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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians,
This is the first newsletter for Term 3. I trust everyone enjoyed the two week school holiday and did some memorable activities with their family.

This will be another busy and hopefully very productive term at Guildford Public School. I am pleased to say we have received many new enrolments over the past week.
Welcome to all our new families!

Education Week

Next week we celebrate Education Week across New South Wales. At Guildford we will celebrate this important week with our Open Day and Assembly next Wednesday 31st July. On Thursday we will hold our K-6 Athletics Carnival and on Friday, I invite students, teachers and community to get on board with [Jeans for Genes Day](#).

On our Education Open Day please visit your son or daughter's classrooms between 11.30am and 1pm.

We will also have a K-6 Education Week Assembly at 10am. All parents and friends are invited. Both the dance group and Choir will perform and two enthusiastic students from each class will be awarded the 'Love of Learning Award'. Hope to see you there!

Athletics Carnival

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held once again at Peel Oval, Merrylands on Thursday 1st August. All students K-6 are expected to attend this event. I also would love to see many community members attending as this is one of our special days and part of Education Week this year.

Australian Business Community Network (ABCN)

Once again ABCN have provided valuable support to Guildford Public School. Last Wednesday they supported 17 members of the Commonwealth Bank

to provide physical labour in the form of gardening, pruning and grounds maintenance. Three of our staff Mr Hanna, Mrs Soryal and Normanbuena, and the senior student members of the SRC also rolled up their sleeves to support the initiative. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all involved. Some great work was achieved. We have a big school with many shrubs and garden areas. It's difficult maintaining this large area. However, with the support of ABCN, once again, it was shown that many handsdoes make light work.





Hard At It!



ABCN Volunteers



Great Helpers

Restoration in Progress

You may have noticed painting going on around our old 'Infants Block.' This Art Deco building was opened in 1929. It is the oldest still standing building at Guildford Public school. The original block (photo in school foyer), opened 1915, has long since gone.

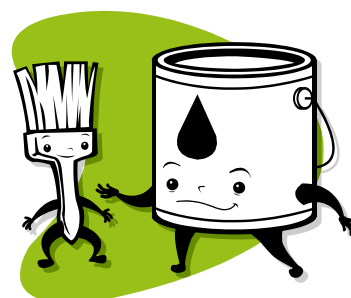
The old infant building is heritage listed with Holroyd Council. More than \$50,000 is being spent to repair outside walls, windows and doors and a complete external paint.

The building when restoration is complete should look fantastic. It will be well and truly ready for our 2015 Centenary of Guildford Public School.

You may also note that I have had soft carpet laid inside the 'Infant Block.' This will be more comfortable for student to sit on during activities in the old hall. I would like to buy some new colourful furniture to compliment this area.



Mrs Soryal



Holroyd City Council NAIDOC Week Art and Colouring Competition.

Congratulations to Sinem Namik Year 5 for coming second in the Year 3-6 category. The council would like to extend a warm thank you to all primary schools that participated in this year's competition.

Mrs Este.



Have a Great Fortnight!
Mr Peter Lawless

Principal



PSSA REPORT

Newcombe Ball Round 6
Guildford V Granville East

21/6/13

Seniors: 42-25
Juniors: 42-25

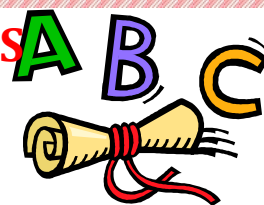
Senior Player of the Week: Imran Chakari
Junior Player of the Week: Halley Fu

UNSW COMPETITIONS

Sitting dates will be held on the following days

- English Wednesday 31 July
- Maths Tuesday 13 August

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



1G Khaddoun Khazma, Qoussay Agha
1R Patrick Empasis
2/3K Luke Whaanga, Sohaib Agha, Pallavi Kamoda
3BW Zac Organ, Abdul Elsamad, Chanthakoun Phatalaphaphn, Joy Jap
5/6P Mirna Abdullwahad, Alaa Agha, Natalie Batistic, Shriff Awick, Ali Rezaee
RFF Husneya Muhammadi (KC), Mandy Huang (1R)

