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NEWS UPDATE

13 DECEMBER 2012



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,



This is the final newsletter for 2012. Where has the time gone? As for me it marks a full decade of Principalship at this wonderful school. On average I have stayed for about 4 years in all my previous schools. So I think the length of time I have stayed at Guildford reflects how much I value and enjoy working here. I look forward to returning to Guildford with you in 2013 to continue our strong commitment to improving student outcomes, opportunities and talents for all students. May I sincerely thank the students, teachers and community for their commitment to making this a quality school?

Could I thank all the parents and friends who attended the Annual Presentation Assembly on Thursday 13 December? For those who couldn't be here due to work and other commitments, I have included in this newsletter, my end of year speech

delivered at the assembly. I have also included a list of names of students who received awards at this year's Presentation Assembly.

Finally I'd like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Best wishes also for a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. I hope that whatever you and your family do, you have quality time together. Take care and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2013.

Please note school resumes for students Years 1-6 on Wednesday 30 January and on Thursday 31 January for Kindergarten.

Have a Great Holiday!



Mr Peter Lawless Principal



PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Presentation Assembly 2012

Welcome

Thank you for joining with us today as we celebrate learning, improvement and achievement across our school from Kindergarten to Year 6. It is probably our most important day of the school year.

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Darug People. Today we pay our respects to the elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

I welcome you all here today students, teachers, parents and friends, to share with us our success across academic, cultural, artistic and sporting endeavours.

I would particularly like to welcome our special guest to our annual K-6 Presentation assembly. Welcome:

- **Ms Pam Colman Counsellor for Holroyd City Council.**

Let's celebrate our achievements of 2012 of which there has been many. It's been a very busy year at Guildford for students, teachers and community.

Some of the main achievements of this year include:

- National Partnership. This year we commenced on the Low SES Schools Community National Partnership initiative which will run for another three years.
- Through this significant funding we have been able to employ a Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching ...Ms Evans) and A Highly Accomplished Teacher (HAT ...Ms Paterson) to further support the professional development of staff.
- We have also employed two part time Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) of Arabic (Mrs Zamerli) and Pacific Islander background (Mrs Mareko) to further support community participation which leads to student improvement.
- National Partnerships funding has also enabled us to spend \$22,000 on

Literacy and Numeracy resources and a further \$15,000 on technology.

- Other school based funding enabled us to buy three new Interactive Whiteboards for classrooms and the library. My aim in 2009 to have every classroom equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard by 2012 has now come to fruition. In fact we now have 19 Interactive Whiteboards throughout the school.
- In 2012 through our Priority Schools Program funding combined with basic school funds we spent over \$50,000 on school resources to support Teaching and learning.
- As well as investing over \$40,000 on Professional Learning for teachers enabling them to deliver the best education possible for all students K-6.

Some great events and achievements from 2012 include:

The Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country Carnival, Education Week, Multicultural Day Food Fair and Entertainment, Our Spectacular ... 'Great Southern Land', at the Sydney Opera House... featuring our Choir and Dance Group, Debating and Multicultural Public Speaking, Regional and State Spelling Bee performances.

Our Involvement in the SPARK program, Initiatives by the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN), The Saint Vincent DePaul Society, as well as pre-school programs and creative arts programs offered by the Parramatta/Holroyd Family Support network have provided invaluable opportunities for our students and community. We truly are grateful for the continued support of these external agencies and companies.

PSSA winter and summer sports and school based sports programs provided opportunities for students to develop essential skills. Although we didn't get any winning PSSA teams this year, we had a pleasing year with a number of teams making semi-finals including Senior Oz Tag, T-Ball and Junior Newcombe Ball. Congratulations to our Junior Oz Tag team who made it to the finals. Good luck for 2013!

Our whole school '**Animalia**' concert last month with the well supported matinee and (booked out) evening performance, showed

that we can deliver and maintain high quality performing arts at Guildford. Our aim, to give each student a memorable performing arts experience on stage, as outlined in the Creative Arts Syllabus, is an area we are proud of. Thank you for your positive response to our survey.

Student Academic Success...Students have performed extremely well again this year in the University of NSW Academic Competitions English, Maths, Spelling, Computers and Science.

- Best Start data suggests that Kindergarten students are generally making very sound improvement.
- Through our National Partnership initiative we have seen outstanding development in Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Reading and Comprehension.
- Students given Reading Recovery with Miss Lee this year have benefited greatly from this important area of learning support.
- Also our Specialist support staff of ESL and Learning Difficulties has significantly contributed to improved student outcomes.
- Computer studies and Community Language Arabic have also provided invaluable opportunities for our students.

