



# GUILDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## NEWS UPDATE

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### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can you believe we have just about completed another term!

Most students have made very pleasing progress in their learning. Staff have had many opportunities to improve and develop their skills through relevant and innovative professional development. Parents have been supportive and shown interest in their children's learning. Another great term!

School officially breaks up for the Term 3 holidays tomorrow, Friday 20 September at 3:00pm. Students return for Term 4 in their summer uniform. Please remember that all shoes are to be plain black and these are worn with white socks. Students need a school hat. These can be purchased at the canteen for \$10.

**Students and staff return on Tuesday 8 October. Please note that Monday 7 October is a Public Holiday and there is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.**

### School Concert is going.... 'Around the World'

Once again all students K-6 are rehearsing for our Annual School concert. The big day will be **Wednesday 30 October**. Put that in your diaries

now! We will once again have two performances including a Matinee at 11.30am and an Evening performance at 7.00pm.

This year's theme is *'Around the World'*. Tickets will go on sale early next term. All students should have received a note from their class teacher about costumes. Please see them if you have any questions about the concert.

It's bound to be a wonderful show again.

### PSSA

Congratulations to all our PSSA teams and their coaches for a fantastic season. The Junior Netball team coached by Mrs Byrnes made it to the Semi-finals. The Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball teams coached by Mrs Penaloza made it to the Grand Finals.

And special congratulations to the Junior and Senior Oz-Tag teams coached by Mr Nicolacopoulos who finished on top of the table at the end of the rounds and won their grand final. This is the first time Guildford Public School has won the Oz-Tag competition.

Well done Mr Nicolacopoulos and boys!



## Delayed Release of NAPLAN 2013 Student Reports to Parents

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised that distribution of Student Reports to schools will be delayed.

On advice from ACARA, it is anticipated that 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports will be delivered to schools across Australia from 8–11 October, with distribution of reports to parents to occur in the week Monday 14 to Friday 18 October.

As soon as we receive student reports they will be distributed to parents.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Miss Patricia Walpole

*Relieving Principal*

<u>TERM 3</u>	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
19/9/13	SRC Movie Night
20/9/13	Last Day for Term 3
7/10/13	Public Holiday – Labour Day
8/10/13	First Day of School – Term 4
15/10/13	Kindy – Calmsley Hill Farm excursion

## STAR AWARDS



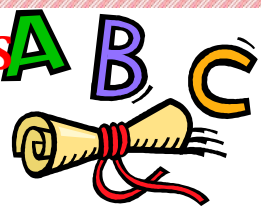
KO	Hadeel Kerdi
1R	Justin Phan
1R	Jessica Masters
1R	Patrick Empasis
1/2G	Khaldoun Khazma
1/2G	Aimen Zraika
2K	Ibrahim Arbess
2K	Ranim Saleem
2K	Nicole Tan Terles
2W	Umang Kumar
3BW	Fatima Algastrani
3BW	Sajjad Hazara
3BW	Kirsty Nguyen
4NM	Shanil Wijesurenda
5/6L	Chelti Madamba
5/6B	Lennyx Tautuhi
5/6B	Vili Ravouvou
5/6B	Rayan Ahmad
5/6P	Long Zou
5/6P	Dylan Wallace

### **Congratulations to:**

4NM	Shanil Wijesurendra
5/6L	Chelti Madamba
5/6B	Paul Charbel, Sayed-Ahmed Moshref, Sadaf Hazara, Jeyda Olca

*For achieving their second Guildford Star Award.*

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



KE Ane Fifita, Austin Pan, Ayah Tarabiya  
 1L Joshua Paseka  
 3BW Fantasia Dokolo, Phillip Baldacchino  
 4NM Zak Skaf, Rahul Prasad  
 5/6B Aaliyah Zreika, Lennyx Tautuhi  
 5/6L Ehsan Khademi, Francis Asabre,  
 Angelina Moeakiola  
 Art Mrs Este – Muhadesa Ebrahimi 1R

CONGRATULATIONS!  
 KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

**Miss Walpole**

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

## **PSSA Newcombe Ball**

The Junior and Senior Newcombe Ball team has been exceptional this season and worked really hard to make it to the PSSA grand finals.

Both teams showed great team work and sportsmanship and I'm very proud of their efforts this season.

The Junior team played against Lidcombe PS and the Senior team were up against Merrylands East PS. unfortunately both teams were defeated but they should be commended for their dedication and hard work throughout the season.

Congratulations!

