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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I feel like I'm on a steam train heading for destination – 'New Year 2014'. This train is now accelerating and we only have a few more stations to go. Its only three weeks to End of Year!

End of Year Reporting

Teachers have been extremely busy over recent weeks evaluating and assessing student work and progress. Although assessment is on-going all year, this is a time where data is explicitly gathered and used specifically to prepare student [REPORTS](#) for parents.

Stage Supervisors will read reports and support teachers in this process. I will also read and sign off on all 435 reports. Student reports will be issued on [Friday 13 December](#). Reports cover all Key Learning Areas: English, Mathematics, Human Society

and its Environment, Science and Technology, Personal Development Health and Physical Education and Creative Arts.

The last page covers [Social Development](#). This is a particularly important part of the report which parents and caregivers need to take very seriously. While it is challenging for any student to gain [Outstanding](#) in all twelve areas, a [Satisfactory](#) level is worth being pleased about. The area [Needs Improvement](#) suggests obviously that further development in this area would be beneficial. It does not mean necessarily 'bad'. It is unlikely that most children would not have some social areas to build on, develop and work harder on. It also suggests that this area should be a strong focus for the student in future years that will definitely assist them in their academic development.

"Blue for a Day"

Phillippines Typhoon Fundraiser



Thankyou, to all GPS students for your overwhelming generosity, Guildford Public School raised \$560.00 to the Save the Children campaign. The money collected was donated to support children effected in the devastating Philippines Typhoon.



Christmas Mufti Day

Christmas Mufti Day will be held on Monday **2 December**. Please note date was incorrect on Yesterday's note.

Please donate any suitable food or Christmas items that could be used in our Christmas Hamper Raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Monday.

Your support would be really appreciated.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our Annual Presentation Assembly will be held at 9.30am under the COLA on Wednesday 11 December. This is a special day for all of us to celebrate the many combined and individual achievements of 2013.

Some of the awards to be presented include:

- 8 Certificate awards from each class covering 2 x academic, 2 x most improved, consistent effort, courtesy and consideration, neatness and bookwork and creativity;
- Sports Awards for 2013
- Holroyd Council – “Pursuit of Excellence” Award – Year 6 student;
- Special Principal's Award for Public Speaking
- Special Principal's Award for Performing Arts;
- School Citizen Award – Year 6 student
- Dux of School – Year 6 student.

I will also announce the captains, vice-captains and Prefects for 2014.

Head Lice aren't Nice

Once again there have been a number of cases of **Pediculosis (Head Lice)** reported in this school of late.

Departmental regulations recommend that children **are to be treated with medication from a chemist until all the lice and eggs are dead. You may decide it necessary to keep your child at home until it is treated. Please advise us if you do.**

Check your child/children's hair in natural sunlight at least once per week every week. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child/children are constantly free of head lice so that other children are not being infected.

Chemical solutions for head lice can be brought from your local pharmacy and you may have to treat bedclothes, hair brushes and combs as well as your child's hair. It may be a good idea to treat other members of the family as well. Managing head lice is an ongoing challenge for parents/caregivers and school communities. Advice from NSW Health indicates that resistance to head lice treatments appears to be increasing. The implications of this are that some children may undergo treatment with anti-lice lotions and shampoo and still have head lice. However, no medication will remove the eggs. Parents are responsible for doing this.

Pediculosis spreads very easily and quickly in a school if not kept in check!

Please help us to keep this under control at Guildford

Have a great fortnight!

Mr P Lawless Principal



KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

On Thursday 7, 14 and 21 November we welcomed the Kindergarten students for 2014 and their parents. The final transition was today. Most of the Kindergarten students for 2014 have come along to these sessions to spend time with their new friends.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Transition to School sessions. It is also good to see so many parents who already have children here at Guildford PS attending these mornings.

Over the past 3 visits some staff from our school have shared informative sessions with the parents. The topics included The Best Start program for Kindergarten, Technology at Guildford, Parents and their Involvement and Events at Guildford PS.

While the parents were at the information sessions, the new students tried some of the activities that they will be doing next year. They included reading, singing songs and making artworks.



Miss A Ali Khan

Kindergarten Transition Coordinator



“Red for a Day”

NSW Bushfire relief Fundraiser.

Thankyou, for your generosity, Guildford Public School raised \$402.50 in donations to be given to the victims of the Bushfires.

STAR AWARDS



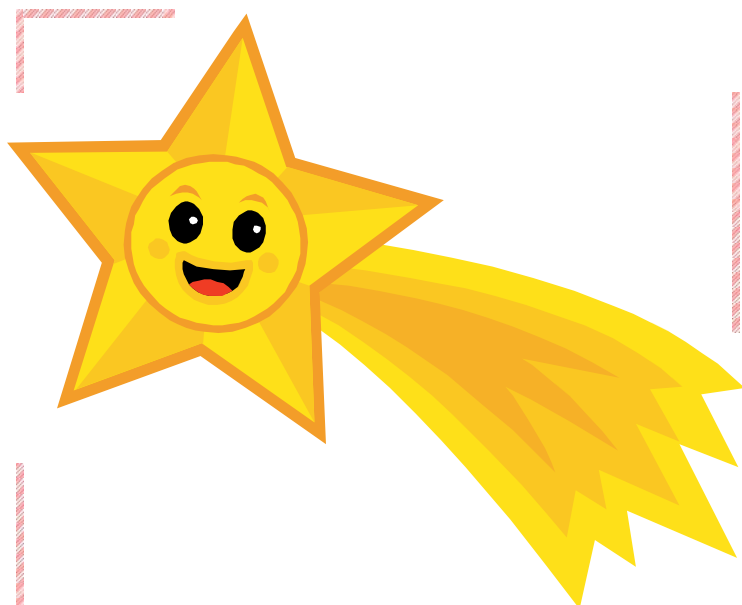
- KE Joseph Walker, Nicole Irving, Aya Tarabiya, Ane Fifita,
- KC Mehwish Jaffery, Misti Sheth
- 1R Jessica Masters, Rosabel Gyan, Lorima Rokosuka
- 1L Danny Berisha, Ahmed Ahmed, Lana Abouzaid, Aleyna Okan, Hassan Hassan, Calvin Kay
- 1/2G Norah Ayouch, Yousef Nabizadeh, Rowan Oymak,
- 2K Finau Fifita, Sybelle Alameddine, Brian Lolohea
- 2W Ali Nabizadah, Jana El Ramlawi, Hiba Rana, Samuel Malafu
- 3BW Vili Masila
- 3BS Badrie Elhaj
- 4A Olivia Tran, Rokaya Al Jebori
- 4NM Asahak Ahmed, Ali Moosawi, Tamara Barlow, Vargha Hor,
- 4/5S Mahdi Qanber Ali, Sarah Sabra, Shayal Prakash, Pauline Fifita, Mosaab Saleem
- 5/6B Hassan Al-Shamoriy, Safwan Hamdan
- 5/6L Ehsan Khademi, Angelina Moeakiola, Amani Obeid, Mohamed Chaouk, Micah Collis, Livai Saukuru, Hala Ayouch, Irrvin Lariosa
- 5/6P Sherif Awick, Jane Waqa, Amal Elhaj, ali Elsamad, Shahab Khedri

20 Guildford stars, 2nd Superstar

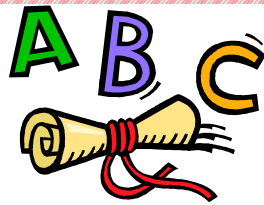
- 1L Sarrah Hussein, La-Teesha Maisema, Hasina Yosufi,
- 1R Muhadesa Ebrahimi
- 1/2P Richard Hosea, Faria Moosawi
- 1/2G Melikeh Khan, Shahnaz Kowaider
- 2K Ranim Saleem, Ali Hussaini
- 2W Sarina Georgis, Jimmy Fu, Alan Wen, Alexandra Floyd, Mohammed Khazma
- 4A Tara Nogueira
- 4NM Regina Collis
- 4/5S Sharlene Muru-Tucker, Samira Wang, Richard Eng
- 5/6L Richard Zraika, Natalia Wang
- 5/6P Issa Arbess
- 5/6B Rayan Ahmed

30 Guildford stars, 3rd Superstar

- 1L Brian Mac
- 5/6B Paul Charbel, Sadaf Hazara
- 5/6L Chelti Madamba



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



1/2G Shahnaz Kowaidar, Salwa Sabra

1R Ziggy Howarth, Seena Hazara

1/2P Zac Singca, Angela Chen

2/3K Nargis Nazari, Ranim Saleem, Ali Hussaini, Khoder Abbas, Nicole Tan Terles, Yusef Tarabiya, Sybelle Alameddine, Leana Hassan, Muhammad Ayan

3BW Huazhen Liu, Abbie Cohen, Isra Khany, Phillip Baldachino

4A Amir Awick, Sarah Tarabiya

4NM Heame Khazma

5/6B Trevon Kasimausi

5/6P Ali Elsamad, Muhammed Tobieh

ESL Joanna Habib

RFF ART: Angel Wallace, Adam El-Hadi, Logan Terei, Amir Hassani

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK

Mr Lawless



Primary and High school

Homework and study

Have your say and tell us what you need to effectively help your child with homework and study.

Complete the School A to Z survey:

<http://bit.ly/184BFR3>

School holiday camp competition

School holiday camp is great. Free school holiday camp is even better! Enter the competition to win a Kids' Holiday Camp for your child and a friend. The prize is valid for summer and Easter holiday camps.

Enter the competition: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/win/>

Primary school

Dinovember

Cute alert! Look at the lengths these parents go to every November to convince their kids their plastic dinosaurs come to life at night and frolic through the house.

See the dinosaurs: <http://bit.ly/1e70E5b>

The world's oldest living creature

Care to guess what is oops WAS ... the world's oldest living creature? Here's a quick fact to get you guessing first, then impress your kids.

Science fact:

<http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/ye-are-old-clam-ming-worlds-oldest-creature/story-fnjwkt0b-1226759556979V>

Feature Class – Community Language

In Arabic community language the students are learning to develop their communication skills in reading and writing Arabic.

