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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,



This is the final newsletter for 2013. What a wonderful year it has been! It's great to end on a good news story.

For those of you who were unable to attend our Annual Presentation Assembly on Wednesday, I've included in this newsletter, a copy of my speech of appreciation and thanks. Congratulations to all award recipients.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all our PSSA sports teams during 2013. This has been an extremely strong year for Guildford! I was also delighted with the two League Tag teams and junior and senior Newcombe Ball teams for all making finals this year. As you know both League tag teams won too.

4 bases, 3 strikes, 2 teams, 1 winner Guildford Softball Boys!

How proud I was of our softball boys' team and their coach, Mrs Ferguson, on Friday 29 November when they played their best and won! They defeated Merrylands East Public School to be the 2013 PSSA Champions of our district.

Our team... (left to right)...Imran Chakari, Livai Saukuru, Jason Ly, Francis Asabre, Ali Rezaee, Alaa Agha, Viliame Ravouvou, Samisoni Ikamanu, Dylan Wallace, Trevon Kasimausi and coach Mrs D. Ferguson.

With strong fielding in the first innings Guildford Boys had a convincing lead. As if blood, sweat and tears were not enough, it appeared Merrylands East was catching up.

'It's only the ball that's soft' as our senior boys fought back hard in the 3rd innings to secure the win.



School Resumes



School will resume in 2014 on Wednesday 29 January for students from Year 1 – 6. Kindergarten will start on Thursday 30. For the first week or two, students will be in holding classes with their 2013 teacher (where possible) while our student numbers and new enrolments are calculated. When we know exactly our student numbers K-6 we will form classes K-6. Classes are decided on a formula from the Department.

At this stage we are close to 20 classes, but cannot form classes until we are 100% sure of enrolments. That is why it is absolutely essential for you to inform us if your son or daughter is transferring to another school perhaps due to moving house.

School will conclude for students at 3pm on Wednesday 18 December. We will have our traditional farewell assembly at 2.45 pm where our Year 6 students will walk through the Farewell Student Tunnel as they depart Guildford Public School for the last time. We will sure miss them!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in 2013. I look forward to returning as principal in 2014.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday, a happy Christmas and my sincere best wishes for the New Year.

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal



Principal's Address

Presentation Assembly 2013

Welcome

Thank you for joining with us today as we celebrate learning, improvement and achievement across our fantastic school from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Darug People. Today we pay our respects to the elders both past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

I welcome you all here today students, teachers, parents and friends, to share with us our success across academic, cultural, artistic and sporting endeavours.

I would particularly like to welcome our special guest to our annual K-6 Presentation assembly. Welcome: **Ms Pam Colman**
Counsellor for Holroyd City Council.

Let's celebrate our achievements of 2013 of which there has been many. It's been a very busy year at Guildford for students, teachers and community.

Why do I love being Principal at Guildford Public School?

There are so many reasons but I'd have to say:

Number 1: The Kids.... You are absolutely amazing!

Number 2: The Teachers and Staff Have you really got any idea of how hard they work and how much they care about you all?

Number 3: The Community ...friendly parents who always have a smile!

There can be no better School than GPS!

Some of the main achievements of this year include:

- National Partnership. This year we continued our journey on the Low SES Schools Community National Partnership initiative which will run for another year.
- Through this significant funding we have been able to employ a Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching ...Ms Walpole) and A Highly Accomplished Teacher (HAT ...Ms Paterson) to further support the professional development of staff in improving student outcomes.
- We have also employed two part time Community Liaison Officers (CLOs) of Arabic (Mrs Zamerli) and Pacific Islander background (Mrs Mareko) to further support community participation which leads to student improvement.
- National Partnerships funding has also enabled us to spend a significant amount on Literacy, Numeracy and Technology resources.
- In 2013 through our Equity Funding combined with basic school funds we spent over \$50,000 on school resources to support Teaching and Learning.
- As well as investing over \$45,000 on Professional Learning for teachers enabling them to deliver the best education possible for all students K-6.

Some great events and achievements from 2013 include:

The Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country Carnival, Education Week, Our Spectacular ... 'Electrifying Eighties' at the Sydney Opera House... featuring our Choir and Dance Group, Debating and Multicultural Public Speaking, Regional and State Spelling Bee performances.

Our Involvement in the SPARK program, Initiatives by the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN), The Saint Vincent DePaul Society, as well as pre-school programs and creative arts programs offered by the Parramatta/Holroyd Family Support network have provided invaluable opportunities for our students and community.

We truly are grateful for the continued support of these external agencies and companies.

PSSA winter and summer sports and school based sports programs provided opportunities for students to develop essential skills. 2013 was a fantastic year with many teams making it to the semi-finals and finals. Congratulations to Boys Softball, Junior and Senior League Tag for winning their finals. Also to Junior and Senior Newcomb Ball and Girls Tee Ball for making it to the finals. We also did particularly well this year in Athletics. Good luck for 2014!

Our whole school 'Around The World' concert in October, the well supported matinee and (booked out) evening performance, showed that we can deliver and maintain high quality performing arts at Guildford. Our aim, to give each student a memorable performing arts experience on stage, as outlined in the Creative Arts Syllabus, is an area we are proud of.

Student Academic Success...

Students have performed very well again this year in the University of NSW Academic Competitions English, Maths, Spelling, Computers and Science.

- Best Start data suggests that Kindergarten students are generally making very sound improvement.
- Through our National Partnership initiative we have seen outstanding development across K-6.
- Students given Reading Recovery with Mr Kranenberg this year have benefited greatly from this important area of learning support.
- Also our Specialist support staff of ESL and Learning Difficulties has significantly contributed to improved student outcomes.
- Computer studies and Community Language Arabic have also provided invaluable opportunities for our students.

In our **NAPLAN (National Assessments Tests in Literacy and Numeracy)** the **majority** of students showed pleasing improvement from Year 3 to 5 with some

students above state average and regional average growth (improvement). Although some students performed very well there is still a great need for improvement by many students. We need to pay a lot of attention to all areas of mathematics, reading and writing in 2014 so as to improve further.

In 2013 over all we have had many student achievements. Parents and teachers I would like you to join with me and congratulate all our wonderful students at Guildford?

CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful effort.

Keep it up in 2014!!!

To our Parents and Community ...

Thank you for your support this year of our school. Whether it be through supporting students with their home studies, helping with reading groups at school, attending **Parents in Partnership** on Thursdays, supporting fund raising, attending our Parent Café or attending English classes or workshops etc....we really have appreciate your involvement.

Thanks for Support of Canteen...

Special thanks to Mrs Tye and helpers for the fantastic job. Our canteen has continued to develop a focus on promoting healthy foods and will continue this initiative in 2014

Thank Parents I would like to thank all the parents who have helped in any way during this year at our school.

Applause for the parents

Farewell to Year 6 ... I have enjoyed getting to know you over past 7 years. I have known many of you since Kindergarten. I wish you all success and good luck at your many different High Schools. I hope you all enjoy your farewell celebrations on Monday evening. I am going to miss you all!

Thank teachers and Staff...

Finally I'd like to thank my wonderful staff of teachers K-6 including class teachers, specialist support staff and of course the office staff Ms Coaldrake, Mrs Sheehy, Mrs Cullen and Mrs Zaoud. I thank them sincerely for their outstanding contributions this year to Public Education at Guildford.

I'd like all the students now to give a big applause to thank all the teachers.

We will also be farewelling some of our wonderful parents whose youngest children are about to leave for high school. Thanks to all those community members for your support over the years. I would particularly like to mention one of the parents Mrs Viola Batistic for her work with the Parents In Partnership initiative.

The Leadership Team...I'd especially like to thank my close colleagues ...Our Executive Team... These leaders are absolutely indispensable in their support with running Guildford Public School. I talk specifically of our Assistant Principals, Miss Walpole who has also relieved this year in the vacant position of Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching) also Assistant Principals Mrs Haidar and Mr Hanna. This year we had a number of teachers who have relieved as Assistant Principals for all or part of the year. They have done an amazing job...namely Miss Ali Khan, Miss Smith, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Penaloza. I am very lucky to have such professional and caring support. Through National Partnerships we have been fortunate to have Ms Paterson (Highly Accomplished Teacher). With a two year period now completed, we sadly have to farewell her and the HAT position. Mrs Lovett has also been with us this year as the Assistant Principal Mentor. I thank her too as we also farewell her with this position now completed.

Special thanks to the leadership team for coordinating this presentation assembly.

I wish each and every one of you ... students, teachers, parents and community members, a wonderful and holy Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. I look forward to working with you all again in 2014. God Bless and please take care over the holidays.

