



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

23 MAY 2013



### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We certainly know that Winter is just around the corner. The past few mornings have been quite crisp. Please ensure children have winter uniforms and sloppy joes on these cold mornings.

### NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was held last week. Students in Years 3 and 5 sat the various tests. Some of the questions were quite challenging, however I was very pleased to see all our students taking it seriously and doing their best. Obviously, results won't be available for a few months. Tests were sent away for marking at a central office. Parents will be notified when results are available.

### 'SING OUT LOUD'

Last term class 5/6 Lyrebird and their teacher Mrs Penaloza, participated in an innovative inter-generational program run through the Arts Health Institute. The program called 'Sing Out Loud' enabled our students from Guildford Public School to buddy up with residents from Guildford Aged Care Facility, for weekly visits. The students and selected residents worked on a music program with a qualified music tutor. The program culminated late last term with a concert here at Guildford Public School, with our students combining with their buddy to perform a series of songs from past decades.

This initiative gave our students a wonderful opportunity to learn about caring for our elderly citizens and their specific needs. It also gave friendship and enjoyment to our buddies from the Aged Care Facility. Both students and the residents looked forward to Wednesday afternoons, when

they had the opportunity to 'Sing Out Loud Together'. Please see our photo spread of the concert later in this Newsletter.

Special thanks must go to 5/6 Lyrebird students and Mrs Penaloza for their outstanding work on this initiative. They brought smiles and happiness to our elderly neighbours.



Have a Great Fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless      Principal



### **PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS IS NOT ALLOWED!**

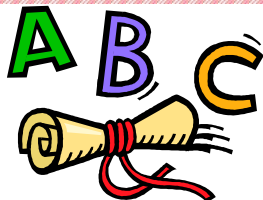
Parents are again reminded that under NO circumstances are you allowed to drive onto school grounds or park on school grounds to pick up children regardless of the time of day. It is a terribly unsafe practice, especially when children are arriving at school in the morning or leaving in the afternoon. If you need to pick up children early you need to park outside school grounds.





## Support your local school

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



KC Nida Ramazam, Payman Khademi  
KO Melek Imad Ali, Layel Jbara, Sophia Obeid  
1L Danny Berisah, Esma Aydemir  
3BW Leayal El-Hadi, Joyce Moeakiola, Ivy Tran  
4NM Asad Mazhar  
5/6B Frank Rees, Zehra Khany, Sadaf Hazara  
5/6L Elham Houda, Sarah Sabra  
CL Alaa Agha, Razzan El-Kassab

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE **YOU** NEXT FORTNIGHT!

## UNSW COMPETITIONS

Sitting dates will be held on the following days

- Science Wednesday 5 June
- Spelling Tuesday 18 June
- English Wednesday 31 July
- Maths Tuesday 13 August

## Websites of The Week

**Is your child making friends at school?**

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

### **Mastering spelling**

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more:

[www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing)

### **Weekly scheduling**

Learning how to make time for homework, study, chores, part-time jobs and so on is a vital skill for all kids, but it's one that we need to teach them by example. You can now create your own weekly schedules to whip your family into shape.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/weekly-schedule-template>

### **Making school easier**

Some great, practical advice for parents.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-to-make-high-school-easier>

### **The sum of us**

Be honest: are you a bit afraid of maths? And are you passing that on to your kids? Maths and science guru Adam Spencer suggests a better approach. (No time to listen to the podcast? The read our at-a-glance summary)

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>

## STAR AWARDS

Congratulations to Teresa Rees of 4 Albatross for becoming our first Super Star of 2013



# **PARENTS AND CARERS**

## **Westmead Centre for Oral Health Paediatric Dental Department**

Will be visiting our school to provide

**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

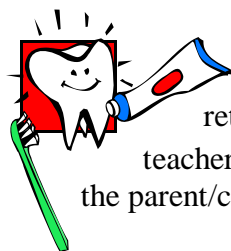
with a short Oral Health Information,  
diet advice talk and a

**Free Dental Check**

**13 June 2013**

**NSW Health suggests all children  
aged 0-18 have a Dental check up  
every 1 to 2 years.**

The Dental staff will bring portable Dental Chairs and lights. The Dental clinician will use a new sterilized mirror and wear a new pair of latex free gloves for each child



Consent forms will be sent home for each child and should be returned as soon as possible to the teacher ticked **Yes or No** and signed by the parent/carer

Each student, (with the consent form ticked **Yes and Signed by a parent**) will be eligible to have a dental check up

A letter (result sheet) will be sent home with each child on the assessment day. This will indicate how the parent should follow-up the dental assessment. Parents **will not** need to contact the dental clinic, *unless otherwise indicated on their result sheet*

The child's details will be entered onto the hospital computer and will remain confidential.

Treatment appointments will be offered on a prioritized basis and sent **directly to the child's address**. Students with *urgent treatment needs* will be offered treatment appointments first.

Parents may choose to make an appointment with their private dentist if the result sheet indicates their child requires treatment.

***Children in K-2 will not be assessed at school.***

Parents with children in Pre-school, K to 2 at school or, with children suffering dental pain or Trauma, are invited to call the **Western Sydney Local Health District**.

