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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Eid Mubarak to all those who have been fasting during Ramadan. We wish you happiness at this special time.

I'd like to thank everyone for their participation in Education Week which we celebrated last week. It was a very enjoyable and productive week here at Guildford Public School. Thanks to our parents and friends who visited the school for our special assembly or to visit classrooms. In this newsletter I have included a selection of photographs covering our Education Week Assembly, our student leaders, choir and dance group, 'Love of Learning' award recipients and photos from our annual Athletics Carnival.

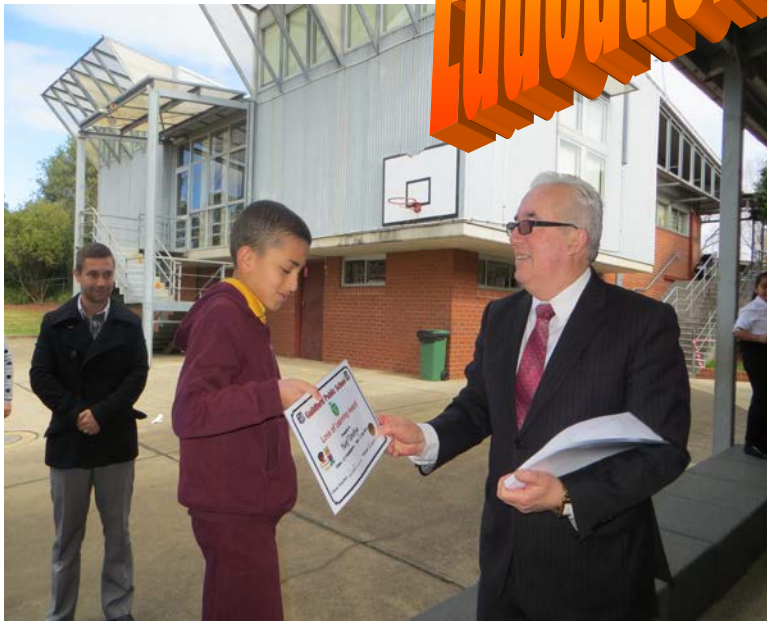
The carnival was a great day with perfect winter weather. Students K-6 enthusiastically participated in races and novelty events. It was also wonderful to have many parents in attendance and some assisting the teachers.

Thanks to everyone for their involvement and to Miss Smith (3-6) and Miss Blewitt and Mrs McGrath (K-2) for co-ordinating the event.





Education Week



DANCE GROUP

Blues Brothers-Medley

Chorographer Mrs Ward & Miss D'Souza



Changes to classes at Guildford

I trust all carers and parents received the letter I sent home on Monday regarding the recent changes to class arrangements at Guildford Public School.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Due to a significant increase in student enrolments in the past few weeks we have become eligible for an additional class teacher. The new class formed is called 3 Black Swan. In order to form this class we were required to shuffle or relocate a number of students. This had some impact from Years 1 to 5. Some classes were extremely large, so by creating the extra class and shuffling students, where necessary, we have been able to make all classes at or close to recommended student levels.

Miss Todoroska will take this class from 15th August, until then it is being held Ms Tanak. They are located in the blue ESL room. We are waiting on the delivery and installation of a demountable classroom.

As I said in my letter on Monday please see the class teacher or make an appointment to see me should you have any concerns regarding the recent changes to classes. Students who have changed teacher appear to have settled very well and teachers are being proactive in supporting this time of adjustment. Also, teachers are meeting to exchange data and assessment details.

Have a Great Fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless

Principal



EDUCATION WEEK



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



- 1L Vivian Dokolo, Kristina Gierke,
Mohammed Al Tamimi, Chanel
Terei, Hooria Ebrahimi
- 1/2P Aimen Zraika, Joelle Alameddine,
Serena Hamze
- 2/3K Luke Whaanga, Nadine Yasseer
- 4NM Asahak Ahmed, Amani Naaman
- 5/6B William Lam, Rayan Ahmed, Mahdi
Salman, Safwan Hamdan
- 5/6P Amar Yassine, Allen Zheng, Natalie
Batistic
- RFF SalehEslami(5/6L),
Deya Daoudi(5/6P)

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT!

STAR AWARDS



- Angel Wallace KE
Qoussay Agha 1G
Mandy Huang 1R
Mariam Elsamad 1R
Lorima Rokosuka 1R
Sarrah Hussein 1L
Faria Moosawi 1/2P
Joelle Alameddine 1/2P
Richard Eng 3/4S
Tyson Ashton 4/5A
Chay-lee Howarth 4/5NM
Nikhil Kumar 5/6B
Aaliyah Zreika 5/6B
Razzan El Kassab 5/6P
Ali Rezaee 5/6P
Saleh Eslami Natanzi 5/6L
Mariam Elkassab 5/6L

Superstar Awards

- Shahnaz Kowaidar 1/2G
Sarina Georgis 2WW
Renalds Sar 3/4S
Rayyan Arbess 3/4S
Heame Khazma 4NM
Macy Tebya 5/6L

Love of Learning K-2 Awardees:

- KE Lilian Dungay, Austin Pan
- KO Razia Ahmed, Faraz Hussain
- KC Zaynab Sediqi, Dayton Fuimaono
- 1R Mandy Huang, Justin Phan
- 1L Hasina Yousif, Ahmed Ahmed
- 1/2G Amirah El Kassab, Rowan Oymak
- 1/2P Kimmy Chung, Zac Singca
- 2WW Joanna Habib, Ali Hamdan

Love of Learning 3-6 Awardees:

2/3K Akanesi Matakaiongo, Yusef Tarabiya

3BW Katherine Tran, Sajjad Hazara

34S Mya Zreika, Renalds Sar

4NM Chay-Lee Howarth, Asahak Ahmed

45A Pauline Fifita, Mohammed Yasseer

56L Chelti Madamba, Saleh Eslami
Natanzi

56P Deya Daoudi, Issa Arbess

56B Jeyda Olca, Sayed-Ahmad Moshref



Last Friday, 2nd of August, was our Jeans for Genes Day. Children were asked to wear jeans on that day and bring along a gold coin donation. For just wearing your jeans on that day, our school raised 261 dollars. Also we sold 350 dollars in Jeans for Genes Day merchandise.

