



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
This week we celebrated Book Week. I hope you and the students have enjoyed this special week to focus on Reading.

#### Why Are Books Important for Children?

There are several reasons why books are important for children. Among the many reasons is the fact that books help children develop communication skills, master a language, develop social skills, increase their ability to think logically, learn to relate to new experiences and improve their hand-eye coordination. Apart from reading books being a vital skill, books are also a source of knowledge.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Class at Guildford

I'd like to thank the school community for their positive response to our formation of an additional (17<sup>th</sup> class). The increasing number of student enrolments required us to do some shuffling of students to create a new class. While most students remained with their original 2013 teacher, there was need for quite a few students to move. Our new class is 3 Black Swan. Thanks to Ms Tanak, who looked after the class for the first two weeks. I'm very pleased to announce the arrival of Ms Todoroska, who has taken on the role of class teacher for the remainder of the year.

### Late to School

I'm still very concerned with the number of students who are arriving late each morning. School commences at 9am and it is expected all students from K-6 have arrived before the 9am bell.

Students arriving late create extra work for office staff as they have to carry out additional paper work and data entry. Students arriving to the class late interrupt morning procedures. However the worst impact on late arrival is on the students themselves.

Every minute wasted accumulates the impact on student learning. For example 15 minutes each

morning adds up to 1 hour 15 minutes a week – or 2 whole days a term.

Do you know the start of each day is an important time in every classroom? Teachers give outlines for the day, explain processes and set the scene for learning. Children arriving late miss this important time.

### Spelling Bee Champions

Can you spell 'phenomenon' how about 'manoeuvre' or 'psalm'? Ok! What about 'callous' or 'adamant'? No? Well these four students could probably give you a go for your money!

#### ***Congratulations to:***

Hayne Khaung	1 <sup>st</sup> Place junior
Shanil Wijesurendra	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place junior
Vanessa Lam	1 <sup>st</sup> Place senior
Karen Tran	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place senior

These four students came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior and Senior Spelling Bee held at Guildford on Tuesday.

Thanks to Mrs Burns for co-ordinating the event. Good luck to these four students representing our school at the Regional Spelling Bee next month.



Have a Great Fortnight!  
*Mr Peter Lawless*

*Principal*



# STAR AWARDS

KC Lorima Saukuru  
 KC Yasmin Ebrahimi  
 1L Salome Hosea  
 1R Jessica Masters  
 1/2G Melikeh Khan  
 1/2G Charlize Krupowicz  
 1/2P Mansoor Tamaki  
 1/2P Richard Hosea  
 1/2P Zac Singca  
 1/2P Abhay Singh  
 1/2P Yousif Al-Hesany  
 1/2P Hassan Farhat  
 1/2P Vincent Ho  
 2K Ali Hussaini  
 4A Hayne Khaung  
 4A Tyson Ashton  
 5/6L Ali Abdul-Rahman  
 5/6L Jason Ly  
 5/6L Leila Zreika  
 5/6P Mirna Abdulwahab  
 5/6P Kathy Tran  
 5/6P Issa Arbess

## Congratulations to:

5/6B Frank Rees  
 5/6B Vanessa Lam

*For achieving their second Guildford Gold Award.*



# Premier' Spelling Bee News

Congratulations to the following students for achieving excellent results in the stage 2 and 3 finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee competition. These students will compete in the Regional Premier's Spelling Bee competition on Monday 9 September at Parramatta North Public School:

## Stage 2:

1<sup>st</sup> - Hayne Khaung- 4 Albatross  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shanil Wijesurendra- 4 Noisy Miner

## Stage 3:

1<sup>st</sup> - Vanessa Lam- 5/6 Bowerbird  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Karen Tran- 5/6 Bowerbird

Well done to the following students for representing their class in the stage spelling bee finals:

