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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As this is the first newsletter for 2013, I would like to convey my best wishes to all of you within our Guildford Public School Community. I am delighted to welcome our three new Kindergarten classes with almost 60 students, and their families to our school. As well as our new Kindergarten students we have 25 new enrolments across the school from Year 1 to Year 6.

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

You have chosen the best school in Western Sydney! Best wishes for a great year at Guildford Public School.

2013 CLASSES FORMED

Over the past week we have been calculating our exact numbers each day. We had a number of families that moved away from Guildford and a large number of new enrolments. Students have been kept in their 2012 class until we were able to know how many classes we were entitled to form.

I'm pleased to say we have 408 students so we were able to form 16 classes. Students moved into their new class yesterday. Some of our classes are quite large and if more enrolments occur over coming weeks we may need to form an extra class. This would result in some students having to be regrouped and change from their current class.

However, in saying that, it may not occur, but please understand that Guildford is a transient area with our student numbers often fluctuating. I will keep you informed.

CLASSES 2013

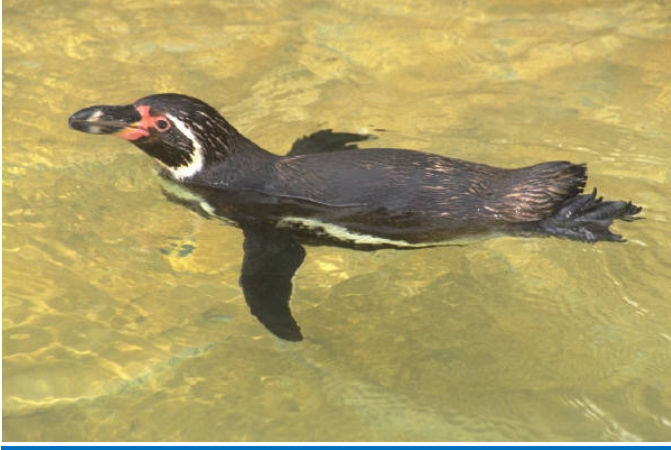
In keeping with our Australian themes, this years classes will be named after Australian native birds. A list of classes is follows in this newsletter.

It is hoped that students may continue to develop an appreciation and understanding of Australia's unique flora, and the responsibility we all have of protecting all species for future generations particularly supporting many endangered species.

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| <i>Kindergarten Cockatoo</i> | <i>Miss Laura Blewitt</i> |
| <i>Kindergarten Emu</i> | <i>Miss Lisa Sunnucks</i> |
| <i>Kindergarten Owl</i> | <i>Miss Ayesha Ali Khan (Rel. AP)</i> |
| <i>1 Galah</i> | <i>Miss Chrissy McGrath</i> |
| <i>1 Lorikeet</i> | <i>Ms Rita Edge</i> |
| <i>1 Rosella</i> | <i>Ms Jane El Samrani</i> |
| <i>1/2 Pelican</i> | <i>Miss Melodie Bryceland</i> |
| <i>2 Willy Wagtail</i> | <i>Ms Lana Ward</i> |
| <i>2/3 Kookaburra</i> | <i>Mr Nathan Crowther</i> |
| <i>3 Blue Wren</i> | <i>Mrs Deb Ferguson</i> |
| <i>3/4 Seagull</i> | <i>Miss Alisha Smith</i> |
| <i>4 Albatross</i> | <i>Ms Patricia Walpole (AP)</i> |
| <i>4 Noisy Miner</i> | <i>Mr Chris Nicalacopoulos</i> |
| <i>5/6 Bowerbird</i> | <i>Mrs Anita Byrnes</i> |
| <i>5/6 Lyrebird</i> | <i>Mrs Linda Penalzoa</i> |
| <i>5/6 Penguin</i> | <i>Mr Peter Hanna (AP)</i> |



SWIMMING CARNIVAL



You should have received a letter regarding our Years 3-6 Annual Swimming Carnival which is to be held at Guildford Swimming Centre on Thursday 14 February. All students in classes 3-6 are expected to attend regardless of their swimming ability.