Finally I'd like to thank our school captains Frank Rees and Natalie Batistic, for a tremendous job this year. Also to Amal Elhaj and Jason Ly who has been a great vice-captain and also Mahmut Jahn Olca, Allen Zheng, Natalia Wang and Sonia Lingard for being caring and enthusiastic prefects.

Congratulations to our students who will receive awards today. For those who don't keep trying as next year may be your turn. It's up to you to keep trying.

Please enjoy the rest of this Presentation Assembly, Best wishes for Christmas and the holiday season. Thanks for your attendance today.

Peter Lawless

11 December 2013

CLASS: Kinder Cockatoo

Academic Achievement
Misti Sheth
Dayton Fuimaono



Most Consistent
Mehwish Jaffery
Zaynab Sediqi

Most Improved
Muddather Abdalla

Neatness and Bookwork
Husneya Muhammadi

Creativity
Yasmin Ebrahimi

Courtesy and Consideration
David Fisihoi

CLASS: Kinder Emu

Academic Achievement
Austin Pan
Adam Zraika



Most Consistent
Joseph Walker
Ayah Tarabiya

Most Improved
Adam El-Hadi

Neatness and Bookwork
Ghazal Mahdavi

Creativity
Ane Fifita

Courtesy and Consideration
Mirna Khaled

CLASS: Kinder Owl

Academic Achievement
Faraz Hussain
Noah Keogh



Most Consistent
Zahraa Al-Ghizi
Hadeel Kerdi

Most Improved
Melek Imad Ali

Neatness and Bookwork
Rafael Lingad

Creativity
Amelia Piu

Courtesy and Consideration
Margaret Tan Terles

CLASS: 1 Lorikeet

Academic Achievement
Ahmed Ahmed
Sarrah Hussain



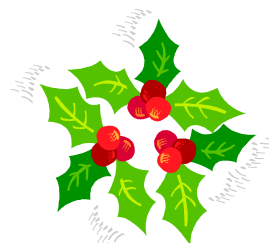
Most Consistent
La-Teesha Maisema
Danny Berisha