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

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

STAR AWARDS

KC	Zaynab Sediqi
1G	Dima Almahdawi
1L	Hasina Yousfi
2WW	Grace Qoriniasi
3BW	Huazhen Liu
3/4S	John Tuuholoaki
5/6L	Jason Ly
5/6P	Ali Razaee



Superstar Awards

1L	Brian Mac
1/2G	Dima Al mahdawi
2WW	David Reyes
	Austin Flood
	Joanna Habib
	Rabee Zreika
	Mohammed Khazma
	Jimmy Fu
	Alexandra Floyd
	Alan Wen
	Mohamad Jbara
	Asif Razaee
2/3K	Zachariah Abdulwahab
3BW	Ivy Tran
4NM	Tamara Barlow
	Chay-Lee Howarth
4/5A	Jakob Masters
5/6B	William Lam
	Sharlene Muru-Tucker
	Jeyda Olca

School Handball Challenge

On Thursday, 20 June, many students from our school participated in a School Handball Challenge, a fund raising event organised by the SRC (Student Representative Council).

During the event which took place at lunch time, a large and enthusiastic group of students from Stages 2 and 3 took the challenge and played against a group of courageous teachers. Competition and fun soon mingled. In the end it didn't matter so much who won the games because everyone involved was enjoying themselves. The SRC wishes to thank both the players and spectators for their support in making the School Handball Challenge a successful and enjoyable fund raising event





STUDENT **MEDICAL FORMS**

During Term 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us to collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.



Education Week 2013

Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August



Public Schools NSW – Creating the Future

Education Week is an opportunity to showcase our school's achievements which comprises of our inspirational teachers, staff, students and community members. The theme this year is 'Creating the Future' and it also coincides with Literacy and Numeracy week. We would like to share our proudest moments by inviting our school community to an open day on Wednesday 31 July.

The day will consist of a whole school assembly under the COLA which will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 11.00am. Then parents and caregivers are invited to stay with their child for Fruit Break from 11.00am to 11.20am and classrooms will be open for parents from 11.30am – 1.00pm.

During this time parents and caregivers can participate in a simultaneous shared reading across the school in their child's class to promote Literacy and Numeracy week and can visit other classes as well if they have more than one child at the school.

We hope that you can join us on this special day and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 31 July to help us celebrate our successes and achievements at Guildford Public School.

Education Week Coordinators

S.Haidar

A.Ali Khan

Assistant Principal
Principal

Relieving Assistant



TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
31/7/13	UNSW English Test
13/8/13	UNSW Mathematics Test
29/7/13- 02/8/13	EduWeek
01/8/13	Athletics Carnival
02/8/13	Jeans for Genes Week
06/8/13	Stage 1&2 Excursion 'Bicentennial Park'
19/8/13- 23/8/13	Book Week & Fair
02/9/13	School Spectacular

Parent Information Session:

Thursday 15th August

Information Technology at Guildford Public School

9:30 – 11:00 in the computer lab

Come along and find out how your children are learning as 21st Century learners.

You will explore applications such as Edmodo, Tagzede, Prezi and find out how your children are working collaboratively on project – based tasks using ipads and PCs.

Tea and coffee provided.

Miss Paterson.

Parents Visit to Australian Catholic University

Wednesday 29th May 2013

It was a fantastic opportunity for fifteen of our parents who experienced University life for a day under the BRIDGES TO HIGHER EDUCATION program. The parents enjoyed their day at the Australian Catholic University Strathfield campus with a range of information that all university has to offer our children as well as parents. The parents were inspired to further their knowledge and education. The day ends up with a beautiful outdoor lunch provided by the ACU.

