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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying or should I say enduring the first official week of Winter.

Ambassador of Education 2013



I would like to introduce our 2013 student Ambassador for Public Education. Mahmut-Jahn Olca from 5/6 Penguin has been selected to represent our school in this position in 2013.

South Western Sydney Region's Ambassador for Public Education Program provides opportunities for public school students to develop their leadership skills, to interact with students from other schools in the region and – most importantly – to act as ambassadors for public education for their school at regional events and special functions throughout the year.

Every school in South Western Sydney was asked to nominate one student ambassador who

exemplifies community values and leadership, can serve as a role model for other students and represent the school in a variety of public forums.

Cross Country Champion

A couple of weeks ago, Guildford held our Cross Country races at Guildford County Oval. I was a beautiful day!

Our best performing students were selected to attend the Zone Cross Country last Tuesday. All our students ran their best and did themselves and our school proud. However, Jakob Masters from class 4/5 Albatross outshone them all by coming first in his age division.

Although maybe not quite in line for the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympic Games, perhaps participation in a subsequent Games is on the cards.

Keep up the great work Jakob and Congratulations.



**Support your
local school**

Power of One

Yesterday all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were treated to two performances of the 'Power of One production in the hall'.

Sessions for K-2 at 12.15pm and 3-6 at 2pm were thoroughly enjoyed by students. The usual performance cost for each child was, on this occasion, paid in full by the school.

I believe the message of 'Power of One', a show promoting a strong Anti-Bullying message is too important for any of our children to miss.

The message of the 'Power of One' is that every child has the power of one, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it.

Students from the audience were involved directly in the show. I'd like to thank all the students for their keen interest and participation in the show. Teachers will reinforce the message in class Personal Development lessons.

Free Dental Check Coming up

Students from Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity for a FREE DENTAL CHECK on Thursday 13 June. Notes have been sent home.

If you haven't returned permission note yet please do so.

Reporting and 3 Way Interviews

Teachers are currently preparing Semester One reports. You will be advised soon of arrangements for 3 way Interviews (student, teacher, parent) which will take place on 25 June. At the interview you will be issued with your child's report. More information in the next newsletter.

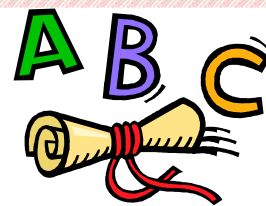
Have a Great Fortnight!



Mr Peter Lawless

Principal

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



KC Yasman Ebrahimi, Husneya Muhammadi
KE Ayah Tarabiya, Mahmoud Taleb
1G Dima Almahdawi, Tukana Saukuru,
Hamze Hasna, Melikeh Khan
1R Seena Hazara, Muhadesa Ebrahimi
1/2P Abhay Singh, Tabasom Saleem,
Kimmy Chung
2WW Jimmy Fu, Ayesha Imad Ali,
Austin Flood
2/3K Ali Hussaini
3BW Sajjad Hazara, Rahman Said
4NM Ali Moosawi
5/6B Maya Elsamad, Trevon Kasimausi
5/6L Halley Fu, Oscar Yau
5/6P Dylan Wallace, Samisoni Ikamanu
RFF (Visual Arts) –
1L Brian Mac, Furqan Hyder
2/3K Mahdi Mansoor, Ammar Alatrani,
Ibrahim Arbess
4N Nicole Croombes, Sofia Wallis,
Arian Namdar, Ian Rivera
4/5A Raghav Puri, Tara Noguera

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

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

STAR AWARDS



Losa Tuuholoaki 4A	Heame Khazma 4N
Charlize Krupowicz 1G	Justin Phan 1R
Raheela Hasaan 1R	Vanessa Lam 5/6B
Samuel Malafu 2W	Nicole Croombs 4N
Amy Tran 2W	

PARENTS AND CARERS

*Westmead Centre for Oral Health
Paediatric Dental Department*

Will be visiting our school to provide

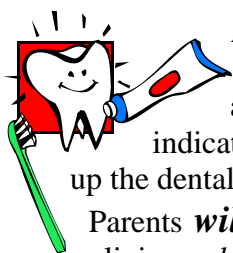
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

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

Free Dental Check
13 June 2013

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

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*

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

PSSA REPORT

Newcombe Ball Round 3 31/5/13
Guildford vs Guildford West

Seniors:	42 – 23	Guildford Won
Juniors:	63 – 35	Guildford Won

Junior Player of the Week: Chay-Lee Howarth 4N
Senior Player of the Week: Jason Ly 5/6L



Guildford P.S. Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations on a fantastic cross country carnival. Luckily we had a lovely Autumn day this year. I would like to thank the runners and spectators for their terrific efforts. This year, the cross country was won by Wattle with 166 points. Waratah came a close second and Blue Gum came third.

We would like to give a special thank you to some parents who came to help out on the day. Thanks Mrs Rees, Mrs Tarabiya, Mrs Prime, Mr Setefano and Mrs Wijesurendra! We really appreciate your help. The 35 students who attended the Auburn Zone Cross Country were fantastic. Congratulations to Jakob Masters who came first in the event, and Issa Arbess who came 6th in his event who will be attending the Regional Carnival in a few weeks time.

Miss Smith – Sports Coordinator

Whispers from the Library



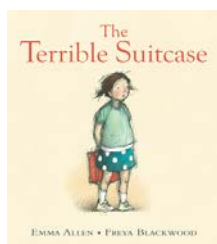
Thank You for returning books.

Thank you to all who have returned their overdue books. Returning books on time is a form of responsibility and that is one of our school rules. Thanks for encouraging your child to develop that rule. Remember if your child would like to keep the book for an extra week, they are allowed to renew their loan for another week.

