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NEWS UPDATE

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in week 6 of Term 3 and almost at the end of Winter, although it's hard to believe it at the moment. We have a lot happening in the coming weeks including Our Spectacular at the Opera House, School Photographs, Stage 3 Sport and Fitness Camp to Narrabeen and Stage 1 'Lessons A-Float' excursion.

Theatre Comes to Guildford

Last Wednesday students in Years 3-6, were given a theatrical experience with the presentation of 'The Crossing' in our school hall.

The professional production told the historical true story of our famous explorers Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson in their successful exploration and crossing of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney in the year 1813, just 25 years after the First Fleet arrived in 1788.



Wet Weather



Although we have far more dry days than wet days here in Sydney, the wet weather always catches up eventually. Despite the inconvenience, we can always do with the rain. We can't get by without water!

Unfortunately, rainy days create some concerning issues for us at Guildford Public School. Although over many years I have requested all students to have a fold up rain coat in their bags, there continues to be a significant number of students without this protection. Consequently, many children are coming to school damp or outright wet! How can it be that parents send children to walk to school without a rain coat or umbrella when it is absolutely pouring rain?

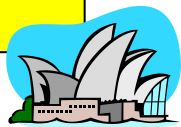
This doesn't make any sense to me. Also parents driving into the front courtyard from Apia St to drop off children near the office is absolutely unacceptable. It's **NOT ON!**

This is far too dangerous as many children are entering school between 8:30am and 9am.

We do not have clothes for children who are wet to change into. Would you like to sit in a classroom all day in wet clothes?

If the answer is "No!" then please provide ASAP a raincoat for every child in your family who attends school. Thanks to everyone who followed up on my last request for raincoats. There has definitely been an improvement.

Our Spectacular



Once again our senior choir and dance groups have been selected to perform at the Sydney Opera House in this the 14th Annual Production of Our Spectacular. Congratulations to these extra-curricular groups and their teachers; Choir (Mrs Hemming & Mr Kranenburg) and Dance Group (Miss De Souza & Ms Karamaneas).

The Production is on Tuesday 2 September. Miss Walpole and myself will also be assisting with the show as in previous years.

Unfortunately, there are no tickets left.

For parents who have not finalised bus fares and ticket orders could you please finalize as soon as possible.

It is wonderful that our children have this opportunity as well as our Annual School Concert. Creative and Performing Arts in one of Six Key Learning Areas we teach in New South Wales Schools. The quote below by Phillip Pullman in the Guardian (30 March 2012) captures; I believe the essence of how and why this KLA is vital to all children.

It is my philosophy too!

"Children need to go to the theatre as much as they need to run about in the fresh air. They need to hear real music played by real musicians on real instruments as much as they need food and drink. They need to read and listen to proper stories as much as they need to be loved and cared for...If you deprive them of the art and music and story and theatre and dance, they perish on the inside" by Phillip Pullman in the Guardian (30 March 2012)

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)



Once again all staff have been re-trained in CPR at an after school workshop yesterday.

All staff with the Department are expected to maintain their qualifications in CPR and Emergency Care.

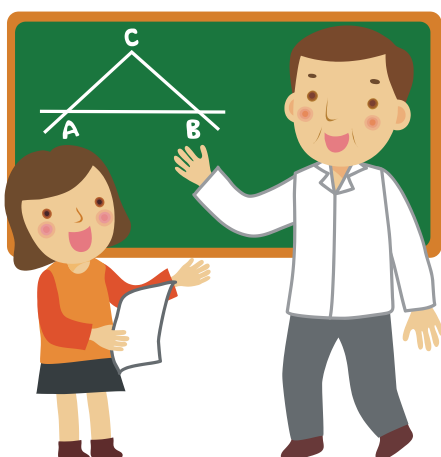
When a person's heart stops, it is known as being in 'cardiac arrest'.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a technique, including chest compressions, designed to pump the heart to get blood circulating and deliver oxygen to the brain which can stimulate the heart to start working again.

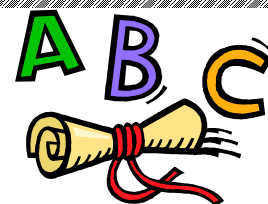
Teachers learn these skills so that in an emergency with a student, parent or staff member, they can assist and hopefully save a life.

Professional Development for Teachers

As well as the CPR training, teachers at Guildford are continually up skilling themselves. You will notice that sometimes a visiting teacher may be on your child's class. This may be due to the teacher being sick, however many times it is due to the teachers attending a Teacher Professional Development (TPL) course or workshop. Our teachers have been actively involved in specialised training in English and Mathematics. Over the next two weeks all staff will be involved in TPL again. Teachers leave an over-view for the visiting teacher. While parents may be concerned that the teacher is not on class for that day, the professional benefits will support student learning now and in the future as we embrace "*Best Practise Education*".