## Stage 2:

3 Black Swan-	Pallavi Kamoda, Mahdi Mansoor
3 Blue Wren-	Katherine Tran (3 <sup>rd</sup> place), Joyce Moeakiola
4 Albatross- 4 Noisy Miner-	Hayne Khaung, Calvin Jo Shanil Wijesurendra, Sofia Wallis
4/5 Seagull-	Rayyan Arbess, Samira Wang

## Stage 3:

4/5 Seagull- 5/6 Penguin-	Halley Fu, Luke Dannawe Kathy Tran, Ali Elsamad, Mahmutjahn Olca, Natalie Bastistic
5/6 Bowerbird-	Jeyda Olca (3 <sup>rd</sup> place), Taylan Yag, Karen Tran, Vanessa Lam
5/6 Lyrebird-	Andre Meauli, Chelti Madamba, Leila Zraika, Jason Ly

Mrs Byrnes  
 Spelling Bee Coordinator



TERM 3	DATES TO REMEMBER
19/8/13-23/8/13	Book Week & Fair
02/9/13	School Spectacular
5/9/13	School Photos
10/9/13 To 12/9/13	Stage 3 – Canberra/Snow Excursion
11/9/13	Regional Athletics Carnival
17/9/13	Stage 2 – Sydney Observatory
20/9/13	Last day for Term 3

# FATHERS' DAY

## WRAPPING MORNING

### *We need your help*

*If you can spare an hour or two on **Monday, 26 August, 2013** to help wrap the wonderful gifts we will be selling the following day. Please join us in the School Hall from 9.00am. Toddlers welcome.*

## STALL DAY



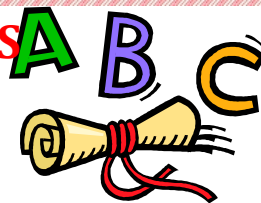
**\*\*\* THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST, 2013 \*\*\***

*Many lovely gifts will be on sale at our Fathers' Day stall for Fathers', Grandfathers', Uncles' or a special friend  
Prices range from \$3 - \$10*

*Please send a plastic bag along for your child to bring their gifts home.*

*We greatly appreciate any volunteers to help in this event in the morning between 9am-11am. Please meet in the school hall*

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



KC Lorima Saukuru (RFF-ART)  
 KE Zahra Nazari, Rohan Yadav  
 1R Justin Phan, Mandy Huang  
 2WW Alarnyx Tautuhi, Rabee Zreika, Zakaria Tobieh  
 2/3K Finau Fifita, Narges Nazari  
 3BW Rahman Said, Layan Al saedi  
 4NM Ian Rivera, Asahak Ahmed, Shanil Wijesurendra  
 5/6L Jason Ly, Natalia Wang  
 5/6P Yasmine Haman, Sinem Namik  
 RFF Jason Ly (5/6L), Andrea Meauli (5/6L), Noah Keogh(KO), Mikayla Howarth(KC), Pauline Fifita(4/5S), Alexandra Floyd (2WW)  
 CL Sarah Tarabiya, Nadine Ramlawie

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.**

**Mr Lawless**

**I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT**



# SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

## Thursday 5 September

On this day photos will be taken of each class and of each individual student. There will be special group photos and family photos as well.

**ALL** students need to wear the following on this day:

### FULL SUMMER UNIFORM

***Girls:** Guildford Public School dress, white socks (or maroon tights if necessary), plain black shoes. All hair needs to be pulled back and neat. ALL head scarves, hair clips, ribbons and headbands **MUST** be **maroon**.*

***Boys:** Guildford Public School yellow polo shirt, maroon **shorts**, white socks, plain black shoes.*

Please note: T-shirts, skivvies etc. are NOT to be worn under dress or boys' shirts.

All students have received envelopes to order class, individual and special photos. Family photo envelopes are available at the office. Envelopes are to be brought to school on the photo day (Thursday, 5 September) and given to the class teacher.

**PLEASE DO NOT POST PHOTO MONEY IN THE BOX.**

Thanking you,

Mrs Ferguson

## Australian Business Community Network (ABCN) Programs



Recently the ABCN SPARK Program was completed by a number of stage 2 and 3 students.