Book Reviews for books nominated for the CBCA Awards.

The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen

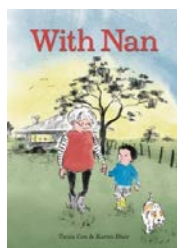
It's the first day of school and all the children have a special backpack, except one - she has a terrible suitcase. A story about how imagination can make magic out of anything.



(<http://www.mybookcorner.com.au>)

With Nan by Tania Cox

A leaf that flies...A rock that hops... These are some of the wonderful things that Simon sees on his walk with Nan. Simon takes a walk through the bush with his Nan and along the way finds out that things are not always what they seem.



(<https://www.goodreads.com>).



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

The world doesn't need us all to be the same. Wouldn't it be a

boring place if we were? What the world really needs are more picture books like this one that celebrate the differences within friendships, and help children to accept that it is okay to be different.

(<http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au>)

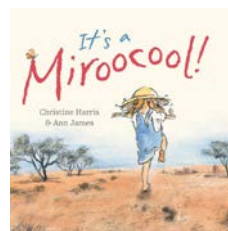
Too Many Elephants in this House by Ursula



Dubosarsky

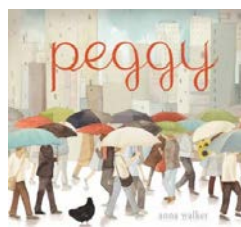
In Eric's house there were too many elephants - in the living room, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, even in his bedroom. The elephants take up a lot of space, but Eric loves every one of them. So when his mum says they have to go, Eric comes up with a clever solution to a very BIG problem . . . (<http://www.puffin.com.au>)

It's a Miroocool by Christine Harris



Audrey lives in the outback, so when she loses her first tooth, she's worried the tooth fairy will never find her! How will she let the tooth fairy know where she lives . . . and what will the tooth fairy leave her? This is the same feisty and resourceful Audrey that readers have grown to love in the best-selling "Audrey of the Outback" series. (www.booktopia.com.au)

Peggy by Anna Walker



Peggy lives in a small house in a quiet street. One blustery day a big gust of wind sweeps down and scoops up leaves, twigs and...Peggy! The wind blows Peggy into the city, where she discovers strange new things, but how will she find her way back home? (<http://www.fishpond.com.au>)

Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).



TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
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

Technology at Guildford

It has already been a very busy year for technology at Guildford and we are pleased to announce that we have purchased 10 new laptops for use in our Stage 1 classrooms. Many of our students enjoy the challenge of learning through technology and are enthusiastic to learn how to access and use new devices. Sometimes, the roles are reversed and the students become the teacher for some programs and troubleshooting!

From the beginning of the year, we have taken many steps towards integrating technology into all aspects of our teaching and learning programs. So far this year we have begun to take the daily attendance roll using an electronic monitoring system called Sentral. This system also assists us to track student attendance and academic records.

As you will be aware, we have renewed our subscription for a school site licence for Mathletics

and Reading Eggs. We can see the benefit of individualised student programs that are fun and engaging. We hope your children are enjoying accessing this program from home as well as in the classroom.

One of the priorities for earlier in the year was to increase the computer allocation in the library lab and we now have 20 desktop computers and a computer attached to the interactive board. This enables all of our classes to have better one-to-one access to computers. We will be updating these computers soon, to ensure the best speed and usage for all. We continue to work towards improving the facilities in both labs and all classrooms by purchasing headphone sets for each computer, updating furniture and wall displays regularly. Our next endeavour will be to purchase and install interactive whiteboards for the two remaining classrooms and possibly the staffroom. We are also looking into the educational benefits of incorporating mobile devices such as ipads or laptops into classrooms. If you would like to know more about any of these technological updates please do not hesitate to contact the school computer committee: Miss Bryceland, Mr Nicolacopolous and Miss Paterson.



Miss Bryceland, Mr Nicolacopolous and Miss Paterson.

Feature Class

2/3 Kookaburra – Mr Crowther

This term has been a busy one for 2/3 Kookaburra with lots of exciting things happening in our classroom. In English, we have been learning skills to develop fluency and expression when reading aloud and our comprehension of the text. There are five reading groups in our class and we work in our reading groups for an hour a day, four days a week. Our top groups have been looking at factual texts focusing on Australian animals. We have been looking at diagrams and how they can help us understand what we are reading. Here we are drawing our own diagram of a platypus! Did you know that a platypus is a mammal that lays eggs? It is part of a special group of mammals called 'monotremes'.



Bravehearts

On Wednesday 22 May, students in K-3 participated in a program called Bravehearts, which discussed child protection issues. This complements the Child Protection program being taught in classes this term across the school. It helped students learn how to identify safe and unsafe situations and who to go to for help to stay safe. The presenters did this through songs and games and a character called 'Ditto'. The program was very engaging and the students thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

S.Haidar Assistant Principal



Circle of Security

This 8 week program is for parents with children aged from 0 – 5 years old.

Circle of Security is an early intervention program that focuses on relationships that support children to feel secure.

Children who are secure exhibit:

- Increased empathy
- Greater self esteem
- Better relationships with parents and peers
- Enhanced school readiness
- An increased capacity to handle emotions

The program supports parents to look beyond a child's behaviour and identify the relationship need.



DATES: Wednesdays, 31st July to 18th September (8 weeks)
Pre-group interviews: Wednesday, 24th July

TIME: 10.00am – 12.30pm

LOCATION: Level 1, 149 Hawkesbury Road, Westmead

COST: \$ Sliding Scale (according to income level)

To make a booking, or for more information about any of our courses or seminars, please contact by phone on: 9806 3299