In our **NAPLAN (National Assessments Tests in Literacy and Numeracy)** most students showed pleasing improvement from Year 3 to 5 with some students above state average and regional average growth (improvement). Although many students performed well there is still a great need for improvement by some students. We need to pay a lot of attention to all areas of mathematics, reading and writing in 2013 so as to improve further.

We at Guildford must strive to continue to improve all students' outcomes and we will make that our number 1 priority again in 2013. Our strong focus on **Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS)** across our school and in every classroom, remind and reinforces to students the need to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Learners.

I'm pleased to say that in 2012 we have had the lowest number of suspensions due to poor behaviour at school covering the last ten year period. Unfortunately our above state average attendance record for the past three years, has dropped this year to be slightly below average. We need to get this back up next year.

In 2012 over all we have had many student achievements. Parents and teachers I would like you to join with me and congratulate all our wonderful students at Guildford?

CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful effort.

Keep it up in 2013!!!

To our Parents and Community ... Thank you for your support this year of our school. Whether it be through supporting students with their home studies, helping with reading groups at school, multicultural day involvement, attending **Parents in Partnership** on Thursdays, supporting fund raising, attending our Parent Café or attending English classes or workshops etc....we really have appreciate your involvement.

Thanks for Support of Canteen... Special thanks to Mrs Tye and helpers for the fantastic job. Our canteen has continued to develop a focus on promoting healthy foods and will continue this initiative in 2013

Thank Parents I would like to thank all the parents who have helped in any way during this year at our school.

Applause for the parents

Farewell to Year 6 ... I have enjoyed getting to know you over past 7 years. I have known many of you since Kindergarten. I wish you all success and good luck at your many different High Schools. I hope you all enjoy your farewell celebrations on Monday evening.

Thank teachers and Staff...Finally I'd like to thank my wonderful staff of teachers K-6 including class teachers, specialist support staff and of course the office staff Ms Coaldrake, Mrs Alterio and Mrs Sheehy. I thank them sincerely for their outstanding contributions this year to Public Education at Guildford.

I'd like all the students now to give a big applause to thank all the teachers.

We will also be farewelling some of our wonderful parents whose youngest children are about to leave for high school. Thanks to all those community members for your support over the years. I would particularly like to mention two of the parents Mrs Raelene Turner and Mrs Julie Thorne. Raelene worked with the P&C for some years and has also represented the community and parents on many merit selection panels in the recruitment process of new staff for our school. Sincere thanks Raelene! Julie Thorne was also a P&C member, in years gone by, an active community member and has also been a casual staff member this year in the role of a Learning Support Officer. Could Raelene and Julie please come to the front?

The Leadership Team... I'd especially like to thank my close colleagues ...Our Executive Team... I am very lucky to have such professional and caring support. Ms Evans (Deputy Principal Quality Teaching), Ms Paterson (Highly Accomplished Teacher), Mr Hanna (Assistant Principal), Miss Walpole (Assistant Principal who is on leave this term), Miss Ali Khan (Relieving Assistant Principal) and Mrs Hemming (Relieving Assistant Principal), and Mrs McGrath (Relieving Assistant Principal...Mentor). I am pleased to advise that Assistant Principal, Mrs Haidar will return to us part time next year after maternity leave.

Special thanks to the leadership team for coordinating this presentation assembly.

I wish each and every one of you ... students, teachers, parents and community members, a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2013. God Bless and please take care over the holidays.

Finally I'd like to thank our school captains Ricky Newell and Angela Nuygen, for a tremendous job this year. Also to Thomas Bastistic who has been a great vice-captain and also Aidan Turner, Ziad Kassem and Kitty Jo for being caring and enthusiastic prefects.

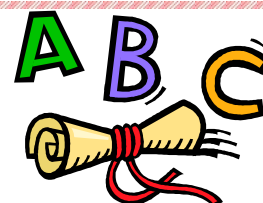
Congratulations to our students who will receive awards today. For those who don't keep trying as next year may be your turn. It's up to you to keep trying.

Please enjoy the rest of this Presentation Assembly, Best wishes for Christmas and the holiday season. Thanks for your attendance today.

Peter Lawless

13 December 2012

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



1/2P Joyce Moeakiola, Malak Al-Hesany

5/6Q Dima Ranamalo

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT YEAR

*** SUPERSTARS***



Congratulations to our students who achieved 20 or more Guildford Superstars in 2012. These students were rewarded with a fun Superstar party involving pizza, games, dancing and an ice block to finish off. We look forward to seeing more students in 2013 following our school rules and being safe, respectful, responsible learners.