This program involved volunteer mentors from the Commonwealth Bank coming to school for 45 minutes each week to read and talk with selected students. At the end of the Program, students were presented with a certificate and book by their mentors.

The students enjoyed the sessions and made these comments at the completion ceremony:

"I can read and understand chapter books now."

"I liked reading with my mentor." "It was fun"

Another ABCN program, called 121 has now commenced with some Year 1 students. They also will be working with mentors from the Commonwealth bank for 45 minutes each week, but the focus for them will be numeracy. They will be encouraged both to do activities and to talk about how they are doing them. This program will continue until the end of Term 3.

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# **STAGE 1 BICENTENNIAL**

## **PARK EXCURSION**

On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> August, students in Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion to Bicentennial Park in Homebush. We have been learning about Mini Beasts and where living things create shelter. At the park we got to meet a Yabby, a turtle and a frog. We also went walking through the mangroves and found lots of little mini beasts. It was such a fun day and we learnt so much.

By Shahnaz Kowaidar 1/2 Galah





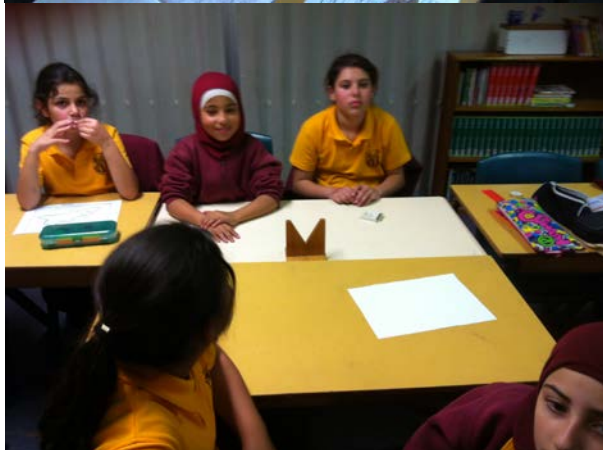
# Feature Class – 5/6L

5/6L and Stage 3 have been fortunate to work alongside Merrylands High School teachers in a series of science and ICT lessons. These lessons were practical and hands-on and gave students the opportunity to:

- develop an inquisitive mind during science lessons
- understand and use scientific language
- discuss the outcome of experiments with their peers
- design and plan how to present their findings in groups
- present their results using ICT applications on iPads.

Here is some of the feedback students gave about the program:

- It was a lot of fun! We got to make a video showing the results from the science experiment 'if plants grow faster in fresh water or flood water' (Salgh).
- Another experiment was to see what is a real image and fake image using a candle, lens and paper (Salvador).
- I thought science was about mixing ingredients but it's not only about that. It's about seeing something grow over time (Lusia).
- Our last experiment was about what a real and fake image is. We had to use candle light, lens and paper. When we held up the paper in front of the lens we saw an image of an upside down candle. We also talked about how our eyes have a lens and if we didn't have a lens we would see objects upside down (Chelti).





# Whispers

from the

## Library

### Book Week 2013 - Reading Across the Universe.



Book week has been up and running. Thank you so much for those parents who have supported our book fair. It's been great to see students buy books. My main aim for Book Fair isn't to make extra money but mainly for the students to enjoy the right to read leisurely. For me to see students excited to buy books is a treasure. THANK YOU! Book Fair ends Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch.

This week was the last week your child could enter a competition from the list provided previously. It has been very exciting to see the competitions coming in. The Book Week committee will be judging the competitions. We also have Mr Lawless judging one of the competitions as our special guest judge.

Hope you all enjoyed the Book Week Costume Parade on Thursday. Winners for Book Week Costume Parade will be announced at the parade; however the certificates for the parade will be handed to them at a later date.

All prizes and certificates for the Book Week Competitions will also be handed to students at a later date. All competitions will be judged by the end of Week 7 and announced and displayed in Week 8. All highly commendable competition entries will be on display in the hall after Week 7.

Thank you



Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian).