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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the first newsletter for Term 3. I'm sure you enjoyed the two week winter break but no doubt pleased school has resumed for another term. Please refer to our Term Calender in this Newsletter issue.

THE SUN SHONE ON ATHLETICS DAY

What a wonderful start to the term with our Athletics Carnival held last Wednesday. You couldn't ask for a better winter's day. It was wonderful seeing so many students in their house colours of RED, GOLD or BLUE and entering enthusiastically in the races and novelty events.

The beautiful sunshine also encouraged a good turnout of parents during the day. Particular excitement was noted in the final Shuttle Relays. For a moment I thought I was in London at the Olympics! If only! But the next best thing was definitely being at Guildford Public School carnival.

I am always so proud of how our students put their best effort into each event. We had some particularly fast races this year, with competitive finals in 100 metre, 200 metre and 800 metre events. Please have a look at the double page spread of highlights of the carnival.



Special thanks to all the staff for their organisation and work to bring another great athletics carnival into reality. A big thank you goes to Mr Crowther (Sports Organiser) for an outstanding day. The sun certainly shone on our 2012 Athletics Carnival, so we must not forget to thank God for that.

EDUCATION WEEK

Week three (next week) is Education Week across New South Wales. Although parents and friends are always welcome to visit us at Guildford Public School we'd especially like to see you during Education Week 2012 which celebrates the National Year of Reading (please see article in this Newsletter).

Our Open Day will be Monday 30 July where you are most welcome to visit your son or daughter's classrooms between 9:30am and 10:45am. Please stay for a picnic recess with your son or daughter from 11:00am to 11:20am before joining us under the COLA at 11:30am for Education Week Assembly. Two students from each class will receive a "Love of Reading" award.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR SCHOOL'S WEBPAGE?

We are constantly trying to update and improve our school's webpage;

www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please visit it regularly to see photographs, permission notes, School Plan 2012-2014, Annual Reports etc, as well as links to DEC information. We have just placed many new photographs of our Multicultural Day and Athletics Carnival for your enjoyment. Let us know if there is any other area you would like us to include in our school's webpage.

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless

Principal



National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading is about everyone enjoying reading, and for keen readers to find new sources of inspiration. It's about supporting reading initiatives while respecting the oral tradition of storytelling. It's about helping people discover and rediscover the magic of books and stories anywhere, anytime. And most of all, it's about Australians becoming a nation of readers.



The Department of Education and Communities is a National Year of Reading partner and will be part of activities throughout the year. Our staff and teachers provide a wide range of high interest reading programs and initiatives to our diverse student community and will be promoting many activities and resources to support the National Year of Reading.

To find out more visit our [National Year of Reading](#) website.

SUPERSTARS

Shannaz Kawaider KSL

Ayat Imran 1/2P

Lennyx Tautuhi 4W

Mena Moosawi 4W

Kunwarbir Mahrok 4/5N

Zahra'A Qanber Ali 5/6D

Mahmutjahn Olca 5/6Q

Fadia El Fatayerji 5/6Q

Tiresa Rees 3TD

Abdullah Said 4W

Paul Charbel 5/6P

Jason Ly 5/6D

Taylan Yag 4W

Jeyda Olca 4W

Emily Flood KSL



Websites of The Week

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

Support your children to read with high quality literacy games.

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TERM 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

30/7/12 – 3/8/12	Education Week
31/7/12	Zone Athletics
31/7/12	English Uni Competition
3/8/12	Year 5/6 Camp Deposit Due \$80
7/8/12	Years 1 and 2 Powerhouse Excursion
8/8/12	NED Show
16/8/12	Maths Uni Competition
20/8/12 – 24/8/12	Book Week
21/8/12	Premiers Spelling Bee Stage 2-3 Finals
31/8/12	Year 5/6 Camp Instalment Due \$70
3/9/12	School Photos
21/9/12	Year 5/6 Camp Final Payment Due
21/9/12	Last Day School Term 3

MEASLES

There have been some cases of Measles in schools in this region. The following information has been provided by NSW Health.