**Junior Team:** Ahmelia Katoa, Tamara Barlow, Diloris Katoa, Nakita Whaanga, Chay-lee Howarth, Jeyda Olca, Amar Yassine, Aydin Yag, Taaha Tobbie, Mahdi Salman, Halley Fu and Oscar Yau.

**Senior Team:** Rayan Ahmed, Grace Taufu, Jawaher Yassine, Farah Al Tamimi, Lusía Perez, Angelina Moeakiola, Natalie Batistic, Imran Chakari, Trevon Kasimausi, Jason Ly, Francis Asabre and Long Zou.

**Mrs L Peñaloza**

**Newcombe Ball coach**







## LEAGUE TAG REPORT

A huge congratulations to both Junior and Senior League Tag teams for a spectacular season winning their Grand finals. Both these teams have created history at our school, as they are the first Guildford champions in Oztag/League tag.

They both finished the season in first place. The Juniors remained undefeated all year! I'm so proud of their consistent effort all year, weekly at training and on game day.

It was entertaining to watch every game. Their blistering speed, dazzling footwork, perfect passing and try saving tags. A special mention to the dynamic duo Billy Slater (Sherif Awick) and Ben Barba (Taku Latui) for filling in for the Seniors at times during the year and on Grand final day when short on players.

Special mention to Livai, Vili and Samisoni for their great contribution to the League Tag Teams at Guildford as they will be moving on to high school.

Thanks to the Pluver birds for embarrassing me during training, making me run away like a cat.

Finally thanks to both league tag teams for a memorable season.

Below are the team lists.

**Juniors:** Amazing **Amir Awick**, **Brodan Wallace**  
Warrior, Cheeky **Charlie Hosea**, Zippy

**Zakaria Skaf**, Hurrying **Hamza Handulla**, Alert **Ali Elsamad**, Lively **Luke Dannawi**, Clever **Cullen Rollo** (Cameron Smith), Speedy **Sherif Awick**, Jubilant **John Tooahalaki**, Terrific **Taku Latui**.

**Seniors:** Dynamic **Dylan Wallace**, Livewire **Livai Sauakuru**, Superb **Safwan Hamdan**. Super **Samisoni Ikamanu**, Slater **Sheriff Awick**, Terrific **Taku LATui**, Valuable **Villi Ravavou**, Tireless **Taylan Yag**, Awesome **Alaa Agha**, Clever **Cullen Rollo** (Cameron Smith), **Versatile** Nassar Hasna.

**Mr Nicolacopoulos**



# Recount – Camp in Canberra

I woke up on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. It was Tuesday morning and I woke up at 4:45 a.m. To make my way to school camp. After eating breakfast and getting ready, we finally arrived at school. I waited in my class line for the coach to arrive. My mum gave me a kiss goodbye and hug, and then we were on our way to Canberra. How exciting!

It was a really long way to Canberra so we all had a little chat with friends. Mr Hanna put on a movie called 'College Road Trip' it was hilarious. We finally arrived at the park in Goulburn, where we would have recess, an opportunity to use the toilet and to stretch our legs out. After that we arrived to Parliament House. It was very exciting! We went to the Federal Chamber and also the Senate. Our tour guide was absolutely lovely.

After the Parliament House we went to the Australian Institute of Sport. We were given a tour by Ella; she is an athlete that specialises in basketball. We were also accompanied by Nick, a weight lifter.

We first went to the pool, where we dove deep in facts about this world-renowned pool. After that we went to the gym and saw many athletes working out to keep fit and healthy. Later we went to the volleyball courts where we saw the coaches playing a friendly match. We then made our way to the gymnasium and saw the tools that gymnasts work with such as the ropes, bars and the floor. After this we had some time so went to the games room to try out virtual Olympic Games.

We then had lunch outside the Institute of Sport. We were then on our way to The Natural Museum of Australia. It was spectacular. We even had a chance to see the legendary heart of the one and only Pharlap!

After a fun day we finally arrived at the accommodation place, where we went to our rooms with our buddies. I was partnered up with my two buddies Jeyda and Maya. We were also sharing the room with Charlene, Pauline, Farah and TJ. After a few of us had a quick shower, we made our way to dinner.

We had delicious pasta and then we had yummy desert. We had an hour of free time in our cabins. We used this time to have showers and to get ready for bed. It was awesome!

We woke up bright and early the next day at 6 a.m. And we went to breakfast. We had scrambled eggs, toast, sausages and hash browns. It was scrumptious.

We then made our exciting journey to the snow that was of course after we hired the snow gear.

