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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the last newsletter for term 2 I'd like to thank you all for your support and wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable winter holiday. For those parents who have some time off too, I hope you and the children enjoy this special time together. Perhaps it's an opportunity to do something exciting together or just spending quality time with each other is always rewarding.

School will resume for Term 3 on Tuesday 17 July. Please note that on the Monday 16 July teachers have a School Development Day.

SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY EDUCATION AMBASSADOR

Each year all schools in the South Western Region are asked to select a student to represent their school. Primary schools are required to select a Year 6 student to be their ambassador. The role of the school's Ambassador is to represent their school at special Education Week events, promote Public Education, and interact at Regional Events.



The criteria for selection requires us to nominate a student who exemplifies community values and leadership, can serve as a role model for other students, and who will represent the school in a variety of forums. It is my pleasure to announce that Aidan Turner of class 5/6 Dingo has been selected as this year's Guildford Public School student Ambassador. I would like to congratulate Aidan on his selection to this student leadership role. Aidan has written an article for this week's newsletter. I encourage you to read it.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all the parents and students who attended the 3 Way Interviews on Tuesday afternoon and evening. It appears that we had about 90% representation from parents or carers. This is wonderful!

Teachers would have issued the Semester 1 Reports. If you didn't attend you will receive your son/daughter's report on Friday.

I hope you found the interview informative. Remember you can make another appointment later in the year to speak with your child's teacher or myself.

Could I particularly thank all the teachers for staying back on a cold evening in order to provide these interviews? Unlike the other professions teachers don't receive overtime pay.

SPARKS

Once again Guildford Public School has been involved in the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) with the SPARKS reading initiative.



Selected students were fortunate to have a tutor/mentor from the Commonwealth Bank sit with them for an hour a week for individual reading support and coaching.

The photo above shows some of the students with their mentor and Mrs Hemming (school SPARKS coordinator) at their graduation morning after the 3 month program. We have been involved with ABCN for five years now.

IWB TARGET SUCCESS

(See photo below: Miss Bryceland and 1 Bandicoot using the IWB)

A few years ago we purchased our first Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) for a classroom. Support from voluntary School Contributions enabled us to cover part of the cost of \$8500 for an IWB. They sure cost a lot of money! I remember speaking at the Presentation Assembly that year about my aim of having every classroom K-6 equipped with this



technology by 2012.

I'm really excited to inform you that we have reached our target! Actually we have exceeded it. Every classroom (16) has an Interactive whiteboard as well as the computer room and library. This brings us to a total of 18 IWB across the whole school. At Guildford Public School we realise that technology is only as good as the user makes it. That's why our teachers are constantly experimenting with new and creative methods. They are taking part in professional development workshops and are sharing knowledge and skills in ICT. So, 21st Century Technology is alive and thriving at Guildford Public School.

EDUCATION WEEK AROUND THE CORNER

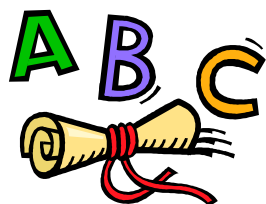
In week 3 next term we will celebrate Education Week across New South Wales. The dates are July 30 to August 3. Our school will have its Open Day on Monday 30 July where we encourage all community members to visit our school, visit our classrooms and attend our Education Week Assembly. When you visit your son/daughter's class you will see our special focus on READING.

Have a great holiday!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal



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



1D Khoder Abbas, Gabriel Taleb
2K Linda Trieu Phu, Zaynab Sadiqi
Fantasia Dokolo, Isra Khany
3ED Ranna Fazil
5/6D Ayilla Kiyak, Hassan Awick
Masuma Golestani, Jawaher Yassine
5/6P Long Zou, Zehra Khany
5/6Q Kitty Jo, Fadia El Fatayerji

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

**GOOD LUCK
JAYDEN !!!!**

Jayden Christmas-Estephan in 3 Tassie Devil competed in the ISKA World Cup in Australia last year for SUMO and Sword Combat getting 2 World Titles. Jayden is competing again in this year's ISKA World Cup in Florida, USA in both SUMO and Sword Combat from the 12 July 2012 to 14 July 2012. Good Luck Jayden. We will be cheering you on from Australia.

BEGINNERS ENGLISH CLASSES

Term 2/3	English Conversation Class	This class is for parents who are learning English.
9am	Jin Liang	The class will run for 8 weeks every Friday in the school library.
School Library	Regional Community Information Officer	
Friday 29 June		You will have the opportunity to practise your English with others and the help of Jin, whilst meeting new people. Jin will also include opportunities to work with computers and show you websites which can help with your English.
Friday 10 July		
Friday 27 July		
Friday 3 August		
Friday 10 August		

Websites Of The Week

<http://readingeggs.com.au/>

Support your children to read with high quality literacy games. Sign up for a free trial or register for the full program.