Asenati Mareko

Thank you

A Big Thank you to the Parents in Partnership for their ongoing help in covering books, cutting and laminating, sewing and by doing many jobs to assist our teachers and staff members. We appreciate your time and effort in prioritising your son's and daughter's education.

Parents if you are free 30 – 60 minutes on Thursday mornings then join us in the Parents in Partnership. Thank You

CLO



School Attendance

Students who attend school are more likely to be successful at school and have better career and life choices than students who are often absent from school.

When a child misses:

- 3 days per term over 7 years at Primary school = almost ½ a year of school
- 10 days per term = 40 days in a year = almost 1 term missed
- Over 7 years of Primary School this equals 280 days or 1 ½ School Years missed
- 20 minutes late on a regular basis, translates to up to 1 hour of lost effective learning time. Lateness can throw children out of routine for the entire day. Being at school every day and on time is important. It teaches children:
 - To be Punctual.
 - To be Respectful.
 - To become strong and confident learners
 - The importance of routine.
 - To be Responsible
 - To form strong friendships

When the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child's attendance, without success, parents and sometimes the child can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance meeting. The meeting is often run by a trained convenor or Home School Liaison Officer. The aim of the meeting is for the school, parents and in some cases your child to further identify the issues that are impacting on your child's attendance.

A note should always be provided for absences within 7 days from that absence. If a note is not provided within that time frame it is recorded as unjustified and remains on the student's record.

Children are our future and in order for them to be successful in adult life we must teach them good routine, responsibility and the importance of education at a young age.

If families need support or have any queries I can be contacted through the school.

Thanking you for your support
Mr P. Hanna
Stage 3 Assistant Principal



Feature Class – 2WW

2W has been learning about 'Mini Beasts' this term. The first mini beast we studied as a class was SPIDERS! Here are some facts:

Female Red back spiders are larger than male Red back spiders. - Austin

Some spiders have fangs that are too small to bite humans. - Samir

A Net-casting spider makes a silk net to catch prey. - Hiba

Spiders have a thorax, abdomen, spinnerets, fangs, eight legs and knees! - Mohamad

A Fishing spider can walk on the water to catch prey. - Jana

Our class also made hairy banana spiders. We had to follow the steps on a procedure carefully. We used a banana for the body, chocolates for the eyes, sprinkles for the hair and french fries sticks for the legs. We had lots of fun and our spiders were so yummy to eat!





Whispers

from the

Library

Overdue Notices.



I will be sending overdue notices to the students on Monday. If your 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. If you receive an overdue notice and have already returned the book, disregard it.

Book Week 2013 - Reading Across the Universe.

This year there are going to be many fun activities to participate in for Book Week. The Book Week Committee have gotten together to arrange new and interesting competitions. Book Week Costume Parade will take place. And you can get everything started NOW.

Book Week Costume Parade will be held during Book Week which is Monday 19 August to Thursday 22 August. This year we have seen that the nominated books have many interesting animals in them, and objects. This has influenced the committee with coming up with new and interesting ideas for Book Week Costume Parade.

You can choose one of the following:

- **Space/Alien Theme:** This is a free choice. You can choose ANY character from a book/TV Show/Movie that is about SPACE.
- **Animal Theme:** This is **NOT** a free choice. You **MUST** dress up as a animal character from one of the books that have been nominated for the CBCA Award. The animals can be:
The Coat - Crow or mouse.

Too Many Elephants in this House - Elephants

Sophie Scott goes South - Penguin, killer whale, seagull, seal.

With Nan - scruffy dog, butterfly, frog, gecko, echidna, stick insect, tawny frogmouth,

Lightning Jack - wild horse.

Peggy - black chicken, pigeon

Herman and Rosie: come as Herman or Rosie,

Pros and Cons of being a frog - frog,



Tanglewood - dolphin

- **Object/Person from a CBCA Nominated Book:** This is **NOT** a free choice. You **MUST** dress up as an object from one of the books that have been nominated for the CBCA Award. The objects can be:
Tanglewood - driftwood, shells,

It's a Miroocool - Windmill from the Outback.,

Herman and Rosie - a musical instrument.