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



KB - Christian Bull, Maha Mahmood
KC - Armin Riahi, Moimoi Latu
KM - Shahed Taleb
KW - Fouad Hussan, Taskeen Ali
1P - Ryttdyk Ah Lam
1Y - Neyfa Taleb, Jawed Moosawi
1/2B - Mubarak Said, Misti Sheth
2G - Sumaiya Taleb
2B - Naz Abbas
2/3B - Jerome Ah Lam, Rabee Zreika
3W - Mohammed Khazma, Ibrahim Alhalabi, Nicole Tan Terles
4B - Tiana Stefano, Fantasia Dokolo
5B - Renalds Sar, Regina Collis, Ali Seena Jafari, Arian Namdar
5C - Cern Kiyak, Tiresa Rees, Sofia Wallis
6B - Mirna Abdulwahab, Mosaob Saleem
6J - Hamzah Handullah, Ali Abdulrahman
RFF - Tara Nogueira 5B
CL - Mosaab Saleem 6B, Ali El-Samad 6J, Ali Abdulrahman 6J, Sarah Sabra 6J, Mirna Abdulwahab 6B, Amani El Khaled 4B, Abbas Mekdadi 4C

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless

I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal





Super Star Awards

- KB - Kelly Vuong
- K1/W - Husneya Muhammadi
Layel Jbara
- 1Y - Hadeel Kerdi
- 1/2B - Faraz Hussain
Jessica Masters
- 2/3B - Rabee Zreika
- 3W - Zach Keogh
- 4B - Katherine Tran
Linda Trieu Phu
- 5C - Jakob Masters
Nadine El Ramlawi
- 5B - Mohammed Yasseer
Amani Naaman
- 6B - TJ Cooper-Reynolds

GOLD STAR

- 1Y - Ane Fifita
- 1/2B - Sarrah Hussain
- 5B - Heame Khazma

TERM 3	DATES TO REMEMBER
18 Aug	Book Week
27 Aug	3-6 Choir GSHS 9am-3pm
2 Sept	Our Spectacular
4 Sept	School Photos
8 Sept – 10 Sept	Stage 3 Camp
16 Sept	Stage 1 Excursion 'Lessons A-Float'



Parramatta Eels Stadium Excursion

On Monday the 4th of August 2014 at 9:20 am, my peers and I went to the Parramatta Eels stadium. We went with Mrs Tanak, Miss Walpole, Mr Nick, 6 Jamberoo and 6 Barramundi students to enhance our teamwork and social skills.

On arrival to the stadium, we met a wonderful lady named Melanie or for short, Mel. She introduced us to her and outlined the schedule for the day. She cautioned us to be very quiet whilst walking in the hall ways because there were people working.

We entered an unusual classroom with a blackboard stuck to the wall. After being seated on the carpet, Mel asked us to complete an identity activity on a jersey made of paper. It was very nice. Followed by this activity, we had recess and went outside to the barbeque area.

After recess, we went inside and met a football player named Tui Kamikamica. He told us his life story. It was very sad but very inspiring at the same time. I really learnt a lot from him. Then we met another football player named Kelepi Taginoa. He also spoke to us about his life. This too, was very inspirational.

Next, we had to do a bibliography about our friend. I wrote about Ebru Nur Gunduz. When we completed this task, we had some time to talk about what physiotherapy means. It means when you go to sessions to relax the muscle and help recover the pain from injuries made to the body.

Lastly, we had lunch and had a tour around the stadium. We went through the tunnel where the players enter and exit the field. After that, we went to the top grass area and had some fun playing sport. I had a really good time but at the same time I was really tired and wanted to go home.😊😊

Mirna Abdulwahab

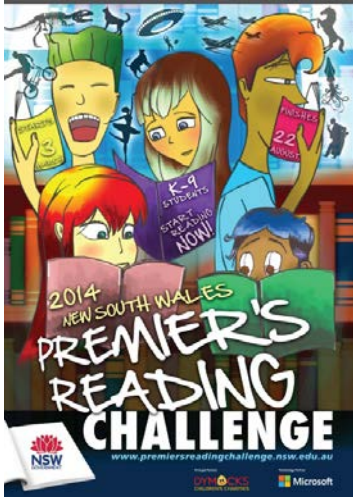
6 Barramundi





Whispers from the Library

Premier's Reading Challenge has ended.



This year's Premier's Reading Challenge has come to an end. All teacher librarians have to validate the entries so that those who participated in the event can receive their certificate or medallion. Well done to all those students in Year 3 to 6 who entered and successfully completed the challenge independently. Every year students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are automatically entered into the Premier's Challenge and should receive a certificate at the end of the year. I read the students books from the challenge and register their attendance on the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

Book Week Competitions.

