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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back for Term 4!

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

Our 11th Annual School Concert, 'Around the World', is only two weeks away. Every class will perform at a matinee and evening performance as in past years. We seek your support in keeping that day and evening free. It is essential that all students attend both performances. This is our only evening event of the school year, where we request 100% attendance of all students.

All classes are practising an enjoyable selection of songs and dances around this special theme. **Tickets are on sale for \$7.00 and selling very quickly.**

This year seats in the hall are numbered (same as last year) so that when you purchase your ticket you will be allocated specific seats. This helps us ensure greater management of ticket sales and order. All seats require a purchased ticket so even infant children, who take a seat, need a ticket. Babies of course would need to be nursed throughout the show, as prams will not be allowed to be taken in the hall due to occupational health and safety reasons.

Each teacher has been allocated a budget to help with costuming for the students, however teachers have requested certain clothes items to support the costuming effects. Please assist to your best ability with these requests. Many items, students may already have.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's 'Around the World' concert. Buy your ticket early to avoid disappointment!



NAPLAN

All students in Year 3 & 5 received their NAPLAN report this week.

Our Year 5 students achieved the State average in Spelling and our Year 3 achieved South Western Sydney average in writing. The growth for students from Year 3 to Year 5 is at the state average for spelling, reading, and punctuation and grammar.

Congratulations to all our teachers and Year 3 & 5 students for these very pleasing results.

Mr Lawless will be returning from his Long Service Leave on Monday 28 October. I'm sure he will have many exciting things to share about his trip.

This is my last newsletter as Relieving Principal. I would like to sincerely thank staff, students, parents, guardians and community members for all your continual support and commitment to Guildford Public School.

Have a great fortnight!

Patricia Walpole
(Relieving Principal)

STAR AWARDS

KO Layel Jbara
 KE Austin Pan
 1R Emre Cilek
 1/2P Tabasom Saleem
 1/2P Nadeem Battal
 1/2P Kimmy Chung
 1/2P Tupou Fisihoi
 1/2P Zainab Hussain
 1/2G Tukana Saukuru
 1L Ali Farhat
 2WW Kabir Thapa
 2WW Grace Qoriniasi
 2WW Danny Eng
 2K Yusef Tarabiya
 2K Nargis Nazari
 3BS Pallavi Kamoda
 4A Hayne Khaung
 4A Joseph Malakieh
 4A Diloris Katoa
 4A Sarah Tarabiya
 4A Calvin Jo
 4A Aphirak Nawara
 4/5S Samira Wang
 4/5S Rania Lingad
 5/6B Vanessa Lam
 5/6B Laila Zraika
 5/6B Abbir Taleb
 5/6L Andre Meauli
 5/6L Francis Asabre



5/6L Adam Santoro
 5/6L Ayse Kay
 5/6P Samisoni Ikamanu
 5/6P Allen Zheng
 5/6P Mahmutjahn Olca
 5/6P Kimberley Irving
 5/6P Natalie Batisitic
 5/6P Yasmine Hamdan
 5/6P Deya Daoudi
 5/6P Alaa Agha

For achieving their second Guildford Star Award.

2K Zac Abdulwahab
 1/2G Amira ElKassab
 1L Brian Mac
 4NM Shauna Dower
 5/6L Jason Ly
 5/6B Karen Tran

20 Guildford stars, 2nd Superstar

5/6B Trevon Kasimansi

30 Guildford stars, 3rd Superstar

5/6B Frank Rees

Transition to School



Transition to Kindergarten for 2014 students will be starting soon. The transition dates and times are:

9:15-10:45 Thursday 7 November 2013

9:15-10:45 Thursday 14 November 2013

9:15-10:45 Thursday 21 November 2013

9:15-10:45 Thursday 28 November 2013

If your child is turning 5 years of age before the 31 July 2014 (born between 1/8/08 and 31/7/09) they are able to start school next year. We will need to see your child's original Birth Certificate or Passport and/or Visa and Immunisation details for our records. We will also need proof of address, this needs to have your name and address the same as your enrolment details i.e.: rates, rental agreement or electricity bill.

Please collect an enrolment form from the school office and complete it so more information about Transition can be sent to you. Please also pass this information onto anyone you know who has a child who is ready for Kindergarten next year.

Miss Ali Khan and Kindy Transition Team

SRC Movie Night Fundraising

Last term, we held a K-6 SRC movie night and once again staff and students had a great time. K-2 students enjoyed watching 'Rio' and 3-6 students had a great time watching 'Journey To Mysterious Island 2'. We managed to raise \$1456 on the night. Thank you to all parents and students who attended the movie night and teachers who stayed behind to support with supervision. Thank you to our SRC leaders for advertising and supporting the event.

Well done Guildford.

Mr P. Hanna

Relieving Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching)



SRC Talent Quest

This Thursday the SRC will hold our 2013 Talent Quest. We are asking for students to donate a gold coin donation to watch the show Thursday lunch from 1:10pm. The winner will be announced on the day and will perform their item at our 2013 school concert.

Thanking you for your support

Mr P. Hanna

Relieving Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching)

School Attendance

Please be mindful that our school has a duty of care to all students who attend. Under the Education Act, it is compulsory for students to attend school on all days the school is open. The school requires confirmation of student absences, including late arrival and early leaving. The most effective confirmation is a signed letter from yourself as the guardian/caregiver or a doctor's certificate regarding your child's absence.

Thanking you for support

Mr P. Hanna

Relieving Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching)

Our Trip To Canberra

On the 10 September Mr Hanna, Mrs Penaloza and Mrs Byrnes along with 57 stage 3 students went to Canberra for 3 days and 2 nights.

Students arrived at around 6:00am and departed the school at 6:45am. We first went to the Federal Parliament house. We visited the Senate and House of Representatives. Did you know the Parliament House cost 1.1 billion dollars to build?

We then went to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). It was awesome! We had a look at the many facilities athletes use while they are there and we got to use and play with some of the sports equipment. Our favourite activity was basketball and Cycling.

Next up was the Museum of Australia which contained many interesting facts and stories from the World War. History became very interesting when we got to see different inventions and equipment soldiers used in the war.

Our first day was super long and couldn't wait to arrive at our accommodation for dinner and rest.

The following day we woke up at 7:00am to get changed and have breakfast. We were all super excited about today as we all knew we were going to go to the snow. We first had to hire our snow gear then we made our way to the snowy mountains.

When we got there, we went on a chairlift which was terrifying. Allen is SCARED of heights. Mr Hanna then found us a place where we can hang out and go crazy in the snow. We played for 3 hours and as a result we were exhausted on the bus. Mr Hanna took photos of sleeping children as we made our way back to our accommodation.

Today was our last day of camp. We left our accommodation and had an interesting bus tour of the Embassy around Canberra. We also got to see where our Prime Minister's lodge was. There were many security cameras around that place.

After that we went to the most exciting place- Questacon. It was so enjoyable. Many of us got to go on the giant steep slide. Yes Allen was also SCARED!

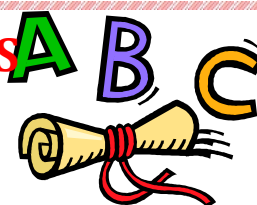
We had the best time at Canberra and although we were sad to leave Canberra, we were happy to see our families pick us at 7:00pm from school.

Thank you to Mr Hanna, Mrs Penaloza and Mrs Byrnes for taking to Canberra. It was awesome.

Written By Allen Zheng and Mahmutjahn Olca

5/6 Penguin

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



KE Adam El hadi, Khoder Sabra
KO Margaret Tan Terles, Mariam Wazney,
Levi Mahony, Muhummed El Douki
1/2G Tylah Black, Jonah Massoud
1/2P Amira El-Assad, Vincent Ho, Michelle
Jan
2WW Samuel Malafu, Amy Tran, Alan Wen
4/5S Kraig Delarve, Mahdi Qanber Ali, Mena
Moosawi, Cindy Nguyen
4NM Nakita Whaanga, Regina Collis
5/6L Adam Santoro, Salvador Castillo
5/6P Shahab Khedri, Kimberley Irving,
Razzan El Kassab
Art (Mrs Este) Long Zou

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Miss Walpole

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

Feature Class – 4A

Book Exchange



Earlier this year 4 Albatross had watched a segment on 'Behind The News,' about a new way some people were getting excited about reading books.

Some students came up with an idea to create our own 'Book Exchange.' The whole class said they would be more interested in reading stories, which other students had recommended. Each student came up with rules that would help the 'Book Exchange' work properly. These rules helped 4 Albatross to become safe, responsible, respectful learners and take care of other people's property.

Students were encouraged to bring their favourite books into class, from home. We created a 'reading log,' so everyone would know who was reading a particular book. This also helped the class to make sure that no books went missing. After a student had finished reading their book, they would write a small 'book review' to explain what the story was about? What they had enjoyed or disliked about the book? And who they would encourage to read the book? This 'book review' helped other students to decide whether or not they would be interested in reading the book, before they borrow it from the 'Book Exchange.'