<http://goanimate.com/>

Select from a range of characters and animals to animate-simply type in what you'd like them to say and watch the show! Very fun and easy to use. Sign up for free.

SUPERSTARS

Ibrahim Arbess 1B

Mayset Elhaj 2/3W

Anna Chung 2/3W

Abbir Taleb 4W



Whispers From The Library

Premier's Reading Challenge Workshop for Parents.

Thank you for Mrs Rees and Mrs Mazhar for their interest in the Premier's Reading Challenge workshop last Wednesday. Some parents informed me they were not



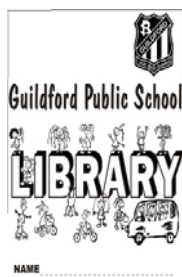
available to come yet were interested. I have attempted to put the PowerPoint presentation on the school's website, however if it is not there please come and see me. Students must register their books by the Thursday 30 August 2012.

Premier's Reading Challenge - Finish Reading!

Because the closing date for the Premier's Reading Challenge, I suggest you encourage your children to read and record their books to have them ready to enter when they come back from the winter holidays. So far, only 3 students from Year 3 to 6 have finished the challenge. Congratulations to them!! I hope we have more towards August.

Library Bags

Please remember that library bags are available for sale at the library. Please feel free to see me between 830am and 850am Mondays or Wednesday or after 3pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Mrs Cullen (Library Assistant) should be in the office all day Wednesday to assist you.



Book Week Competitions

Book Week will be on Week 6, Term 3, (Mon 20 August to Friday 24 August). We have come up with some great competitions your child can get involved with for that week.

All competitions MUST be handed in by the end of Week 4, Term 3 (Friday 9 August). In Week 5, the Book Week committee will be judging the competition entries in time for display for Book Week.

The following competitions are:

Kindergarten (KB, KK and KSL)

Colouring Competition. *Using a colouring sheet with the title Champions Read.*

Stage 1 (1B, 1D, 1/2P, 2K and 2s from 2/3W)

Colouring Competition. *Using a colouring sheet with the title Champions Read.*

Book Mark: *Make a Book Mark that says "Champions Read".*

Stage 2 (3's from 2/3W, 3TD, 3C, 4W and 4s from 4/5N)

Make a model/map of Macquarie Island (*based on book One Small Island by Alison Lester.*)

Short Story/Poem based on the Book Week Theme - *Champions Read.*

Design a bus for your family (*based on the books A Bus Called Heaven.*)

Poster with the title "Champions Read".

Make a Movie Poster for a book that's nominated for a CBCA Award.

Short booklet or pamphlet of an extinct animal (not a Tasmanian Tiger). (*based on the book The Dream of a Thylacine.*)

Stage 3 (5's from 4/5N, 5/6D, 5/6P and 5/6Q).

Make a board game based on Macquarie Island (*based on the book One Small Island by Alison Lester.*

Short Story/Poem based on the Book Week Theme - *Champions Read.*

Create a brochure/poster advertising Macquarie Island as a place to visit, (*based on the book One Small Island by Alison Lester.*)

3D Model based on the title Champions Read (*Books racing, Olympics of Books, etc.*)

Make a teddy bear (*based on the book No Bears*)

Be the author - ask your teacher for a copy of a page from *Look a Book or Dream of a Thylacine* and write your own story using that page.

One of the reasons I'm announcing the competitions before the Winter Holidays is so that you can encourage your children to start their competitions during the holidays, especially on one of those rainy cold wintery days.

Please encourage your students to participate. There will be great book prizes and prize packs that are given out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Book Fair

The books for Book Fair will be arriving in Monday 20 August and will start to be sold on Tuesday 21 August until Wednesday 29 August. Encourage your children to save their pocket money to buy some fantastic books that are supplied by Central Books. We chose Central Books because not only do they give us great commission for the school, but they also supply books that are of quality and very cheap prices. These books are heavily discounted which means every child in the school can afford to buy one.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian).



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FEATURE CLASS 2012

5/6 Possum – Miss Racanelli

5/6 Possum worked in pairs to design and make a model racing car using recycled materials. These were items that can be found at home such as milk cartons, bottle lids, straws and kebab skewers.