Mrs Byrnes and Ms McGrath



Above: Winners who received 20 or more Guildford Superstars

PRESENTATION AWARD WINNERS 2012

CLASS: Kinder Kangaroo

Academic Achievement

Tupou Fisihoi & Farzad Hussaini

Most Consistent

Eylul Ozcakmak & Danny Berisha

Most Improved

Kanwar Singh

Neatness and Bookwork

La-Teesha Maisema

Creativity

Rosabel Gyan

Courtesy and Consideration

Talya Kanj

CLASS: Kinder Bilby

Academic Achievement

Angela Chen & Jack Waddinton

Most Consistent

Andrew Abou Zeid & Exodus Rees

Most Improved

Salome Hosea

Neatness and Bookwork

Tukana Saukura

Creativity

Arda Kulak

Courtesy and Consideration

Raheela Hassan

CLASS: Kinder Sea Lion

Academic Achievement

Zainab Hussain & Emily Flood

Most Consistent

Vincent Ho & Shahnaz Kowaider

Most Improved

Muhadesa Ebrahimi

Neatness and Bookwork

Kimmy Chung

Creativity

Lana Abouzaid

Courtesy and Consideration

Kristina Gierke

CLASS: K / 1 Echidna

Academic Achievement

Justin Phan & Grace Qoriniasi

Most Consistent

Mubarak Said & Kabir Thapa

Most Improved

Mohamad Jbara

Neatness and Bookwork

Mandy Huang

Creativity

Melikeh Khan

Courtesy and Consideration

Hasina Yosufi

CLASS: 1 Bandicoot

Academic Achievement

Sarina Georgis & Ayan Anwar

Most Consistent

Ibrahim Arbess & Yusef Tarabiya

Most Improved

Faria Moosawi

Neatness and Bookwork

Nicole Tan Terles



Creativity

Austin Flood

Courtesy and Consideration

Samim Golestani

CLASS: 1 Dugong

Academic Achievement

Peter Marona-Puhotau & Rabee Zreika

Most Consistent

Zac Singca & Samira Kamoda

Most Improved

Yasmine Zreika

Neatness and Bookwork

Brian Lolohea

Creativity

Hunter Bogg

Courtesy and Consideration

Sytori Noble



CLASS: 1/2 Platypus

Academic Achievement

Alan Wen & Jessica Trieu Phu

Most Consistent

Ali Ozcakmak & Ayat Imran

Most Improved

Adam El-Bortol

Neatness and Bookwork

Emma Allawi

Creativity

John Tuuholoaki

Courtesy and Consideration

Kirsty Nguyen

CLASS: 2 Koala

Academic Achievement

Akanesi Matakaiongo & Katherine Tran

Most Consistent

Ahmad Al Jebori & Mahmut Atilgan

Most Improved

Raziq Naseri

Neatness and Bookwork

Linda Trieu Phu

Creativity

Fantasia Dokolo

Courtesy and Consideration

Hope Croombes

CLASS: 2/3 Wombat

Academic Achievement

Mayset Elhaj & Pallavi Kamoda

Most Consistent

Sarah Tarabiya & Mahdi Mansoor

Most Improved

Heame Khazma

Neatness and Bookwork

Anna Chung

Creativity

Ayse Sari

Courtesy and Consideration

Tyson Ashton



CLASS: 3 Cuscus

Academic Achievement

Richard Eng & Rania Lingad

Most Consistent

Shanil Wijesurendra & Rayyan Arbess

Most Improved

Christina Borg

Neatness and Bookwork

Selena Tran

Creativity

Dylan Perera

Courtesy and Consideration

Hayne Khaung

CLASS: 3 Tasmanian Devil

Academic Achievement

Calvin Jo & Samira Wang

Most Consistent

Tiresa Rees & Tara Nogueira

Most Improved

Ranna Fazil

Neatness and Bookwork

Aphirak Nawara

Creativity

Jayden Christmas-Estephan

Courtesy and
Consideration

Zakaria Skaf

CLASS: 4 Wallaby

Academic Achievement

Jeyda Olca & Taylan Yag

Most Consistent

Abdullahi Said & Issa Arbess

Most Improved

Abbir Taleb

Neatness and Bookwork

Lennyx Tautuhi

Creativity

Halley Fu

Courtesy and Consideration

Sherif Awick

CLASS: 4/5 Numbat

Academic Achievement

Chelti Madamba & Cullen Rollo

Most Consistent

Kathy Tran & Luke Dannawe

Most Improved

Viliame Ravouvou

Neatness and Bookwork

Jane Waqa

Creativity

Augustina Asabre

Courtesy and Consideration

Dylan Wallace

CLASS: 5/6 Dingo