Every year it amazes me how creative and imaginative our students are with entries. With some very interesting competition entries it's going to be a treat to see them. Each Book Week Committee member at the school is in charge of a category and will judge this week some times. Winners will be announced mid next week.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped their child participate this competition. It's good to see that you spend quality time with your child.

Library Disruptions.

Last week and this week we've had disruptions with library lessons. Due to maintenance in kindergarten classes, students from those classes have been relocated into the library for the week.

This has caused disruptions with borrowing and returning books. PLEASE, if you know your child has yet to return books, send them in as soon as possible. I have collected as much as I can.

Book Fair Interruptions.

Due to the wet weather this week, the Book Fair has been interrupted. If you are interested in coming to buy books for your child, a friend or a friend's child, please come during the times advertised on the library door or front office door.

I have spoken to the book company and asked to extend the book fair for another week.

Thank you ☺

Mr Norambuena

(Teacher Librarian)



*Every time you are able
to find some humor in a
difficult situation, you win.*

Gardening Club

News



Recently our group of gardeners had a break from the garden and learned how to make a fruit salad.

We learned how each of the fruit we used grows and how they can be used for different purposes.

We also learned how to combine the right fruit to make a wonderful refreshing fruit salad.

We have also planted some herbs in our garden beds and in the next few weeks we'll learn how to use these herbs in cooking.

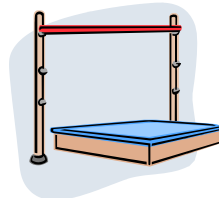
Our bulbs have started to grow near the Kindergarten areas, (near the car park). We hope they will grow for Spring and be in bloom before the end of the term. Please be careful near that area and use the correct walk ways so we don't destroy the daffodils.

Rhys Norambuena and Eman Soryal
(Gardening Coordinators).



Auburn Zone

Athletics



Congratulations to the 39 students who attended the Auburn Zone Athletics Carnival last Wednesday with Mrs Hemming and myself. I am proud of our student's attitude and behaviour on the day was exemplary. Thank you to Ms Tegio, Mrs Masila and Mr Masters who came to support their children on the day. See the next newsletter for the official results from this year's carnival.

Alisha Smith

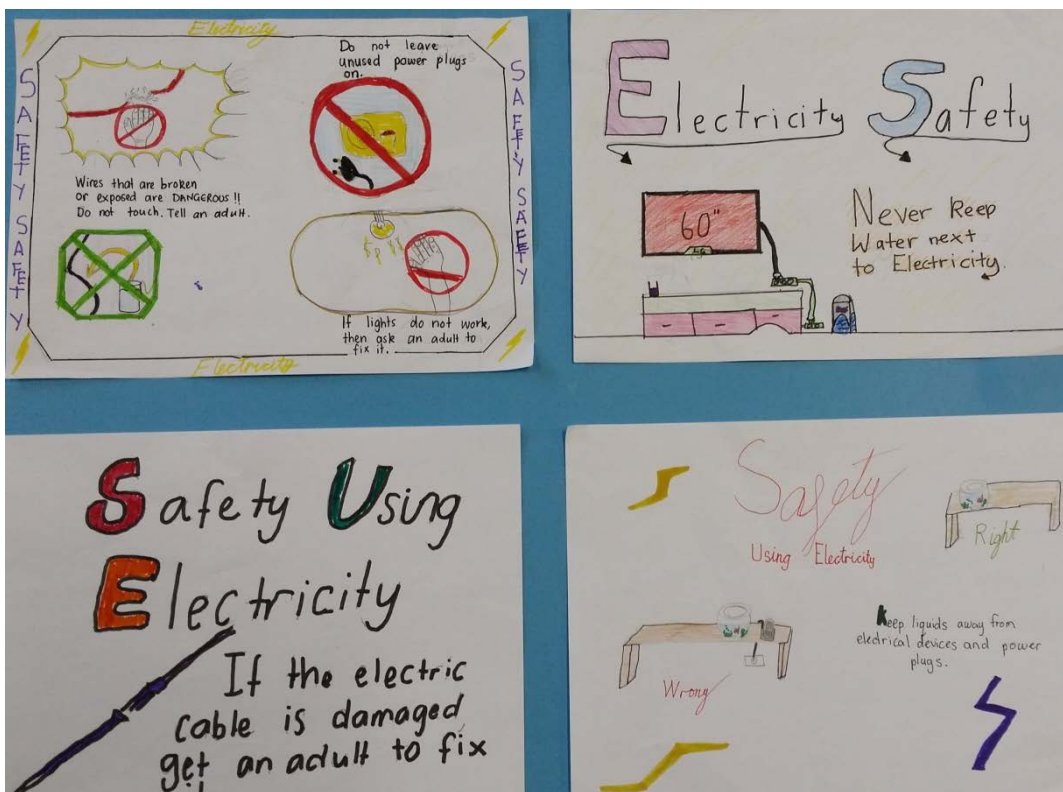
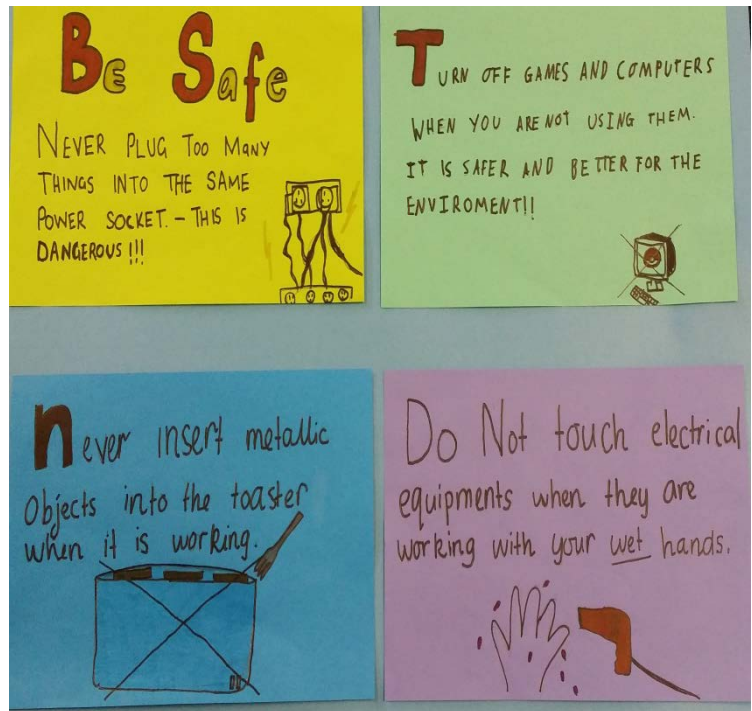