We had to go on a chairlift over the mountains. My partner was Amodena both ways. We were told that we had lovely scarves and we were also asked for money. What silly pranks! We first had a snowman competition and we then had a snow ball fight. Mr Hanna was buried in snow.

We then headed back to the park to have lunch and to run around a little bit. We then headed back to the accommodation place to have showers and to go have dinner. We had chicken schnitzel, hot chips and vegies. We then got dressed in our pyjamas to have a movie night. But before this could happen we listened to some beautiful poetry by an elderly person.

We then watched 'Home and Alone'. We were laughing the whole time. We then went to catch some sleep. We woke up early again, getting ready to depart the accommodation place. We had breakfast and then left.

Before we went to the next destination, our bus driver gave us an embassy tour. We saw various countries' embassies.

We went to the Australian War Memorial, where we took part in a wreath laying ceremony, hosted by Saleh, Charlene, Sonia and Dylan. We then



listened to a veteran's story. He took part in the air force.

We then left for an exciting trip to Questacon. We went on the free fall; we also went in the earthquake house. We then bought souvenirs and made our way home. Half way through we stopped for dinner at McDonald's and then continued. Many people were reminiscing about the embassy tour and the exciting sighting of Farlap's heart.

We arrived at school and we left for home. Oh how we all missed our families.







Fun in the Snow



# Feature Class – K Owl

Kindergarten Owl has been working hard all year. We have learnt lots of new skills, facts and ways to learn. These are some of the things Kindergarten Owl loves learning about and reasons why they like coming to Guildford Public School.

I like learning my words so I can move up to the highest level. (Faraz)

I like writing on the ipad. (Rafael)

I like to reach my writing goals. (Zahraa)

I like to go on Reading Eggs. (Fatima)

I like to learn how to spell my words and go up levels. (Majd)

I like learning in Maths. (Hadeel)

I like listening to teachers. (Razia)

I like reading with my group. (Mariam)

I like learning in TEN. (Jawed)

I like learning how to play with toys in a team. (Jesbesha)

I like reading with my teacher. (Margaret)

I like to reach my goals and learn my words. (Noah)

I like listening to my teacher read books. (Amelia)

I like painting. (Ben)

I like learning how to dance (Sophia)

I like painting. Layel

I like using the ipad. (Muhumed)

I like to do puzzles. (Sorena)

I like to count at school. (Levi)

I like teaching Kindergarten Owl and seeing everyone in the class learn new things and improve. (Miss Ali Khan)





# CRUNCH AND SIP BREAK

Next term from day one every class will be having a five minute break called the **Crunch & Sip™** break. This set break is for students to **eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water** in the classroom. Guildford Public School has introduced the **Crunch & Sip™** break to support our students in establishing some healthy eating habits whilst at school.

On the first school day of term four, parents are encouraged to pack a drink of water or an extra piece of fruit or salad vegetables that can be eaten in five minutes.



Many thanks to all the parents who will support this healthy eating initiative,  
Mrs Ferguson



## **Premier's Spelling Bee- Regional Final 2013**

**Congratulations to one of our star students, Shanil Wijesurendra!**

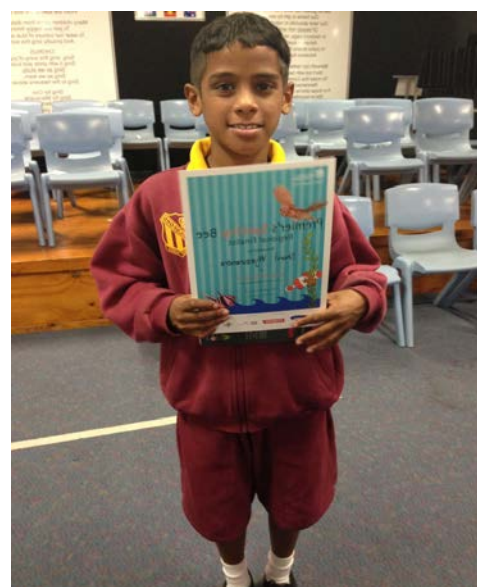
Shanil represented our school in junior division of the regional Premier's Spelling Bee final last week at Parramatta North Public School. Shanil came a highly commendable 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the competition and out spelt 43 other students. While Shanil was an outstanding competitor, the competition was fierce and he lost out on the word 'artifice'.