Most Improved
Joshua Paseka

Neatness and Bookwork
Furqan Hyder

Creativity
Hasina Yosuf

Courtesy and Consideration
Brain Mac



CLASS: 1 Rosella

Academic Achievement
Justin Phan
Muhadesa Ebrahimi

Most Consistent
Raheela Hassan
Rosabel Gyan

Most Improved
Mariam Elsamad

Neatness and Bookwork
Patrick Empasis

Creativity
Lorima Rokosuka

Courtesy and Consideration
Genessa Rivera

CLASS: 1/2 Galah

Academic Achievement
Aimen Zraika
Melikeh Khan

Most Consistent
Ahahnaz Kowaider
Zach Keogh

Most Improved
Norah Ayouch

Neatness and Bookwork
Dima Almahdawi

Creativity
Yousef Nabizadeh

Courtesy and Consideration
Adem Arian

CLASS: 1/2 Pelican

Academic Achievement
Zainab Hussain
Zac Singca

Most Consistent
Kimmy Chung
Richard Hosea

Most Improved
Joelle Alameddine

Neatness and Bookwork
Exodus Rees

Creativity
Tupou Fisihoil



Courtesy and Consideration
Mansoor Tamaki

CLASS: 2 Kookaburra

Academic Achievement
Yusef Tarabiya
Ayan Anwar

Most Consistent
Nicole Tan Terles
Ibrahim Arbess

Most Improved
Sybelle Alameddine

Neatness and Bookwork
Anjie Kerdi

Creativity
Gilliane Portes

Courtesy and Consideration
Zachariah Abdulwahab

CLASS: 2 Willie Wagtail

Academic Achievement
Alan Wen
Sarina Georgis

Most Consistent
Alexandra Floyd
Samuel Malafu

Most Improved
Joanna Habib

Neatness and Bookwork
Jimmy Fu

Creativity
Austin Flood

Courtesy and Consideration
Amy Tran

CLASS: 3 Blue Wren

Academic Achievement
Katherine Tran
Ivy Tran

Most Consistent
Linda Trieu Phu
Sajjad Hazara

Most Improved
Fatima Algastrani

Neatness and Bookwork
Emma Allawi



Creativity
Tomasi Qoriniasi

Courtesy and Consideration
Joyzender Jap

CLASS: 3 Black Swan

Academic Achievement
Mahdi Mansoor
Pallavi Kamoda



Most Consistent
Anna Chung
Chloe Liu

Most Improved
Brodan Wallace

Neatness and Bookwork
Jessica Trieu Phu

Creativity
Mahek Mehta

Courtesy and Consideration
Akanesi Matakaiongo

CLASS: 4 Albatross

Academic Achievement
Calvin Jo
Aphirak Nawara



Most Consistent
Hayne Khaung
Tiresa Rees

Most Improved
Mohammed Yasseer

Neatness and Bookwork
Selena Tan

Creativity
Tara Nogueira

Courtesy and Consideration
Serkan Oksuz

CLASS: 4 Noisy Miner

Academic Achievement
Sofia Wallis
Shanil Wijesurendra



Most Consistent
Mayset Elhaj
Chay-Lee Howarth

Most Improved
Charlie Hosea

Neatness and Bookwork
Asaad Mazhar

Creativity
Nikita Whaanga

Courtesy and Consideration
Tarmara Barlow

CLASS: 4/5 Seagull

Academic Achievement
Richard Eng
Halley Fu



Most Consistent
Rayyan Arbess
Sharlene Muru-Tucker

Most Improved
Mariam El Kassab

Neatness and Bookwork
Rania Lingad

Creativity
Samira Wang

Courtesy and Consideration
Cullen Rollo

CLASS: 5/6 Bowerbird

Academic Achievement
Vanessa Lam
Jeyda Olca



Most Consistent
Karen Tran
Sonia Lingad

Most Improved
Paul Charbel

Neatness and Bookwork
Jie Zou

Creativity
Frank Rees

Courtesy and Consideration
Sadaf Hazara

CLASS: 5/6 Lyrebird

Academic Achievement
Long Zou
Jason Ly



Most Consistent
Leila Zraika

Chelti Madamba

Most Improved
Natalia Wang

Neatness and Bookwork
Angelina Moeakiola

Creativity
Irvin Lariosa

Courtesy and Consideration
Amodena Salguero Beazley

CLASS: 5/6 Penguin

Academic Achievement
Mahmutjahn Olca
Natalie Batistic



Most Consistent
Allen Zheng
Deya Daoudi

Most Improved
Mirna Abdulwahab

Neatness and Bookwork
Jane Waqa

Creativity
Kathy Tran

Courtesy and Consideration
Dylan Wallace

ESL AWARDS

Early Stage One: Faisal Alkalif

Stage One: Joanna Habib

Stage Two: Joseph Malakieh

Stage Three: Amir Hassani

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE AWARDS

Stage One: Yusef Tarabiya

Stage Two: Mayset Elhaj

Stage Three: Mariam El Kassab

LIBRARY

KC – Dayton Fuimaono

KE – Nicole Irving

KO – Faraz Hussain

1L – Brian Mac

1R – Muhadesa Ebrahimi

1/2G – Amirah El Kassab

1/2P – Zainab Hussain

2K – Nicole Tan Terles

2WW – Alan Wen

3BS – Pallavi Kamoda

3BW – Huazhen Liu

4A – Sarah Tarabiya

4NM – Shanil Wijesurendra

4/5S – Renalds Sar

5/6B – Karen Tran

5/6L – Ali Abdul-Rahman

5/6P – Razzan El Kassab

Library Monitor awards:

Bronze – Sarah Tarabiya

Silver – Chelti Madamba

Gold – Maya Elsamad

Sports Awards

Senior Girl: Luisa Perez

Senior Boy: Mahmutjahn Olca

11 years Girl: Augustina Asabre

11 years Boy: Sherif Awick

Junior Girl: Jemima Kassem

Junior Boy: Jakob Masters

Principal's Choice awards

Performing Arts – Chelti Madamba

Public Speaking – Natalie Batistic

Holroyd City Council Award - Jason Ly

School Citizenship Award - Frank Rees

Dux of the School - Vanessa Lam



OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

Richard Eng 4/5S

Danny Eng 2WW

Gilliane Portes 2K

Melikeh Khan 1/2G

CAPTAINS 2014

Girls: Chelti Madamba

Boys: Issa Arbess

VICE CAPTAINS 2014

Girls: Ayse Kay

Boys: Halley Fu

PREFECTS 2014

Girls :1. Mirna Abdulwahab

2. Jeyda Olca

Boys: 1. William Lam

2. Ali Abdulrahman



Primary and High school

Ready for high school

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

Kik messenger

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Why cyber safety experts are concerned:

<http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

Primary school

Choosing school shoes

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

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

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

Feature Class –

ESL (English as a Second Language)

K-2 ESL

Students who are learning English as a second language attend ESL lessons to help develop their communication skills in English. K-2 ESL lessons focus on developing students' knowledge of English sounds, vocabulary and simple sentence structures. A variety of resources and learning tools is used to help students learn English. These include images, big books, language games and computer based tasks.

