



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE



20 SEPTEMBER 2012

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final newsletter for Term 3. It's hard to believe that another term has come and gone. School will finish for Term 3 Friday at 3:00pm and resume for all students on Monday 8 October. I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing Spring holiday.

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY & NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

We are pleased to receive our school's NAPLAN results recently. Parents and Carers of Year 3 and 5 students should have received an envelope, earlier this week, containing their son or daughter's results for 2012. Students sat this national test last May. Our Year 3 students performed well with an outstanding result in Persuasive Writing where we performed above National Average. Our Year 5 students also performed quite well with above National Average results in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

While significant numbers of students performed above average in all or most areas, we still have quite a few students performing below expected average. However, it is important to celebrate our achievements as well as acknowledge areas for improvement. Next term we will hold a parent workshop in the hall to explain NAPLAN and to answer questions.

### GOOD WORKERS VISIT THE PRINCIPAL

Did you know that every week at Guildford I am delighted to have students from across the whole school visit my office? For me as Principal, these are the best times of the week. Teachers send to me, on the average, one student a week for particular [Positive Reinforcement](#) or praise. I see students for outstanding work or those making pleasing improvement. Teachers decide on the reason. I find it exciting as children show me their improvements in Reading or Mathematics. They also show me writing, art, projects and bookwork across all Key Learning Areas.

I keep a record of these wonderful students and their names appear fortnightly in the School Newsletter. I usually give them a sticker and their choice of a **Special Magic Pencil**.

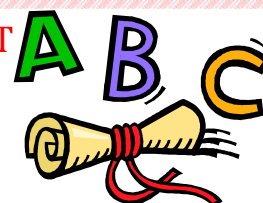
Have you heard about my Magic Pencils? With only one Term to go in 2012 I have already had about 80% of students K-6 visit. That's over 300 students. I look forward to Term 4 and students doing great things in their classrooms which they are proud to show me.

Have a great holiday!



Mr Peter Lawless      Principal

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



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|------|---|
| KK   | Mohammed Yassin, Hamze Hasna                          |
| 1B   | Ali Hussaini, Omar Hussein, Samir Hamze               |
| 1D   | Samim Golestani, Amy Tran                             |
| 2/3W | Abbas Mekdadi, Huazhen Liu                            |
| 3C   | Shanil Wijesurendra, Amani Naaman                     |
| 4W   | Mitch Bouton  |
| 4/5N | Luke Dannawe  |
| 5/6Q | Mostafa Qanber Ali, Adam Santoro<br>Betoul Alameddine |

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT TERM!

## Crazy Hair Day

Coming early in Term 4:

### **Crazy Hair Day**

Come to school with crazy hair and a gold coin donation.

You'll be joining the fun and supporting our year 6 students.

So pull out the hair spray and be as creative as you like.

Notes will be sent home to the date.



Stage 3 Teachers.

## \* SUPERSTARS \*



Safwan Hamdan 4/5N	Hawa Ramazani KSL
Serena Hamze KB	Alyssa Baker 1/2P
La-Teesha Maisema KK	Sayed Moosawi 5/6P
Darren Mensah KB	Arda Kulak KB
Jack Waddington KB	Samira Wang 3TD
Junior Rokosuka 4/5N	Angela Chen KB
Halley Fu 4W	Jayden Christmas-Estephan 3TD
Kathy Tran 4/5N	Cindy Nguyen 4/5N
Chelti Madamba 4/5N	Mahdi Qanber Ali 3TD
Hala Ayouch 5/6Q	Kristina Gierke KSL
Amy Tran 1B	Yusuf Tarabiya 1B
Zacharia Abdulwahab 1B	Olivia Tran 2/3W

### Learn Music at Guildford Public School

\* Music theory    \* Instrument not required initially

\* Instrument playing    \* Music material included

\* Ensemble practice    \* Fun music games

\* 45-min lesson weekly, small group



**Smart Kids Love Music!**

Call to enrol: **9411 3122** (VIP Music est. 1984)

[www.learnmusicatschool.com.au](http://www.learnmusicatschool.com.au)

## Websites of The Week

### Holiday activities

Stuck for school holiday ideas? The Go Play website lists hundreds of activities throughout NSW. Explore museums, observe space, discover castles and convicts, or give your child the opportunity to develop a new skill. There is a range of options on offer – from photography to skating.

Go to: <http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/?startdate=2012-09-28>

### Healthy habits

While we can't entirely shield our children from illness there are ways we can help them boost their immune systems and become more health conscious. Listen to these tips from Dr Martine Walker, a city GP who specialises in family health and has two primary school-aged children of her own. Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/keeping-your-kids-healthy>

### Maths matters

A new and entertaining game will help sharpen your child's maths skills and recall. The Maths Monkey's Quest features questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. The app is available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

### Cycling in safety

Knowing how to ride safely is crucial for all riders. This useful NSW Government summary provides tips on the right safety gear to get as well as clearly written information on how to stay safe on two wheels. Go to

[http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding\\_safely/10\\_tips\\_for\\_cycling.html](http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding_safely/10_tips_for_cycling.html)

## \*\*\* Assembly Stars \*\*\*

Aydin Yag 2/3W	Alaa Agha 5/6D
Austin Flood 1B	Viliotu Masila 2K
Sarina Georgis 1B	Amar Yassine 4W
Sayed Moshref 5/6P	Huazhen Liu 2/3W

# Parent Café

**Our Parent Café is open every Thursday from 2 – 3pm.**

**(next to school hall) All parents are welcome every week,**

However in Term 3 and 4 we are also encouraging different cultural groups to come along and meet other people with similar backgrounds and experiences.

**You might also like to bring along a small plate of your culture's food to share (optional).**

Term 3 was an exciting term for us where parents networking together and getting to know each other through our Café.

## Week 1 TERM 4 Thursday 11 OCTOBER

We will begin term 4 with a special invite to our parents from an Arabic speaking background.

Please join us for a chat, a cup of coffee and meet other people from a similar background.

Is your cultural group not listed??? Don't worry we will have more sessions in Term 4. Please let the CLO's Zena and Asenati (Thursday) know and we will make sure to include you in our next round.

*Ms Sheri Evans Deputy Principal*

## Parents in Partnership Term 3

*A huge thankyou to the parents who always have time on Thursday to help out in our Partnership by:*

- *Attending parents workshop in four weeks*
- *Covering books for different classes and the library*
- *Laminating and cutting games for different classes*
- *Organising and fundraising for the school*
- *Wrapping gifts and helping out in the Fathers' Day Stall*

*Your help is appreciated by teachers and all staff here in Guildford Public School. **Great Work Ladies!***

## ABCN 1. 2.1 Maths Program

The Australian Business Community Network (ABCN) have once again organised some additional help for students from Guildford. This time there were 6 mentors from the Commonwealth Bank working with 6 selected students to receive additional support in Maths. They came to the school each Wednesday for 8 weeks and spent 45 minutes with the students doing Maths activities. At the end of the time, the students received a participation certificate and some of the resources they had been using. The students all enjoyed the program and were sorry when it was finished. They all gained more confidence in their classroom Maths.

*Mrs D Hemming*



## Choir News

The choir has been busy practising for Our Spectacular on Tuesday 30 October. Recently we trialled some of our songs at a performance at Granville South Performing Arts High School. This year we are fortunate to have had Mr Kranenburg assisting us on Thursday afternoons so that we have more opportunity to work on individual parts. All choir members need to know the words to all songs by the beginning of next term. For Our Spectacular, choir members will need to wear a pair of black slacks, completely black school shoes and black socks. The school will be supplying the T-shirt this year to complete the outfit.

*D Hemming*    *Choir*



# Feature Class

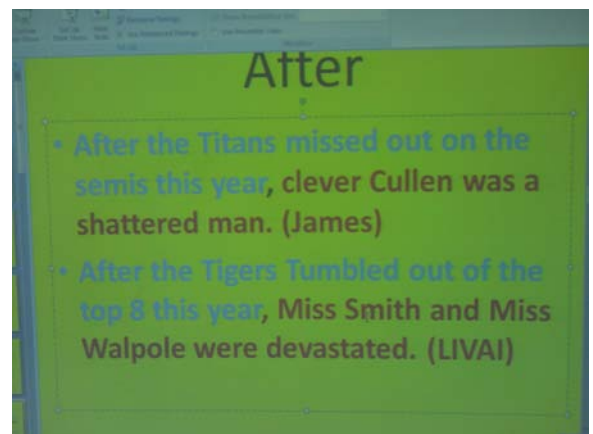
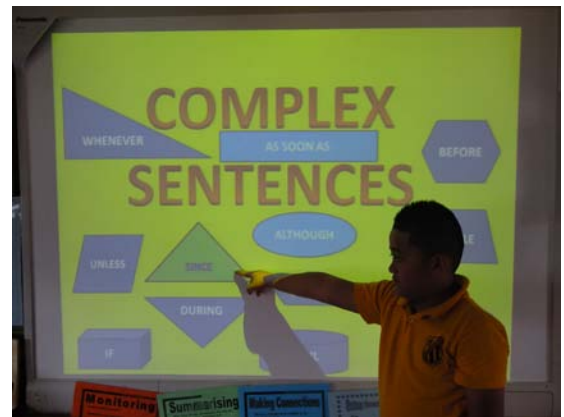
## 4/5 Numbat - Mr Nicolacopoulos

### **COMPLEX SENTENCES**

**This term 4/5 N have been learning about complex sentences.**

**Below are some examples of interesting complex sentences 4/5 Numbat have completed this term in class.**

- Even though we lost the League Tag Grand Final, we still showed good sportsmanship. (Safwan)
- When I see Luke eating, he is always wearing a bib. (Mohammed)
- Before I play my footy game, I always warm up. (Cullen)
- While I was walking to school, I was practising my times tables (Dylan)
- Before we went on the flying fox, Mr Hanna said, "I want to go on first!" (Kathy)
- Unless you clean your room, you can't play the XBOX 360. (Luke)
- While I was washing the dishes, I sang my favourite song 'Galaxy'. (Augustina)
- Since I moved into my new house, I have not been sleeping well because of traffic. (Maya)
- As soon as the music started, my baby sister began crying. (Chelti)
- Whenever I go to the shops, I always bring a list with me. (Macy)
- Although the song was boring, Junior was still singing along. (Lusia)



# PSSA - Term 3

## JUNIOR LEAGUE TAG

Huge congratulations to the entire Junior League Tag team for an outstanding season. Last Friday they played in the Grand Final against Granville South. On the previous two occasions these teams met, Guildford was victorious in both games. The Grand Final finished in a 4 all draw. The rule states in the event of a draw, the first try scorer of the match is awarded the trophy. Unfortunately Granville South was the first try scorer meaning Guildford finished Runners Up.

The Junior League Tag provided me with great entertainment during the season. They had razzle dazzle footwork, explosive speed off the mark, blistering pace down the sidelines and their never say die attitude. They reminded me of turbo cars around the race track and kelpie working dogs on the farm who keep working.

Their performances on the field were a true reflection of their 100% commitment to training every week. Whenever they would see me in the playground, they would remind me about training. This showed how dedicated they were!

Well done to the following members of the team. Sherif, Cullen, Mitch, Safwan, Aydin, Amir, Hamza, Taylan and Charlie.

Mr Nicolacopoulos

## Whispers from the Library



## Monitors for 2013.

For the last 2 weeks I have done a "call out" for potential monitors from Year 3 to Year 5 for 2013. We had an overwhelming response which always makes the selection process difficult. Since the Year 6 monitors will be graduating to high school, I only have positions for 8 new monitors to join the

rotating team I have. With an overwhelming 30 applicants, I must remind you and your students that like other selection processes at school, some students will miss out. This is not to say they cannot apply for other positions in the school or join other groups at school.

Students who have applied to become a monitor will be placed in groups of 5 and be trained by the Year 6 Monitors. The Year 6 monitors will be tutored by me on how to become good trainers. The applicants' training sessions will go for 4 weeks and then the students will be quizzed on their training. The results of this quiz will then be analysed by me and compared to what the Year 6 Monitors (the trainers) have to say about the students they've trained. Training will start in Week 2, Term 4.

Monitors will be assessed on 3 areas: Knowledge, Behaviour and Attitude.