Congratulations also to Hayne Khaung (23<sup>rd</sup> place), Vanessa Lam (24<sup>th</sup> place) and Karen Tran (15<sup>th</sup> place) for their excellent efforts during the regional spelling competition. All four regional finalists ought to be extremely proud of their achievements in the Premier's Spelling Bee this year. Shanil, Hayne, Vanessa and Karen all represented GPS with poise, courage and confidence.

The Premier's Spelling Bee is an initiative designed to foster a love of words and spelling and encourage and support literacy development within state-run primary schools around NSW. It provides an opportunity for students to showcase their skills in spelling in a fun and challenging environment.

Mrs Byrnes

Spelling Bee Coordinator



Shanil Wijesurendra from 4NM with his regional finalist certificate.

# Monkey Bar Drama

## Theatre Workshop

On Wednesday 4th September 2013, two people from the Monkey Bar Theatre (in Darling Harbour) came to our class. Their names were Hew and Belinda, and we played fun games with them in the hall.

Firstly, we played a game called Stop and Go. Hew taught us it. We had to walk around the hall, and when Hew said stop or go, we had to do it. Then he added fast and slow, then jump and clap and finally opposites. It was really fun.

Next we played a game called That's Amazing with Belinda. Someone had to walk to the middle of the circle we made in slow motion and we, the TV reporters, had to say exciting stuff about it to our partners. It wasn't as fun as Stop and Go, and I pretended my camera was a bazooka.

After that, we did miming. Half of us were on Hew's side, and the rest of us were on Belinda's side. First we had to take three steps to the other group and say "Where do you come from?", then they'd say where they come from (which they made up). Then we say "What's your occupation?", and they would mime a job. When we guess what it is, we have to tip them before they get back to their spots. It was fun, but we had to stop when someone got hurt.

Next we had to go into groups and make shapes and pictures. It was really fun, and we played it with Hew. We did stuff like a circle, lawnmower (that was funny), rocket (I was a window), and a disaster at the beach, which we made a shark attack, and in my group, I was the victim!

Finally, we played a game called Cops and Robbers, which was really fun, though it was a pity I couldn't do anything but watch! The robber had to get the keys with a blindfold on, and the cop had to stop him or her from getting out of the circle, but they had a blindfold on too!

That was our awesome day with Hew and Belinda!

By Rayyan Arbess 4/5 Seagull

### Monkey Bar Drama Workshop – 4/5 Seagull



Rayyan Arbess, Samira Wang, Pauline Fifita, Tj Cooper-Reynolds, Elham Houda and Shayal Prakash – The Lawnmower



Mariam El Kassab, Cindy Nguyen, Mena Moosawi, Sarah Sabra, Halley Fu, Cullen Rollo – At the Beach



Mohammad Hassan, Abdullahi Said, Tj Cooper-Reynolds – You're Amazing.



# **SRC Movie Night Fundraising**

A friendly reminder that **Movie Night** will be in our school hall on **Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> September**.

Permission notes were sent home last week and you can also find a copy of the note on our school website. There will be a K-2 movie session from 4:00-5:30 and a 3-6 movie session from 6:00-7:30. The cost to attend this event will be \$6.00 and students will receive a packet of popcorn and a drink. Please ensure all money is placed in an envelope with your child's name and class labelled and paid in the payment box outside Ms Sheehey's office.

All funds raised will assist our school to purchase resources for our students to use and benefit from. All students across K-6 are encouraged to attend.

Hope to see you all there

Mr P. Hanna

Relieving Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching)



## **School Attendance**

Please remember that if your child is away from school for any reason that a note or medical certificate should be provided to the class teacher on his/her return, stating the date and reason for the absence. Teachers mark class rolls promptly at the beginning of each day, so children arriving after the start of class are recorded as being partially absent. Regular and punctual attendance at school each day is vital and sets up good patterns for student's learning.

Thanking you for support

Mr P. Hanna

Relieving Deputy Principal (Quality Teaching)

## **FROM THE COMMUNITY**

On the 11th of September Guildford Public went on a parent excursion to the Rocks in Sydney.

15 of our wonderful parents attended the excursion with us by train. Once we got there we had morning tea by the water, enjoying the great view of the Opera house and the beautiful sunshine with a chat and laughter while the kids were playing.

After our rest we took a tour around the Historic Rocks, through the old Streets and passing the old cafes and buildings that stood time. We bought lunch and made a way under the Harbour bridge where we sat on a hill overlooking the water with a million dollar view.

Our parents had so much fun enjoying the day and taken in the view and sunshine. They are already looking forward to our next excursion.

We couldn't have asked for a nicer day or location

Until next time

Zena Zamerli and Asenati Mareko

Community Liaison Officers

