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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,
It's nice to be back at Guildford Public School after a very enjoyable, interesting and sometimes exhausting expedition overseas. My long service leave of 5 weeks was spent primarily on a pilgrimage through Greece and Turkey, as well as spending some extra time sight-seeing in Thailand, Malta and Hong Kong.

I came back in time for concert week of course. I couldn't miss this special event.

I'd like to thank again Miss Walpole for her tremendous work as Relieving Principal during my absence and also thank the executive team and all the staff for their support.

Below is a photograph commemorating my visit to Gallipoli, Turkey and ANZAC Cove. To share some of my experiences with you, I've also included, later in the newsletter a page of photos across parts of Greece and Turkey. What amazing history and cultures!



New Security Fences

I'm very pleased to advise that we will be getting new and attractive security fences around the school. For many years now I have been campaigning with the department to replace the fences. Unfortunately, while the existing fences reduced considerably break-ins when installed, they also gave the school an unattractive perimeter particularly due to the barbed wire.

Our new fences will be erected over the coming weeks. I'm sure they will significantly enhance the school's appearance and image, as well as improving security for the school.

Guildford Public School Goes Around the World

On Wednesday the whole school travelled 'Around the World' at our 11th Annual Concert. Approximately, 430 students and 38 school staff combined to present this magnificent production. Both the 11:30am Matinee and 7pm Evening performances were completely sold out. With a combined audience of close to 500 parents and community, our Annual Concert, once again was a 'Smash Hit!' As usual I am so proud of the students, staff and community for their outstanding effort, commitment and talent! We will have a feature spread of photos in the next newsletter, following are two from the dress rehearsal.





Have a great fortnight!

Mr P Lawless
Principal

STAR AWARDS



KO	Sophie Cohen, Margaret Tan Terles, Amelia Piu, Zahraa Al-Ghizi
KC	Muddather Abdalla, Rasheed Allawi, David Fisihoi, Payman Khademi, Zaynab Sediqi
1R	Shabar Raza, Genessa Rivera
1L	Esma Aydemir, Hasina Yosufi
1/2P	Fariq Moosawi, Mansoor Tamaki, Joelle Alameddine
1/2G	Salwa Sabra, Samira Kamoda
2WW	Alarnyx Tautuhi
2K	Finau Fifita
3BS	Ali Barri
3BW	Katherine Tran, Linda Trieu Phu
4NM	Tamara Barlow, Tahaa Tobbie, Matryx Tautuhi
4A	Tyson Ashton, Nadine El Ramlawi
5/6P	Amar Yassine, Ahmad Elias, Nun Chanthakoon
5/6B	Zehra Khany, Aneeka Mehta, Ritikh Prasad

5/6L Farah Al-Tamimi, Amodena Salguero
Beazley, Terancis Moaga

20 Guildford stars, 2nd Superstar

1/2G Qoussay Agha

2WW Joanna Habib, Amy Tran

4/5S Cindy Nguyen

5/6B William Lam, Sonia Lingad

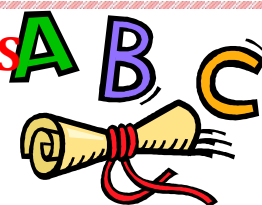
5/6P Kathy Tran, Razzan El Kassab,
Mahmutjahn Olca

30 Guildford stars, 3rd Superstar

5/6B Vanessa Lam

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

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



1/2P	Amira El Assaad, Jack Waddington, Tabasom Saleem, Zainab Hussain
2WW	Mohammed Khazma, David Reyes, Danny Eng, Grace Qoriniasi
3BW	Fantasia Dokolo, Zachary Organ
4NM	Matryx Tautuhi
5/6P	Deya Daoudi, Ahmad Hussein
NAP	Emma Allawi (3BW), Fatima Al gatiani (3BW), Mohammed Yassine (1R), Amira El kassab (1/2G), Dima Al nahdawi (1/2G)
ART	Mrs Este – Olivia Tran 4A, Zahra Nazari KE, Zainab Hussain 1/2P

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

SRC Fundraising Update

On the 17th of October we held our Annual Talent Quest. We had 7 different acts battling it out for first prize and it was a very close contest. It was a very entertaining 40 minute show and it was enjoyed by all students and teachers who attended.

Miss Walpole judged all 7 performances and was pleased with the talent displayed this year at the Talent Quest. It was fantastic to see the variety of acts from playing an instrument to singing and dancing.

Congratulations to **Chelti Madamba** from 5/6 Lyrebird for winning first prize. We managed to raise \$198.95 from the Talent Quest and all SRC money raised this year will go towards purchasing school resources such as digital cameras and library resources for our students to enjoy.

Well done Guildford on another brilliant Talent Quest this year.

Mr P. Hanna
Assistant Principal



Applications for Year 7 Entry into Selective High School in 2015

Application forms have been distributed to parents, who have Year 5 students, who wish to apply for their child to go to a selective high school in **Year 7 in 2015**.

Parents with internet access are being asked to apply online. Online applications will be available from **15th October to 18th November 2013**. Details can be found:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

If you would like an application package for entry into one more of the selective high schools please see Mr Hanna. These paper applications are limited in number. These applications must be returned to the school by **Friday 18th November**.

Mr P. Hanna
Assistant Principal

Crunch and Sip

Over the last few weeks I have been asking children, if they have eaten breakfast, sadly many students have replied that they do not eat breakfast.

So our Crunch&Sip® initiative at our school has many very important benefits for the academic performance, concentration and behaviour of students. Students that are not hungry and are well hydrated perform better in the classroom, and are less likely to be irritable and disruptive.

Parents please continue to send a small piece fruit, or vegetables and a bottle of water to school every day this is important for your child's general health. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables will promote normal growth in children and protect them against disease later in life.