Measles

Measles is a serious disease that is easily spread through the air. Immunisation is effective in preventing the disease. All children and adults born during or after 1966 should be vaccinated with 2 doses of MMR vaccine if not already immune.

What is measles?

Measles is a viral disease that may have serious complications. In the past, measles infection was very common in childhood. Measles is now rare in NSW because of immunisation.

What are the symptoms?

- The first symptoms are fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose, sore red eyes and feeling unwell. A few days later a rash appears. The rash starts on the face, spreads down to the body and lasts for 4-7 days.
- Up to a third of people with measles have complications. These include ear infections, diarrhoea and pneumonia, and may require hospitalisation. About one in every 1000 people with measles develops

encephalitis (swelling of the brain).

How is it spread?

- Measles is usually spread when a person breathes in the measles virus that has been coughed or sneezed into the air by an infectious person. Measles is one of the most easily spread of all human infections. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can result in infection.
- People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. The time from exposure to becoming sick is usually about 10 days. The rash usually appears around 14 days after exposure.

Who is at risk?

Measles was common before 1966, so most people born before then are immune.
People at risk of measles include:

- people born during or since 1966 who have never had measles and who have not had two doses of Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine from the age of 12 months.
- people with a weak immune system (e.g., people who are receiving chemotherapy or radiotherapy for cancer or people who take high-dose steroid medications) even if they have been fully immunised or have had past measles infection.
- people who are not immune and who travel overseas.

How is it prevented?

- The best protection against measles is immunisation with two doses of MMR vaccine. This vaccine provides protection against infection with measles, as well as against mumps and rubella.
- MMR vaccine should be given to children at age 12 months and a second dose is given at 4 years of age.
- Anyone born during or after 1966 and who has never had measles infection or MMR vaccination should make sure that they have had two doses of MMR vaccine at least four weeks apart.
- It is safe to have the vaccine more than twice, so people who are unsure should be vaccinated.
- People with measles should stay at home until they are no longer infectious (i.e. until 4 days after the rash starts).
- For people who are not immune and have come into contact with a person with measles, infection can sometimes still be prevented with MMR vaccine if given within 3 days of exposure or with immunoglobulin within 7 days of exposure.

How is it diagnosed?

- Measles is suspected when a person feels unwell, has a cough, runny nose or sore eyes and a fever followed by a rash.
- Whenever measles is suspected, a blood test and samples from the nose, throat and urine should be collected to confirm the diagnosis. Confirmation of the diagnosis is important as it allows prompt public health follow-up of other people who are at risk of measles.

How is it treated?

- People with measles infection are normally advised to rest, drink plenty of fluids, and take paracetamol to treat the fever. There is no specific treatment.
- While a person is infectious with measles it is important that he or she remains at home to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

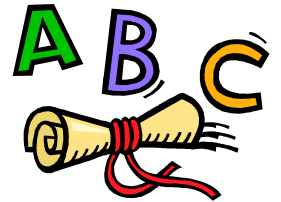
What is the public health response?

Doctors, hospitals and laboratories schools and childcare centres must notify cases of measles to the local public health unit. Public health unit staff will interview the doctor and patient (or carers) to find out how the infection occurred, identify other people at risk of infection, implement control measures (such as immunisation and restrictions on attending school or work) and provide other advice.

For more information

- The fact sheet, "Measles: Information for Contacts" has more specific information
/resources/publichealth/infectious/diseases/measles/measles_info_for_contacts.pdf
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**SPECIAL STUDENTS sent
to show GOOD WORK
to the PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT**



**KSL Lana ABOUZaid, Armaan Singh
1B FARIA MOOSAWI, MICHAELLA JUCO
4W TJ COOPER-REYNOLDS
4/5H Maya ELSAMAD, Jane Waga
5/6Q KIRRY JO, KAYRA BOZDAGCI**

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE to see YOU next week!