In the photos, Year 2 ESL students are revising the English sounds – 'sh', 'oo' and 'ee /ea', by playing a matching card game. During the activity, the students were required to read given words containing the sounds being revised and match them to the corresponding picture cards. Everyone in the group did a fantastic job!

Miss M. De Marco



3-6 ESL

In 3-6 ESL withdrawal group students receive support to build the English language skills in Speaking and Listening, Reading and Viewing, and Writing. Students engage in face-to-face interactions in pairs and small groups.

They read a variety of texts where they are exposed to new vocabulary. Students are also involved in shared, guided and independent writing tasks.

This term the 3-6 ESL group has been able to use our new smart board. They are able to listen to stories and participate in interactive games and activities to learn and improve their English language. The students enjoy learning through a variety of hands-on activities.

Mrs S. Lazras



STAR AWARDS



KO Alexander Moaga, Majid
Mahmoud, Faraz Hussein, Rafael Lingad,
Mariam Wazney, Sophia Obeid, Noah Keogh,
Fatima Collex

KC Mohammed Taleb

1R Mohammed Yassine, Noora Malti

1L Ebrahim Sadiqi

1/2P Jack Waddington, Mansoor Tamaki

2K Brian Lolohea, Sohaib Agha

3BS Mahmut Atilga

3BW Zac Organ, Noon Chanthakoon

4/5S Amir Hussani, Cullen Rollo

5/6P Luke Dannawe

20 Guildford Stars, 2nd Guildford Star Award:

KC David Fisihoi, Yasmin Ebrahimi, Lorima Saukuru,
Zaynab Sadiqi, Muddather Abdalla

1R Justin Phan

1/2P Tupou Fisihoi, Zainab Hussain

1/2G Aimen Zreika,

2WW Asif Rezaee

3BS Pallavi Kamoda

4A Hayne Kaung

4/5S Mariam El Kassab, Rayyan Arbess

5/6P Samisoni Ikamanu, Kimberely Irrving, Ali Rezaee,
Mirna Abdul Wahab, Dylan Wallace

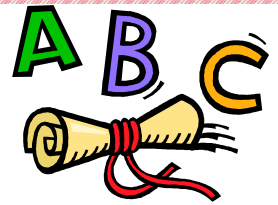
5/6B Jie Zou, Aneeka Mehta, Maya El Samad

40 Guildford Stars, 4th Super Star Award:

5/6B Frank Rees, Vanessa Lam

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

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



1R Lorima Rokosuka, Mubarar Said

2WW Samuel Malafu, Ranim Saleem

2K Ali Naaman, Zac Abdul Wahab

3BW Joyce Moeakiola, Hariri Handullah, Kirsty
Nguyen, Joysender Jap

3BS Chloe Liu, Fatima El Kassab

3/4S Mariam El Kassab, Richard Eng

4NM Christina Borg, Shauna Dower

5/6B Vanessa Lam

5/6L Jawaher Yassine, Amani Obeid, Salvador
Castillo Gomez, Macy Tebya, Livai Saukuru,
Ehsan Khademi

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless



End of Year SPARK

Special Session

On Monday 2nd December, the students who participated in the SPARK Program this year were treated to a special drumming workshop to celebrate their efforts. The workshop was led by Alex from DrumStuff. Alex introduced the students to a variety of interesting and unusual musical instruments from different parts of the world including Africa and Indonesia. The students enjoyed manipulating the musical instruments to hear the different sounds made by them. They practised playing the beat on some of the instruments and composed their own musical rhythms, both individually and in small groups. Also present at this special SPARK session were the volunteers who worked with the students during Term 4.

By Sparks (ABCN) Coordinators.

Year 6 Farewell

It's time once again to say farewell to our wonderful year 6 students who are leaving Guildford Public School to begin their high school journey next year. The year 6 Farewell will be held in our school hall Monday 16th December. Parents please ensure that your child is at school no later than 6:00pm.

Another friendly reminder to all year 6 students to **pay \$15.00 by Friday 13th December** to the office payment box outside Ms Sheehy's office.

Thankyou

Mr P Hanna Assistant Principal





Merry Christmas!



From all the Fantastic
Kids at Guildford
Public School!