Throughout this year stage one students have been learning their Arabic letters and sounds.

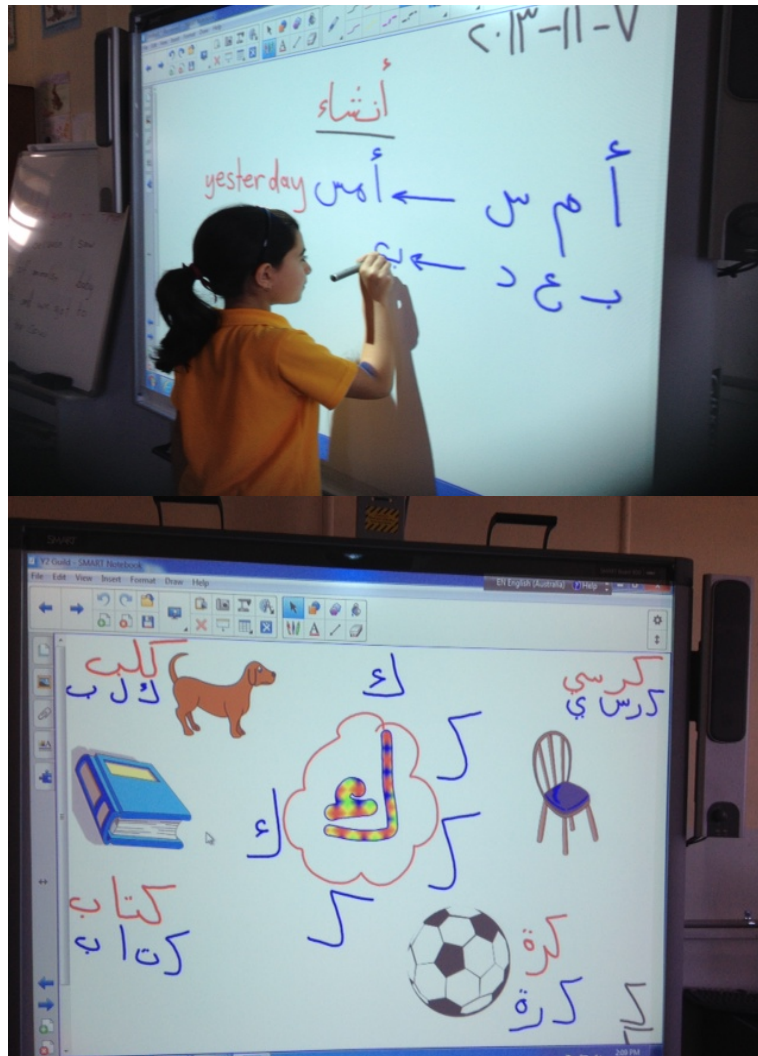
Stage two students have been learning to use their blends to sound out words to help them in their reading and writing in Arabic.

Stage three students have been learning to write and read a short paragraph about a topic they have been studying in class.

This term all the community language students have been able to use our new smart board. They are able to watch Arabic videos, this has helped the students with their talking and listening skills.

Mrs E Soryal

(Community Language – Arabic Teacher)





Whispers from the Library



Thanks to Mr Burns

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Burns for taking over in the library

whilst I was on long service leave for 5 weeks.



No More Borrowing Until Next Year

Due to stock taking commencing in Week 9, borrowing has now ceased. This also means that this week (Week 8) is the last week of library lessons for all grades. It's been a good year. The students have learned many new skills. I hope your child has learned new and interesting things about the world around us.



Return all Books by Week 9.

It's very important that any books your child brings back any books they may have on loan. Stock take will begin in Week 9 and it is always a difficult task not having books returned in time. Please help by looking for any books that are overdue.

Thank you

Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian)



Technology update

What's new??

Our school is rapidly growing in population and as our school grows, so does our range of technologies. We have recently purchased another interactive board for our English as a Second Language room and we also have a brand new mobile whiteboard for the Community Language program. Mrs Soryal and Mrs Lazaras have been excited to start using these technologies with their classes. We are currently looking into expanding the computer lab to enable more computers to be connected to the internet. There will be the possibility of other whiteboards and an upgrade of computers as we move into 2014.

Learning with Technology

Our latest purchase of 12 ipads has involved the students and teachers in Early Stage One and Stage One in project based learning this semester. The students have been learning how to draw, type, problem solve, take pictures and videos using a range of ipad applications. All activities have been carefully designed and linked to individual learning goals and curriculum requirements. The applications we have used so far are: iMotion, iMovie and EduCreations. We will let you know as we purchase more applications for use in different school projects.

ICT Tips for Parents

For those of you who may not be aware, we have updated the school website to include some website links to a range of different sites that cover all subject areas.

Just visit the school website: <http://www.guildford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and select the LINKS tab.

Then select the subject area you want to visit.

For any more help in this area please feel free to contact our computer coordinators at the school.

Regards,

Melodie Bryceland & Chris Nicolacopolous.