Feature class: 6 Barramundi

Our class have been learning about Electricity as part of the Science and Technology Key Learning Area. We have been learning about how electricity is generated, as well as some safety issues and hazards caused as a result of inappropriate use of electricity.

6 Barramundi found it important to promote the safe use of electricity, especially in the household by creating posters.

Here are a few.



Feature Class:

Kindergarten Yakka

Kindergarten Yakka have really enjoyed learning about 'The Farm' this term. This topic has been integrated into many key learning areas. These include the following:

- Writing: we have written about the appearance, diet and habitat of farm animals
- Reading: we are learning to read non-fiction texts to find information about the farm
- Science: we have planted beans to observe how it will change within the coming weeks
- HSIE: we are learning about what produce comes from a farm
- Craft: we are exploring many techniques to create a variety of farm animals



Sport News



Our PSSA teams played against Rosehill in round 11 of the competition.

Our junior newcombe ball team won their game and the score was 2 sets–0. **The senior newcombe team** was defeated and the score was 2-0 sets.

Comment: Excellent team effort juniors, keep focused and always give it your best shot, seniors!

Our junior netball team won their game and the score was 16-0.

The senior netball team had a draw and the score was 17-17.

Comment: Great games were played by both Juniors and Seniors. Fantastic defence and attacking skills were demonstrated by the seniors. Well done girls!

Our junior soccer team won their game and the score was 6-0.

The senior soccer team won their game and the score was 7-0.

Comment: Very strong performance by both the senior and junior boys!

Our boys junior league tag team was defeated in their game and the score was 5-2.

The boys senior league tag team won their game and the score was 11-3.

Comment: Need to stay positive all the time!

Our girls junior league tag team won their game and the score was 11-0.

The girls senior league tag team won their game and the score was 6-4.

Comment: All the girls did a great job this week-seniors. What a come back!

Our PSSA teams played against Lidcombe in round 12 of the competition.

Our junior newcombe ball team was defeated in their game and the score was 2 sets–0.

The senior newcombe team was defeated and the score was 2-0 sets.

Comment: Unfortunate loss. Best wishes for next week!

Our junior netball team was defeated in their game and the score was 7-2.

The senior netball team won their game and the score was 18-6.

Comment: All players worked together as a team. Great defending girls. Keep it up!

Our junior soccer team was defeated in their game and the score was 4-0.

The senior soccer team was defeated in their game and the score was 7-0.

Comment: Hopefully the juniors will have a chance to play in the finals next week!

Our boys junior league tag team had a draw and the score was 4-4.

The boys senior league tag team won their game and the score was 14-0.

Comment: Good communication on the field!

Our girls junior league tag team was defeated in their game and the score was 8-0.

The girls senior league tag team was defeated in their game and the score was 6-1.

Comment: Tough game in the mud!