Academic Achievement

Angela Nguyen & Zahra'A Qanber Ali

Most Consistent

Natalie Batistic & Jason Ly

Most Improved

Frank Rees

Neatness and Bookwork

Aidan Turner

Creativity

Deya Daoudi



Courtesy and Consideration

Sonia Lingad

CLASS: 5/6 Possum

Academic Achievement

Thomas Batistic & Mandy Vuong

Most Consistent

Rachel Thorne & Long Zou

Most Improved

Kimberley Irving

Neatness and Bookwork

Karen Tran

Creativity

Ali Rezaee

Courtesy and Consideration

Ahmad Elias

CLASS: 5/6 Quokka

Academic Achievement

Andrew Chen & Kitty Jo

Most Consistent

Ricky Newell & Mahmutjahn Olca

Most Improved

Ashkan Gholam Hossein Zadeh

Neatness and Bookwork

Fadia El Fatayerji

Creativity

George Duwai

Courtesy and Consideration

Aneeka Mehta



ESL AWARDS

Early Stage One: Sarrah Hussain KK

Stage One: Chloe Liu 1/2P

Stage Two: Harnoor Brar 3TD

Stage Three: Saleh Eslami Natanzi 5/6P

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE AWARDS

Stage One: Omar Hussaini 1B

Stage Two: Mariam El Kassab 4/5N

Stage Three: Amal Elhaj 5/6P



LIBRARY

KB – Amna Soueid

KK – Mohammed Yassine

KSL – Brian Mac

K/1 E – Alarnyx Tautuhi

1B – Gilliane Portes

1D – Richard Hosea

1/2P – Joyce Moeakiola

2K – Isra Khany

2/3W – Gideon Mensah

3C – Amani Naaman

3TD – Nicole Croombes

4W – Micah Collis

4/5N – Mirna Abdulwahab

5/6D – Alaa Agha

5/6P– Sarah Kochergin

5/6Q – Natalia Wang

Library Monitor awards:

Bronze – Mirna Abdulwahab

Silver – Jane Waqa

SPORTS AWARDS

Senior Girl:	Briana Reed
Senior Boy:	Michael Asabre
11 years Girl:	Sela Masila
11 years Boy:	Hassan Awick
Junior Girl:	Augustina Asabre
Junior Boy:	Sherif Awick

PRINCIPALS CHOICE AWARDS

Performing Arts –	Jayden Christmas -Estephan
Public Speaking –	Ricky Newell

HOLROYD CITY COUNCIL AWARD

Ricky Newell

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

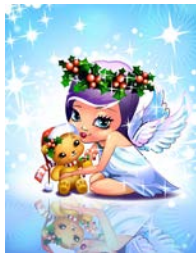
Aidan Turner

DUX OF THE SCHOOL

Angela Nguyen

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

KSL	Amirah El Kassab
KSL	Norah Ayouch
2K	Katherine Tran
2/3W	Mayset Elhaj
4W	Sherif Awick
4/5N	Mariam El Kassab
4/5N	Safwan hamdan
5/6P	Long Zou
5/6Q	Frances Asabre
5/6Q	Allen Zheng
5/6Q	Mahmutjahn Olca



There's no time to be bored these school holidays when you have Go Play's list of family and budget-friendly activities at your fingertips. Take a look at the calendar of events, or download the free Go Play app for ideas in an instant.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/school-holidays-5-things-to-do>

Helping your child choose right from wrong

In a fascinating podcast broadcaster James O'Loughlin talks to Dr Simon Longstaff from the St James Ethics Centre about how to raise ethically aware kids. Ideas discussed include getting involved with your child's school, providing some well-defined boundaries, knowing how to talk to your child and being a role model at home.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-your-child-choose-right-from-wrong>.

TERM 4	DATES TO REMEMBER
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

Whispers from the Library

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday for the Christmas season. Don't forget to read!!

Mr Norambuena Teacher Librarian



Websites of The Week
Hundreds of holiday activities



*To all our parents
carers, and
guardians,
Wishing you all the
very best for
Christmas and the
New Year.
Have a safe and
restful holiday and
we will see you all
in 2013.
From all the Staff
at Guildford Public
School*

