC Certificates

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 automatically received a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate. This is because I read books, which are part of the Premier's Reading Challenge, to them during library lessons. Part of the rules of participation is that students from Kindergarten to year 2 are allowed to have their books read to them. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 have to register their own books on the website. It's been great to see some of these students have received Gold Awards for completing the Premier's Reading Challenge four times. Well done!



Mr Norambuena

Teacher Librarian



5/6 QUOKKA DIORAMAS

5/6 Quokka had lots of fun creating dioramas of Antarctica's natural environment. We used a variety of materials to build great models of the continent. We hope you enjoy viewing our dioramas.

Mrs Byrnes Class Teacher



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