There will be events to cater for different swimming levels including fun activities for non-swimmers. Please ensure you complete the permission note and return to school indicating your child's swimming level. This is very important. Parents are invited to attend on the day. As it is not a full day, students will return to classes after the carnival.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS, VICE-CAPTAINS, PREFECTS, SRC INDUCTION CEREMONY

Please join us in the hall for our first K-6 Assembly on Wednesday 20 February at 12:00pm. At this assembly we will have our induction ceremony for school leaders K-6. Our school Captains, Vice-Captains and Prefects will recite their pledge and receive their badge for 2013. Students elected from each class, as members of the Student Representative Council, will also receive their badge and recite their pledge. Hope you can join us.

In following weeks, K-6 Assemblies will be held on Wednesdays at 2pm in the hall. You are always welcome!.

IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING

Last week we had a massive thunderstorm virtually right on 3:00pm, when the children left the classroom. Maybe it's Murphy's Law, but when a storm hits, it's so often at home time!

Last week, as you know, most students arrived home pretty wet if not saturated. Well done to those few students who were able to take out of their bag a plastic rain-coat. I'd recommend all students have one in their school bag, just in case it rains.

Raincoats

- Raincoats are quite inexpensive
- They take up little room in a child's bag
- They are available in many colours
- They are safer than umbrellas which are not recommended for children due to injuries from accidental poking
- Raincoats make common sense!



CARS AND APIA STREET

Once again I need to remind you of safety and urge you to follow the parking and traffic rules of the Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales.



THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DANGEROUS PARKING & DRIVING

I have been appalled by the manner in which some parents put their child and other children at risk by doing dangerous things in the Apia Street cul-de-sac. People need to turn at the end of the cul-de-sac, however some parents insist on parking in the area, clearly indicated as "No Stopping"

The R.T.A is often outside our school and if you are caught breaking these rules you will be fined. You may get away with it at times, however you will be caught if you break the rules.

Yes! I realise parking is limited. There is nothing we can do about that. Park further away in back streets or walk. Isn't the safety of your child and all our 408 students the important factor?

While I have frequently given the community this message, and thank the majority of parents who do the right thing, I've had to stipulate this message again due to what I've witnessed this week and last week.

Also, please don't park in the private property of the units. I continue to receive complaints regarding this practice from the residents. Thanks to all who support me in this campaign? Let's look after our kids! We value each and every one of them!

Have a Great Fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless Principal

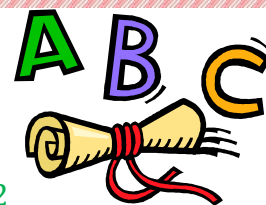


SUPERSTARS



Superstars will again be in operation this year!

SPECIAL STUDENTS SENT
TO SHOW GOOD WORK
TO THE PRINCIPAL
THIS FORTNIGHT FROM 2012



3TD Ali Moosawi, Zac Skaf, Calvin Jo

Tara Nogueira, Nakita Whaanga, Samira Wang, Tiresa Wang

3C Reynolds Sar, Rayyan Arbess

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT WEEK

Websites of The Week

Anaphylaxis information

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents. Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenhealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php>

Schoolkids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the financial load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it's simple: there's no need to collect receipts or claim it through your tax. Eligible families need to register by 31 December. Find out more:

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/ourresponsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus>

2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video. Find our more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>

SPORT NOTICE

Students in years 3-6 should have received a note for the swimming carnival. It will be held at Guildford Pools next Thursday 14th February. Make sure notes and money are returned to the office as soon as possible.

PSSA try-outs for cricket, softball and tee-ball for students in years 3-6 will be happening over the next few weeks. Summer PSSA commences Friday 1st March. Students in these teams will need to pay a bus fare of \$5 each week.

Whispers from the Library



Welcome back to a new year. Borrowing from the Library starts next week - Monday 11 February. Library bags are available from the Library for \$4.00. Students must have a library bag to borrow books from the library.