The money raised will help in the work of the scientists at Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI). The CMRI main aim is to improve and extend the lives of children everywhere.

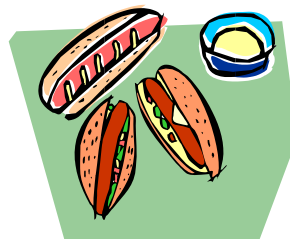
Many thanks to all the children and parents who helped raise such a large amount of money for such a great organisation.

Mrs. Ferguson

CONGRATULATIONS!

WE RAISED \$1050.75

On Wednesday 26 June (last term) we had planned to have a Family Sports' Day. Unfortunately, due to the wet weather the sports' activities were cancelled. Our sausage sizzle went ahead as planned and \$1050.75 was raised. What a fantastic effort! Special thank yous must go to Mrs Hamze who donated the sausages, Mrs Mareko (Our CLO) who donated the bread rolls and Mrs Tye who organised the drinks from the canteen. A big thank you to all our parents and community members who helped with the organisation before the event and to all our parents and community members who helped on the day (cooking, organising and packing the orders etc.)



WE GREATLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

TERM 2	DATES TO REMEMBER
13/8/13	UNSW Mathematics Test
19/8/13- 23/8/13	Book Week & Fair
02/9/13	Our Spectacular
05/09/13	School Photos



Whispers

from the

Library

Book Week 2013 - Costume

Parade

Last newsletter I mentioned the Costume Parade. This is going to be held in Week 6. A letter will be sent to you in Week 5 telling you what day and time this will happen. We would like to encourage all students to participate. And it's an expectation that SRC, Captains and Prefix get involved.

These are the following themes and suggestions.

- **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 an 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.



Book Week 2013 – Competitions

These are the competitions for this year.

Book Week Competitions

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:

- 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)

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.

New Timetable.

With the new 17th class now organised, we now have a new timetable.

Here are your child's library days.

Monday: 5/6 L, 2W, and 1 L.

Tuesday: 5/6P, 2 K, 3BW, 4A and Kindergarten Cockatoo.

Wednesday: 4/5S, 3BS, 1/2P

Thursday: 4NM, 5/6B and 1/2G.\

Friday: Kindergarten Owl, Kindergarten Emu and 1 Rosella

** Mrs Elsamari will be taking Library on Fridays.

Thank you

Mr Norambuena
(Teacher Librarian).



Feature Class – 3 BW



This term stage two classes are travelling through the Solar System. Already we have visited the centre of our solar system- the Sun. Now we have just landed on the Moon, which is only three days away, if we travel at 5300 km per hour. During the next month we have to keep a nightly diary of the different phases of the Moon. This week we are learning about how the earth's rotation causes the seasons.

During term three, Blue Wren children are going to try to visit all the planets and collect information about them. With a buddy student they are going to use a publishing tool on the computer to produce a travel brochure to inform other class mates about their favourite planet.



Athletics Carnival

We had a fabulous day at our annual Athletics Carnival on Thursday 1st August. Thank you to our parent and community helpers; Mrs El Assaad, Mrs Mahoney, Mr Liu and Asenati Mareko. The winning house for this year's carnival, by only 6 points, is **Waratah**. **Blue Gum** came in a close second and **Wattle** came third. It was great to see all of our students doing their very best on the day.

Miss Smith, Mrs Elsamrani and 42 students will travel to Wyatt Park at Lidcombe for the Zone carnival next Wednesday 14th August.





Athletics Carnival



Debating

Congratulations to the debating team who **won** their first debate on Thursday 25 July. It was an exciting debate to watch and the adjudicator was very impressed with Guildford's team. The winning team members were Jayson Ly, Mahmutjahn Olca, Chelti Madamba and Vanessa Lam (as team advisor). The debate topic was "That computer games do more harm than good" and we were the affirmative team.

Our next debate is scheduled to be Tuesday 13 August (Week 5). This is the last debate for 2013. This debate's team will be Tara Noguiera, Tiresa Rees, Natalie Bastistic and Andre Meauli (as team advisor). It will be held at our school at 1130am in the school hall. The topic for this debate will be "That electronics are ruining our social life". Our team will be the affirmative.

Good luck to all the debaters and feel free to come and watch.



Websites of the Week

Primary and High school

Food for the school day

Any parent of school-aged children knows how famished their kids are the minute they walk in the door from school. And the simple reason for that is learning makes you hungry. Or, to put it another way, children need to eat well if they are to learn well. Here is some advice to help feed developing brains.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>

Ten cybersafety tips every parent should know

Keeping your kids safe online is easy with a few simple precautions. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/cybersafety-tips-every-parent-should-know>

Getting kids into nature

Does it really matter if children are spending more of their time indoors rather than climbing trees and catching cicadas? According to the experts, the answer is a resounding "yes". Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/fitness/getting-into-nature>

Primary school

Leaving your children at home alone. All parents make the decision to leave their child at home alone sooner or later. And although parents may worry at first, most kids will be fine on their own when the appropriate time comes, so long as some guidelines are followed. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/development/leaving-your-children-at-home-alone>

I have fun with faces

Try our fun, free app that helps preschoolers develop their reading and numeracy skills. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/educational-games/i-have-fun-with-faces>



Antletics Carnival





Athletics Carnival