4 Albatross are still having a great time reading books!!! 😊

World Teachers' Day 2013

On the 25th October 2013 is World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day is an important acknowledgement of the professionalism of teachers and their invaluable contribution to the future of our society through their professional teaching associations.

Every day, in classrooms around the state, NSW teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people. World Teachers' Day, on the last Friday of October, is a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for all their hard work.

Check out what some of our professional and dedicated staff members feel about teaching at Guildford Public School.

Mrs Edge:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"I love how respectful students are here. I especially love it when students use their manners and follow our school rules."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"I just love school so much, I never wanted to leave."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"Something where I could work with children because I enjoy working with children."



Miss D'Souza:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"There's always something new to learn each day."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"I had a really good teacher that inspired me to become a teacher."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"A Professional Dancer."



Mrs Soryal:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"I love working with kids and passing knowledge on to them."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"This is the job I love doing- my mother was also a teacher."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"Anything else that involves working with kids."



Mr Norambuena:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"Teaching students from Kindergarten to year 6 and seeing them grow over the years."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"Knowing that I could make a difference in people's lives."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"A Zookeeper or Zoo Animal Attendant."



Mrs Ward:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"My favourite thing is getting to know my students and helping them achieve their personal best."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"I was inspired by all the fabulous teachers that I had in school."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"I would have been a Photographer."



Mr Nicolacopoulos:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"Everyone is really friendly at Guildford. I love teaching in a multicultural environment like Guildford. The parents are very supportive of teachers and students."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"I have a passion to help others learn in many ways and not only in academic achievement. I love helping children develop social skills and having an influence on students future careers."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"I would have loved to be a Detective."



Miss Paterson:

1. What do you love about teaching at Guildford Public School?

"The kids here are the best kids I've ever taught. From K-6 everyone is really mature. The kids and teachers love trying new things."

2. What made you become a teacher?

"I decided I wanted to be a teacher in year 1 because I wanted to be able to use all of the coloured chalk and draw on the board."

3. If you were not a teacher what would you have become?

"I would have become a National Park Ranger because I love the bush."

I feel very privileged to work at Guildford Public School with a committed caring group of staff members who put our students first and get the best out of them.

Thank you teachers for what you do each and every day.

Mr P. Hanna
Relieving Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching)

Primary and High school

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Primary school

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Home safety

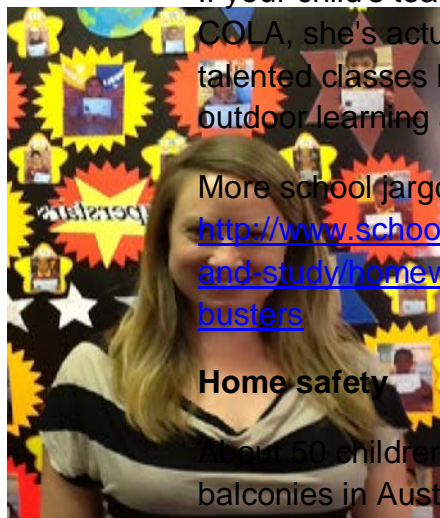
About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens.

It's this easy: <http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5>

Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be>



PARENT & CLO'S EXCURSION TO THE ROCKS



IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANAPHYLAXIS SHOULD HE OR SHE CARRY THEIR OWN EPIPEN® OR ANAPEN® TO AND AT SCHOOL?

What is this article about?

If you have told the school that your child is diagnosed a risk of anaphylaxis you would have received a letter by post.

This article provides more information about anaphylaxis.

What is an EpiPen® and an Anapen®?

EpiPen® and Anapens® are the emergency treatment for children who are having an anaphylactic reaction.

What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as being at risk of anaphylaxis there are some important things to remember that will help the school to support your child's health care needs.

Why you need to keep us informed if your child is diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or if his or her condition changes. This includes if they have an anaphylactic reaction while not at school.

The school can only respond to risks it knows about. Please keep the school office informed so that we can plan to support your child at school.

Why you need to provide the school with your child's current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and an EpiPen® or Anapen® signed by their doctor

The plan sets out the steps the school needs to follow in an emergency. It is essential for us to have this to keep your child safe.

We will keep a copy of your child's ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis stored with your child's EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why it is important to talk regularly with your child about some simple steps to help keep them safe

It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part

in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this.

Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won't get into trouble. **They need to tell a teacher immediately.**

Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form has been sent home and is also available from the school office.

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.

The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?

Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child's individual health care plan.

They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot (eg. not a locker).

To find out more go to the Department's public schools website:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index>.