Many thanks for your continued support of Crunch&Sip®,

Mrs Ferguson



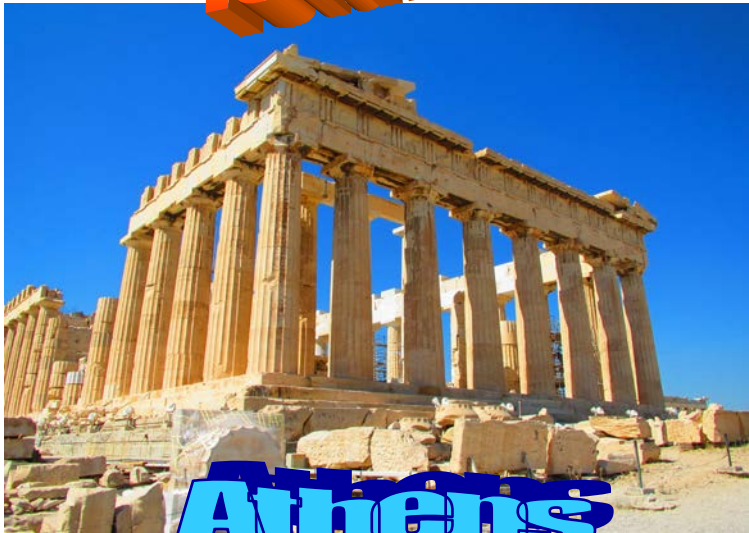
Mr Lawless' Expedition



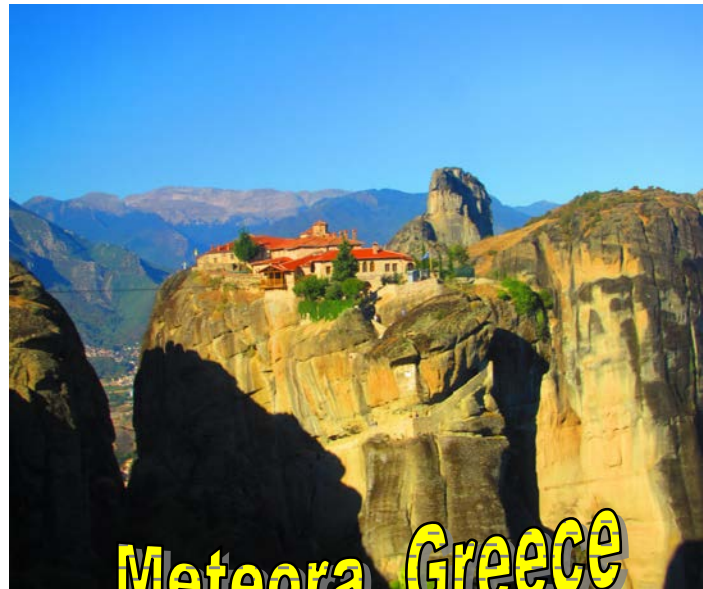
Istanbul



Sunset over Aegean Sea From Kusadasi



Athens



Meteora, Greece



**HOT AIR BALOONING AT
CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY**



ATHENS

Feature Class – KC



In Kindergarten Cockatoo we have been working hard during TEN time each week. TEN is a time

where we play games for ten minutes each day to practise adding and taking away numbers.

We have been learning how to visual dice patterns in our head to help us with adding and subtracting.

Yasmin likes to remind us that visualising is when we take a photo inside our head.

Mikayla enjoys making the dice patterns in her head.

David has learnt that when he sees this sign + he has to count forwards.

Mehwish knows when she sees this sign - she knows she has to count backwards.

Dayton knows when we are adding or subtracting we need to count from the largest number.

EVERYONE in K Cockatoo loves TEN time!



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

CRAZY SOCK DAY

On Wednesday 16th October, Year 6 held a Crazy Sock Day fundraiser. This gave students the opportunity to be creative and wear their most unique and odd socks. Teachers also got into the spirit!

Awards were presented at our whole school assembly. A student from each class was selected as the "Crazy Sock Day Winner" and awarded a certificate for their efforts.

Students who participated were also asked to donate a gold coin. Year 6 managed to raise \$153. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser.

Money raised will go towards the Year 6 farewell and gift to the school.

Class winners:

KC – Mikayla Howarth
 – Chloe Liu

3BS

KO – Sorena Afshar
 Katherine Tran

1L – Lana Abouzaid
 4A – Tiresa Rees

1R – Mariam Elsamad
 4NM – Christina Borg

1/2G – Rowan Oymak
 4/5S – Sharlene Muru-Tucker

1/2P – Zainab Hussain
 – Sonia Lingad

2WW – Amy Tran
 – Francis Asabre

2K – Zac Abdulwahab
 Augustina Asabre

Mrs Peñaloza
 Stage 3 Teacher



ART COMPETITION WINNER

In Term 2, schools from the Holroyd area had the opportunity to participate in the annual *Heritage Stone Competition*. This competition gave students the opportunity to reflect on our local history and significant places in our local community.

One talented Guildford student won first place in this competition. Congratulations to Saleh Eslami Natanzi from 5/6 Lyrebird.

He was presented his award at a special ceremony held at Holroyd City Council on Tuesday 15th October at 6.30pm. He received an engraved trophy, framed certificate and a Dymocks book voucher.

Congratulations Saleh!

Mrs Peñaloza
5/6 Lyrebird Class teacher



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH WALKER

Stewart House

Many thanks to the parents who have already filled their Stewart House bags with used clothing.

This Friday, 1st November, will be the last day that bags can be returned, as they will be picked up early Monday morning.

Many thanks to all families who have helped this wonderful charity.

Mrs Ferguson



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=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>