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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone as we move into Term 2 and the approach of Winter. We hope you had an enjoyable two week break recently.

NAPLAN

Next week is the 2013 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) week.

All students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the tests next week. It is important for all students to be at school unless very sick. The test days will be as follows:

Tuesday 14 May – Language Conventions

40 minutes

Writing 40 minutes

Wednesday 15 May - Reading

Year 3 45 minutes

Year 5 50 minutes

(Time for catch up tests)

Thursday 16 May – Numeracy

Year 3 45 minutes

Year 5 50 minutes

Friday 17 May

Catch up tests permitted in the morning.

Test papers packed and posted.

Please ensure children get to bed nice and early on the evenings before tests. Ensure a good breakfast and that children get to school on time.

Following is an overview explaining a bit more particularly for parents with children new this year to NAPLAN.

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians have the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

What will be tested?

NAPLAN is a skills test. It tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the *National Statement of Learning for English* and *National Statement of Learning for*

Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks NAPLAN tests will be aligned with the Australian Curriculum once it has been substantially implemented in schools.

What types of questions are in the tests?

Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response for all tests except the Writing test. Students are expected to write a continuous text for the Writing task.

SWIMMING SCHEME

We ended last term with a very successful Swimming Scheme which ran for two weeks. Over 200 students from years 3-6 attended. Students were taught by a number of teachers from both our school as well as specially trained teachers employed, for this purpose, by the Department.

Congratulations to all our students who graduated and made improvements in their swimming level and competence in water. I enjoyed visiting and taking some photos of the group. I have included a display in this fortnight's newsletter.

POWER OF ONE

I'm pleased to advise you that the world renowned production of "Power of One" will return to Guildford Public School on Wednesday 5 June. This show was last here in 2008. The production sensitively handles the concept of bullying and provides skills and ideas for students to be resilient. There will be two performances with a 12:15pm show for K-2 and a 2:00pm show for 3-6.

While the usual cost of this performance is \$5 per student, I believe it is important for every student to attend, so the school will cover the cost for every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 to attend.

At Guildford Public School we say "No!" to Bullying!

WOOLWORTHS "EARN & LEARN"

Don't forget to ask for your stickers for school if purchasing any items at Woolworths. Stickers are redeemed for school resources. Stickers should be placed on a 'sticker sheet' available at school and placed in the box in the school office.

FREE DENTAL CHECKS

I'm delighted to inform you that we have organised with the Westmead Centre for Oral Health for dental checks for all our students from Years 3 – 6.

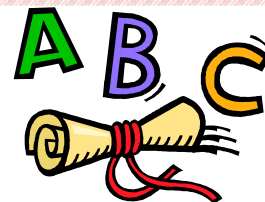
This will take place on Thursday 13 June. Consent forms will be sent home soon. Please see our advertisement for this later in this newsletter. What a great opportunity!

Have a Great Fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless Principal

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



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| KE | Joseph Walker, Angel Wallace
Sione Tuifua, Lillian Dungay |
| KO | Zahraa Al-Ghizi, Ben Lolohea,
Rafael Lingad |
| 1G | Adem Arikan, Dima Almahdawi |
| 1L | Lana Abouzaid, Salome Hosea, Brian Mac
Ebrahim Sadiqi, Hasina Yosufi,
Ahmed Ahmed, Furqah Hyder |
| 1R | Mandy Huang, Justin Phan, Shabar Raza
Mohammed Yassine |
| 1/2P | Hassan Farhat |
| 2W | Umang Ma, Sarina Georgis, Alan Wen |
| 3/4S | Samira Wang, Anna Chung,
Jemima Kassem, Hesan Khademi |
| 4A | Jakob Masters, Selana Tan |
| 4N | Charlie Hosea, Shanil Wijesurendra |
| 5/6B | Hassan Al-Shamari, Jeyda Olca |
| 5/6P | Mahmutjahn Olca, Mena Moosawi
Cullen Rollo, Betoul Alameddine |
| RFF | Diloris Katoa, Deya Daoudi, Ali Farhat
Lana Abouzaid, Sarah Tarabiya |

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

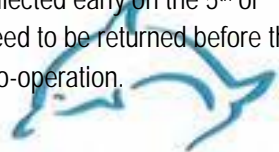
Mr Lawless

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

STEWART HOUSE

Yesterday plastic bags were sent home with your children for the **Stewart House School Clothing Appeal**. Parents could you please look at home for clothing, blankets, sheet and shoes you no longer use. Please return you bags to the Infants Hall. The clothing bags will be collected early on the 5th of June, so all your clothing bags need to be returned before that date. Many thanks for help and co-operation.