Peggy - umbrellas, trampoline, sunflowers

With Nan - tree, a grandmother

Sophie Scott Goes South - a boat, an iceberg,

Too Many Elephants in this House - a house

The Coat - a coat, a scarecrow,

The Terrible Suitcase - a suitcase.

- Sea/Island Collage (**Tanglewood** by Margaret Wild)
- Story/Poem using the theme **Reading across the Universe**.
- Model of a horse carousel (**Lighting Jack** by Glenda Millard)
- Flip Book of a bird (**Peggy** by Anna Walker)
- Comic strip of a space/alien story (Theme related)
- Match the Alien to the Teacher competition. (Theme Related)

Book Week Competitions will be:

- Early Stage 1:
 - Colouring competition.
- Stage 1:
 - Colouring competition
 - Design your own Rocket.
- Stage 2:
 - Diorama of a stage featuring Herman & Rosie performing (**Herman and Rosie** by Gus Gordon).
 - Design your own coat (**The Coat** by Julie Hunt)
 - Journal Book with pictures of an adventure. (**Sophie Scott goes South** by Alison Lester).
 - Comic strip of a space/alien story (Theme related)
 - Match the Alien to the Teacher competition. (Theme Related)
- Stage 3:

Competitions will be due in for judging at the end of Week 5.



Book Fair

This year Book Fair will start on Monday 19

August and run until Monday 26 August. We will again use Central Books for our book fair, simply because they sell decent affordable books. We will preview the books on Thursday.

Thank you



Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian).

Belgenny Farm Excursion

Hi, my name is Mahmut Jahn Olca and I am the school ambassador for public education for Guildford Public School. On Wednesday 19th of June, I went on a South Western Sydney Region Ambassadors Leadership day at Belgenny Farm.

At 7:00am I had to go to Merrylands Public School to wait for the bus that will take me and other ambassadors to Belgenny Farm located in South Camden. Once the bus arrived a staff member marked the roll and gave out some name tags out. Once we got on the bus we were off to Belgenny Farm with a few stops along the way.

Once we arrived at Belgenny Farm we headed towards a courtyard where there was a bell in the middle. Surrounding the courtyard was a few buildings and a field. Our supervisor took us to a small cottage like hall. When we went in, morning tea had been laid out on tables for us to eat. After that the second group arrived. Then we got started.

The first thing we did was learn about how we could try out for Regional Ambassador and what to expect. The attribute they were expecting from a Regional Ambassador is Leadership skills and a hard working student that understands the values of Public Education.

After that we had a lunch break. For lunch we had fruits, chips and a bottle of water.

After the lunch break we had a few guests teaching us about 'together for humanity'.



In that session I learned how bullying and racism puts people in a box. When I say box I mean leaving people out by saying something bad to them or doing something bad to them.

Then we had an afternoon break where we had pizza and juice. There was a massive selection of pizzas to choose from. I had the cheese pizza with tomato sauce on it and the cheese pizza with the barbeque sauce. The lunch break went for about 1 hour and 55 minutes. During the lunch break I made new friends. Their names were John and Steven.

After lunch we had leadership activities where we had to go to a specific area marked on our map. I was voted to be the leader. The area was a field next to the slaughter house. We had 25 minutes to gather the equipment. The equipment consisted of a few blankets and a folding stretcher. Once we found everything we went to a field near the courtyard where we started building the stretcher. One group had to crack a code to a suitcase. Once they cracked the code, some delightful chocolate sweets came out.

After we did that we needed to come back home on the bus.

Although it was a long trip I had a lot of fun there and I had learned a lot of new skills that I hope I will use in the future.

Mahmutjahn Olca

School Ambassador

5/6 Penguin