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SPARK PROGRAM

For students involved in SPARK, the afternoon homework sessions continue this term. The dates for this term are:

Monday 30 July Monday 6 August

Monday 13 August

There will be no SPARK session on Monday 20 August

Monday 27 August Monday 3 September

Monday 10 September (Parents and any siblings are invited to attend the special final session for Term 3.)

Please make sure you pick up your child at 4pm from the Library. This term Miss Lee will be supervising the group. Thank you to Mrs McGrath for supporting these students over the semester.

Miss Ali Khan

PSSA-Term 3

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

Netball



Date	Playing against	Venue
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
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
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

SPORTS RESULTS

20/7/12 Round 8 Newcombeball

Guildford vs Guildford West

Juniors: 42 – 27 Guildford

Seniors: 42 – 30 Guildford

Junior Player of The Week: Sharlene Muru-Tucker

Senior Player of The Week: Sayed Moosawi &

Fhiras Agha



Whispers from the Library

Change of Library Days.

Library days have changed for some classes so please read carefully.



Monday: 3 Tasmanian Devils, 1 Dugong, 2 Koala and 1 Bandicoot.

Tuesday: 3 Cuscus, 4/5 Numbat, Kindergarten Bilby and K/1 Echidna.

Wednesday: 4 Wallaby, 5/6 Possum, 5/6 Quokka and Kindergarten Kangaroo.

Thursday: 2/3 Wombat, 5/6 Dingo, Kindergarten Sea Lion and 1/2 Platypus

New and Exciting Lessons for Stage 2 and Stage 3.



This term in library we are covering many exciting and interesting things.

2/3 Wombat, 3 Cuscus, 3 Tasmanian Devil, 4 Wallaby and 4/5 Numbat are now participating in a new format in library team teaching. The class has been split into two groups and one group will be working with me using the newly installed interactive whiteboard learning about research

skills while the other group will be transferring the information from the research into an information report.

5/6 classes will be doing something similar except when they are with me they will be learning about how to cite information (creating a bibliography) and whilst the other group will be learning the skill of summarising information from a form of media (text, video, website, etc).

Library Bags



Library bags are available from the library for \$4. If you would like to buy a library bag, the best time is to come between 9 - 10, Monday or Tuesday mornings, all day Wednesday and after 2pm on Thursday.

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. So far, only 3 students from Year 3 to 6 have finished the challenge. Congratulations to them!! I hope we have more towards August. Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on August 29 2012.

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 5, Term 3 (Friday 16 August)**. In Week 6, 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.

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).



Parenting After Separation. Focus on Kids

This group helps parents to understand, focus and respond to the needs of their children after a separation. It looks at ways to support children and addresses their issues constructively even when there is an ongoing conflict between the parents.

Dates: Wednesdays, 1st August to 5th September

Pre-group interview: Wednesday, 25th July

Duration: 6 Weeks

Time: 9.30am — 12.00pm

Location: Level 1, 149 Hawkesbury Road
Westmead

Cost: Fees based on a sliding scale according to income.

To make a booking, or for more information about any of our workshops or groups, please contact our Westmead office by phone on: (02) 9806 3203

Parents attend separately from their former partners.

FEATURE CLASS 2012

Kinder Kangaroo – Miss Elsamrani

Kindergarten Kangaroo have been using the list of Magic 100 Words and Magic 200 Words to develop their reading skills. Each day student's in Kindergarten Kangaroo begin their morning by identifying and writing a list of words found on each student's colour coded word list. In order to increase the number of times students are exposed to the most frequently used words in reading and writing, children then pair up with a friend and play four in a row. Based on the number rolled on the dice, children place a counter on a word they have identified in the corresponding column and aim to be the first to have four counters in a row.

Children are also engaged in computer based literacy activities using their Magic Words, activities include: word match, hang mouse and missing letter. By remembering how words look, children will learn to recognise and recall words quickly and therefore improve reading and writing skills.





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