Students then wrote a procedure of how to make their model racing car prior to the planning and designing process.

The cars will be tested for their speed and length of travel. As a result, students had to ask themselves a few questions during the planning and designing process.

They included:

- What size wheels do I need for my car to travel the fastest?
- Where should I position the wheels for my car to travel the furthest?
- Should I add more weight to my vehicle for it to travel far?

Once completed, students will race their cars down a ramp. I wonder whose car will triumph.

A special mention goes to student teacher Miss D'Souza for her help and support during the designing and making process.



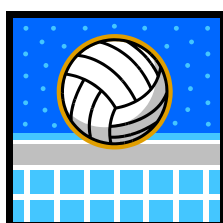
PSSA - TERM 2

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO PAY THE \$5.00 BUS PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE ON FRIDAY MORNINGS.

Netball



Date	Playing against	Venue
15/6/12	Granville East	Colquhon Park
21/6/12	Auburn North	Guildford County
20/7/12	Guildford West	Tom Uren
27/7/12	Lidcombe	Guildford County
3/8/12	Merrylands East	Merrylands East PS
17/8/12	Auburn West	Progress Park
24/8/12	Granville	Granville PS



Newcombe Ball

Date	Playing against	Venue
15/6/12	Granville East	Granville East PS
21/6/12	Auburn North	Guildford PS
20/7/12	Guildford West	Guildford West PS
27/7/12	Lidcombe	Guildford PS
3/8/12	Merrylands East	Merrylands East PS
17/8/12	Auburn West	Auburn West PS
24/8/12	Granville	Granville PS

Soccer



Date	Playing against	Venue
15/6/12	Granville East	Colquhon Park
21/6/12	Auburn North	Guildford County
20/7/12	Guildford West	Tom Uren
27/7/12	Lidcombe	Guildford County
3/8/12	Merrylands East	Kings Park
17/8/12	Auburn West	Progress Park
24/8/12	Granville	Granville Park

Parramatta City Council School Holiday Activities – Winter

Grab your winter woollies and head out to Parramatta these school holidays. Parramatta City Council's July program of events are guaranteed to offer hours of fun for the whole family. The guide is crammed with fun and free activities just for you! Parramatta Artists Studios presents 2 workshops as part of the program including:

Drum It Up - Tuesday 10 July

Get hands-on and explore beats and rhythms in an energetic African drumming workshop with musician Richard Petkovic. Experience playing an instrument or reading music not required.

Session 1: 9:00 – 10:30am (9-12yrs)

Session 2: 11:30 – 1:00pm (5-8yrs)

Venue: Parramatta Artists Studios, 45 Hunter Street, Parramatta

Cost: \$8 per child

Walk & Weave - Thursday 12 July

Artist Kerrie Kenton leads an exciting walking tour exploring Lake Parramatta's indigenous plants followed by a fun weaving workshop using plant material. Presented by Parramatta Artists Studios as part of NAIDOC activities.

Session 1: 10:00 – 12:00am (9-12 yrs)

Session 2: 1:00 – 2:30pm (5-8 yrs)

Venue: Lake Parramatta, 28 Bourke Street, North Parramatta.

Cost: \$8 per child

Parents are welcome to stay for the program with their child/children.

[For program and booking details, click here](#)

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Message From Aidan Turner our 2012 Student Ambassador for Education.

My name is Aidan Turner, 2012 school prefect and 2012 ambassador of Guildford Public School. I will explain and elaborate on what I did on the 21st June. I attended a regional student leadership excursion to Belgenny Farm, Camden.

Early in the morning, I travelled far out west to the farm where I met lots of others school ambassadors. These schools included many students from the Granville/Strathfield Region.

After meeting and greeting other school ambassadors, I was involved in many activities around the farm. This was a great opportunity to mingle with others and inform people about how great our school is.

We then listened to last year's regional ambassador present a speech about what a privilege it was being a school ambassador. As the talk ended, we were treated to some pizza, which was strange judging that we are at a farm.

Later, we were involved in leadership skill activities. We had to find items for our chemistry task that included the medic kit. We searched half an hour for it. After that we had to build the medic centre.

I developed lots about leadership and writing. The experience allowed me to meet new people and gave me the honour of representing Guildford Public School proudly.

The experience meant a lot to me because I am the second person in my family to get this opportunity to become school ambassador. Being chosen out of many boys and girls from my school makes this experience very special.

By the end of the day, I had made lots of new friends and I hope to see them again soon.

I look forward to being a good role model for the students this year.

Aidan Turner 5/6 Dingo

2012 School Ambassador