Good luck to all the applicants and remember if you are in Year 3 or 4 you can always apply next year. Always remember, if you don't succeed in this area, look at other opportunities. ☺

## Thank You

Just a big thank you for all those parents and caregivers who have looked for those books that were mentioned in the overdue notices. Some books are still missing and we will do our best to check the shelves for these books, but please remember that our Cataloguing System (OASIS) will also identify a book that is currently on loan when someone tries to borrow it out. These are books that somehow have slipped through the system and gone back on the shelves. But with the overflowing returns box this week, I can see that you have done a massive clean out and found many books. THANK YOU!

*Mr Norambuena Teacher Librarian*



# BOOK WEEK COMPETITION WINNING ENTRIES



## IMAX Theatre Excursion-Stage 2 Under The Sea - Recount

On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September Stage 2 and 3 went on a bus to the city, to watch a movie about underwater sea creatures. But firstly we had a chance to look around the city. After the other students who went to the bathroom came back, we had recess. Next we got to go to a park and play. The thing I went on was the slide. After that we had lunch, and when we finished our lunch we were allowed to play again.

Then we got to watch the movie. But we had to wait a long time for our 3D glasses. When we got our 3D glasses we went in. I was amazed by the size and customization. Plus the screen was insanely huge! And also when I looked at the top there was stars!

The 3D glasses were amazing, but it made it look kind of scary because there was a shark in the movie. The movie ended. It was basically like a documentary, what I learned was the names of fish, what hunts what, how they move and how they live. At last after all of those things we travelled safely on the bus back to school.

I would like to thank the teachers for this amazing day we had!

By Shanil Wijesurendra 3C











theatre at Darling Harbour. Fortunately it wasn't very far. When we arrived at the IMAX theatre we ate our recess quickly. Once we were finished eating Mrs Byrnes took a picture of 5/6 Quokka, 5/6 Possum and 5/6 Dingo. Then we had to line up again to go into the theatre. We had to wait in line for a while because there was another school watching a movie before us. Eventually we went in to watch the documentary 'Antarctica'. The film provided us with a lot of interesting information. The film informed us that Antarctica doubles in size during winter. We also discovered that krill eats algae, then fish eat the krill and that this food chain continues in the Antarctic waters.



After the movie we had lunch outdoors at a quiet park. As we ate, some pesky seagulls tried to take our food. They began to attack us, so we had to move to another spot to finish our lunch. When we finished Mrs Byrne's gave us two options, to draw or two go on the kid's playground equipment. At first Rachel and MJ were the only students who wanted to draw and then some other people joined them. There were climbing ropes, a giant slide and a water and sand area. Tiffany, Marwa, Betoul and I did everything together. We all had a height contest on the swings. After that we raced to the top of the climbing ropes. I had a fantastic time at the playground.



Finally, Mr Hanna, Mrs Byrnes, Miss D'Souze, Mr Norambuena, Mrs Rees, Mrs Lazarus, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Edge took us back to school. I think they had lots of fun too! I had the best day ever!

By Jessica Vidler 5/6 Quokka

## Stage 3 IMAX Theatre Excursion – Antarctica. *Recount*

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, all of Stage 3 went on an exciting day trip to Darling Harbour. We went there to watch a documentary named 'Antarctica' and to have a nice day out.

Firstly Stage 3 boarded a train at Guildford station at 9:30am and travelled to Town Hall. After we arrived at Town Hall station, we had to walk down to the IMAX







# Talent Quest

If you enjoy *singing, dancing, acting, playing a musical instrument or performing magic tricks*, then come and be part of our **'Talent Quest'**.



Please remember to practise your item in the holidays.  
Auditions will be held early in Term 4.

TERM 4	DATES TO REMEMBER
8/10/12	School Resumes for Everyone
16/10/12	Kindy Farm Excursion
30/10/12	Our Spectacular
1/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 1
5/11/12-7/11/12	Year 5/6 Camp to Narrabeen
8/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 2
14/11/12	K-6 Concert. "Animals"
15/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 3
22/11/12	Kindy 2013 Transition # 4
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 Holiday
29/01/13	School Resumes for Students 1-6
30/01/13	2013 Kindy Students Start