Mrs Ferguson



Websites of The Week

Becoming empathetic

New research suggests certain types of group music-making can help kids develop empathy. Find out more:

<http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>

Glowing in the dark

We love it when outrageously fun stuff is also sneakily educational. These amazing jars look as though they have glow-worms inside but they were actually created with just a brush, a little water, and glow in the dark paint.. Find out more:

<http://500px.com/blog/551/tutorial-glow-in-the-dark-mason-jars>

NAPLAN – a skills snapshot

If your child is in Year 3, 5, 7, or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests on May 14-16. And despite what you may have heard there's no need to panic or start an intensive study program with your child. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

Assignments due?

Is your child unsure how to work to a deadline? Teach them how to find the end date and work backwards to plan their preparation activities. These assignment starters on popular topics also help kids to kick-start their projects. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Get the maths on risk-taking

Kids can't cram maths, especially concepts half understood; the foundations must first be in place. Listen to broadcaster and maths fan Adam Spencer on loving maths for our kids' sake and what to do when it's all too hard. Find out more:

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

AFL AUSKICK at GUILDFORD!

Thursday afternoon's starting in Week 4

3:30pm – 4:30pm

(supervision provided from 3pm)

6 weeks of fun games and skills.

For boys and girls, Kindy to Year 6!

Cost: \$45.00 which includes an Auskick pack with a football, hat and drink bottle.

To register visit www.aflauskick.com.au and enter your postcode



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! This community program enables schools and early learning centres throughout Australia to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths.

From **Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013**, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points and your local school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and more.



Mr Norambuena Coordinator

Feature Class

1 Rainbow Lorikeet – Ms Edge

One way the students in *1 Lorikeet* engage in writing, is to “post” their news items on our special news wall. Our “Twitter wall,” as we call it, is located on a board outside our classroom, and we invite you to read some of the comments.

“On the holidays I went to the movies with my family. We went there to watch Iron Man 3 and we ate popcorn.”- Brian



“On the holidays I went to the zoo and I saw a monkey.”- Hooria



“I went to the city with my family and we went on the monorail.”- Ahmed



“On the holidays I went to the pools with my Dad.”- Aleyna



PARENTS AND CARERS

Westmead Centre for Oral Health Paediatric Dental Department

Will be visiting our school to provide

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

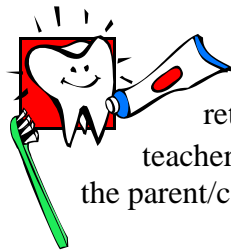
with a short Oral Health Information, diet advice talk and a

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 from infant grades 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 call centre on 9845**

UNSW COMPETITIONS

Sitting dates will be held on the following days

- Computer Skills Tuesday 21 May
- Science Wednesday 5 June
- Spelling Tuesday 18 June
- English Wednesday 31 July
- Maths Tuesday 13 August

Ours will be on 22nd May due to Cross Country!

Whispers from the Library



Overdue Notices.



I sent some overdue notices to the students on Monday. If you're child needs to return some books please send them to the library as soon as possible. It's great to see students borrow but we need to have the books returned so other students can borrow the books too.

Children's Book Council of Australia Awards Nominees.

The CBCA Award Nominees have been announce and this year we have some great books nominated. Some of the nominees are past winners and well known to the public, and some of the authors who are nominated are new and first time nominees. I've listen the nominees for Early Childhood Book of the Year and Picture Book of the Year.



Early Childhood Book of the Year 2013

The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen
With Nan by Tania Cox

The Pros and Cons of being a Frog by Sue De Gennaro

Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula Dubosarsky

It's a Miroocool by Christine Harris

Peggy by Anna Walker

Picture Book of the Year 2011

The Coat by Ron Brooks

Tanglewood by Vivienne Goodman

Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon

Sophie Scott Goes South by Alison Lester

Lightening Jack by Patricia Mullins

A Day to Remember by Mark Wilson

Most of these books are available for borrowing at the library. We hope you get to see some come across your way.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This year the Premier's Reading Challenge will continue as normal. If your child is from Kindergarten to Year 2, they will automatically

join the challenge as I read books that are from the Premier's Reading Challenge list. If your child is in Year 3 to Year 6, they are encouraged to enrol themselves and to put the books they've read on the website. If you are interested in a workshop, please let Ms Walpole or our Community Liaisons Officers, Asenati and Zena, know. If we get enough numbers interested I will be happy to run another workshop on how to enrol your child into the Premier's Reading Challenge and how to register the books they've read into the website.



Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).



Swimming Scheme

2/4/13 - 12/4/13





TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
9/5/13	Mother's Day Stall
14/5/13 – 16/5/13	NAPLAN
21/5/13	Cross Country 3-6
22/5/13	UNSW Computer Skills Test
22/5/13	Bravehearts Visit K-3
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
13/6/13	FREE Dental Check Yrs 3-6
14/6/13	Regional Cross Country
18/6/13	UNSW Spelling Test
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