Mr Norambuena Teacher Librarian

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Andrew Abou Zeid KB
2. Nicole Tan Terles 1B
3. A. Ishak (Joseph 1B)
4. Julie Thorne (Rachel 5/6D)
5. Darren Mensah KB
6. Andre Meauli 4/5N
7. Ali Ozcakmac 1/2P
8. Jacob Masters 3C
9. Sylvia Asabre 5/6P
10. Justin Phan K/1E
11. Chris Rivera (Ian 3TD)
12. Sophia Wallis 3C
13. Sue Hamze (Samir 1B)
14. Sonia Lingad 5/6D
15. Nicole Tan Terles 1B
16. Mr Clayton GA
17. Mrs Ferguson 2/3W
18. Mohammed Kowaider 2/3W
19. Abbir Taleb 5/6P
20. Rita (Gideon Mensah 2/3W)
21. Brigitt Asabre (Michael Asabre 5/6P)
22. Jessica Trieu Phu 1/2P
23. Adrian Estephan (Jayden 3TD)
24. Gideon Mensah 2/3W
25. Rabee Zreika 1D
26. Tara (3TD)
27. Hope Croombes 2K



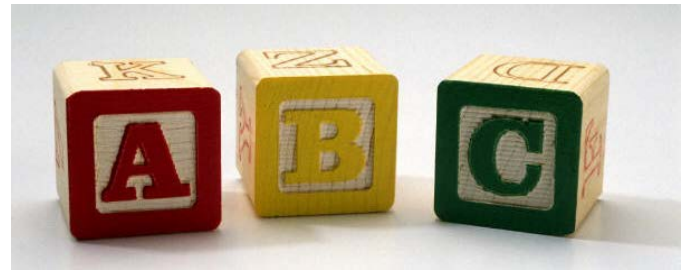
Kindy News

Kindergarten students started last Thursday and have had a great time settling in and completing lots of activities. They have been working in colour groups in different classrooms and with different specialist teachers and School Learning Support Officers over the last week. The Kindergarten teachers, Miss Blewitt, Miss Sunnucks and myself have been busy completing the Best Start Literacy and Numeracy testing. The parent feedback sheets for your child will be handed out in the coming weeks. Kindergarten students will be placed in classes by the end of this week. The class details are as follows:

| Class Name | Teacher | Classroom |
|------------|---------------|---|
| K Cockatoo | Miss Blewitt | Kindergarten classroom closest to the bottom gate |
| K Owl | Miss Ali Khan | Middle Kindergarten Classroom |
| K Emu | Miss Sunnucks | Kindergarten Classroom closest to the library |

We look forward to working with you closely this year. Have a look at what they have been doing in Kindy... Thank you

Miss Ali Khan Kindergarten Assistant Principal



Greystanes Physie & Dance



*Aerobic Warm Ups * Ballet * Jazz * Contemporary * Lyrical
* Pilates *Stretch and Strengthening Exercises

Australian Physie and Dance Association (APDA),
a professional association offering a new vision for physie



APDA aims to bridge the gap between the traditional school of physie
and the world of contemporary dance

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Saturdays – Ringrose Public School




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Fun, Fitness & Friendship

School Zone Offences

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|  | <p><u>NO STOPPING</u></p> <p>In the direction of the arrow, you <u>must NOT STOP your vehicle</u> at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.</p> | <p>Penalty \$243</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p> |
|  | <p><u>NO PARKING</u></p> <p>You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of the vehicle.</p> | <p>Penalty \$135</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p> |
|  | <p><u>BUS ZONES</u></p> <p>In the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.</p> | <p>Penalty \$243</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p> |

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|  | <p><u>DOUBLE PARKING</u></p> <p>You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.</p> | <p>Penalty \$243</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p> |
|  | <p><u>CHILDREN CROSSINGS</u></p> <p>You must NOT STOP on or near a children's or Pedestrian Crossing</p> | <p>Penalty \$324</p> <p>+ 2 Demerit Points</p> |
|  | <p><u>U-TURNS</u></p> <p>You must NOT make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrians or vehicles in a School Zone</p> | <p>Penalty \$324</p> <p>+ 4 Demerit Points</p> |

**THERE IS NO EXCUSE
FOR ILLEGAL PARKING**

PARK SAFELY

**Even if it means walking
further to the school gate.**



**A message from your
Local Council**