<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>
24/5/13	Sydney Writers Festival
28/5/13	Zone Cross Country
29/5/13	Parent ACU Excursion
5/6/13	Power of One Performance K-6
5/6/13	UNSW Science Test
10/6/13	Queen's Birthday Holiday
11/6/13	Multicultural Public Speaking Competition 3-6
13/6/13	FREE Dental Check Yrs 3-6
14/6/13	Regional Cross Country
18/6/13	UNSW Spelling Test
18/6/13	Multicultural Public Speaking Finalists
23/6/13	3 Way Parent Teacher Student Interviews
28/6/13	Last Day of Term 2
15/7/13	Staff Development Day
16/7/13	Students Return to School
31/7/13	UNSW English Test
13/8/13	UNSW Mathematics Test



# Feature Class

## 5/6 Penguin – Mr Hanna

Throughout the term students from 5/6 Penguin have been working hard to achieve stage 3 targets which involve numeracy. The past 3 weeks 5/6 Penguin have been learning multiplication facts to solve short and multiplication algorithm type questions.

5/6 Penguin students are using Studyladder and Mathletics technology programs to help them practise using their knowledge of times tables facts to complete various short and long multiplication questions. Students also complete 1 minute speed maths tests each day targeting a particular times table.

Recently, Mr Hanna has been using an additional Mathematics program filled with Maths interactive games to help 5/6 Penguin use a variety of strategies to solve multiplication questions.

Here is what some students have thought and said about what they're learning about in class:

*'I've learnt an easier way to solve multiplication questions'*

Mirna Abdulwahab

*'I enjoyed learning with the mini-whiteboards'*

Mena Moosawi

*'With Mr Hanna's strategy, Multiplication is now easier'*

Sherif Awick

*'The lesson was interesting and fun because we used mini-whiteboards'*

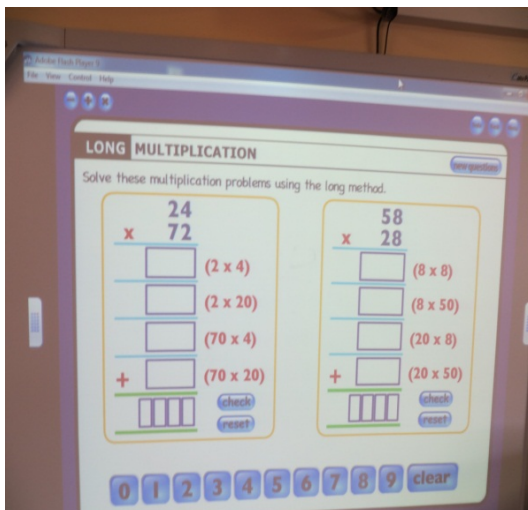
Natalie Batistic

*'In this lesson, I learnt new strategies such as the jump strategy'*

Alaa Agha

*'The lesson was interesting because we learnt new ways to multiply'*

Mahmutjahn Olca



## \*\*\* ASSEMBLY STARS \*\*\*

Ali Hussaini 2/3K  
Reynolds Sar 3/4S

Joanna Habib 2W  
Alaa Agha 5/6P

## Introducing a New Critical Information Register

**Accidents happen.** Crime Stoppers and (000) Triple Zero Emergency Services support this important FREE community service.

**Ensure information about your child is available to Emergency Personnel – fast.**

Emergency Personnel often find themselves in a difficult position when they are presented with patients who may be young and unable to communicate effectively, in a state of shock or unconscious. Emergency Personnel need to know their name, their preferred contacts and if they have any medical conditions or allergies which may affect the treatment administered.

This FREE service offers a solution to this predicament.

MyPD.com is an Emergency Identification service with unique ID's printed on cards, stickers for phones/wallets/bags etc, screen saver for smart phones, stickers for bike helmets, prams etc

Kathleen Kenny, Director  
MyPD.com, **0418 655 848** to assist with any questions.

## Whispers from the Library

Library is quiet this week.

Shhhhh!

Mr Norambuena  
(Teacher Librarian).



## PSSA REPORT

### Newcombe Ball Results Round 1 10/5/13

Guildford vs Granville South  
Juniors: 50 – 20 Guildford  
Seniors: 50 – 37 Guildford

Junior Player of The Week:

Amar Yassine 5/6P

Senior Player of The Week:

Angelina Moeakiola 5/6L

Juniors tried really hard this week, particularly as it was their first game. Goal for next week, go for the ball. Great job Juniors!  
Seniors worked well as a team in Round 1. Goal for next week, calling for the ball. Great work Seniors!

### Newcombe Ball Results Round 2 17/5/13

Guildford vs Rosehill  
Juniors: 47 – 33 Rosehill  
Seniors: 37 – 36 Rosehill

Junior Player of The Week:

Jeyda Olca 5/6B

Senior Player of The Week:

Farah Al Tamimi 5/6L

*Mrs Penaloza – Newcombe Ball Coach*

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# 5/6L “Sing Out Loud” to the Elderly

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, there was a *Sing Out Loud Together* Concert. Our class, 5/6 Lyrebird, 3-6 classes, Mr Lawless, parents, the elders and the maestro Mr Nick gathered in the school hall at 1:15 pm. We made the concert to share what we have been rehearsing at the Nursing Home for the past 8 weeks.

5/6 Lyrebird started off getting changed into bright coloured clothing and blue jeans. We later on headed to our school hall and stood on the wooden stage waiting for the 3-6 classes to be seated. Mr Nick Fury gave us hilarious hats while Natalia and I were leading the concert.

Next, our first songs were 'Daisy, Daisy' introduced by Ayse Kay and 'Side By Side' by Long Zou. Most of the songs we sang were in the Tin Pan Alley era. After every song, the audience always clapped for us. I was kind of disappointed because not everyone was singing.

After we finished the concert, we received a certificate, gave out origami boats to the residents and got a cake to eat.

It was a lot fun on that day and I wish it would happen again!

*By: Jason Ly from 5/6 Lyrebird*

