

OGPS



WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

Wednesday 7th May: Workshop for members of the Drum Group

Tuesday 13th May: NAPLAN—Language & Writing (Years 3 & 5)

Wednesday 14th May: NAPLAN— Reading

Thursday 15th May: NAPLAN— Numeracy

Tuesday 20th May: School photos

Monday 26th May—Wednesday 28th May; School Camp

Monday 26th May: Stage One excursion to Bondi

Tuesday 17th June: Kindergarten excursion

Wednesday 18th June: Choir practice at GSHS

Thursday 19th June: Year 5 students to attend Flag Day at CHHS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs K Campbell

Congratulations to our 2014 Student Representatives, Library Monitors and Sport House Captains. These students were presented with their badges in a wonderful assembly late last term. The staff are already delighted by the commitment and dedication the children continually display in their new role. The assembly was followed by a morning tea for the children and parents. I look forward to my involvement with such fine school leaders during the year.

In the last week of term students were involved in our school ANZAC Day ceremony. This is a very special occasion which provides us with an opportunity to give thanks to many who have sacrificed much to protect our way of life. It was a most moving ceremony and we were very proud of the respect our students displayed on this solemn occasion.

The children will soon be telling you about our new laptop allocation. Financial sponsorship from the Federal Government, Telstra and the Commonwealth Bank together with school funds has allowed us to participate in a program which provides a laptop for every student from Years 1—6. All students will have their own laptop for their entire time here at OGPS. As you can imagine this will be of amazing benefit for all students. It will also allow far greater access to individual learning programs. These laptops will be rolled out across the classes over the next few weeks. Our kindergarten classes will each have their own set of ipads as will the library.

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After School Sport

Term 1 After School Sport program gave students the opportunities to participate in many different skills and sporting activities. Some of the sports offered were basketball, tee-ball and many physical activities and games. Term 2 offers basketball, games and athletics.

There are no further vacancies available for term 2 but these will be offered again at the end of term for Term 3.



School A-Z

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times table? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A-Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children. **Simply go to the APP store for a free download onto your phone, ipad or computer.**

Kik, Vine, Instagram—are they safe?

It's no contest—kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking of creating a new social media account— or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z's technology glossary. You'll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for:

[http:bit.ly/1880erY](http://bit.ly/1880erY)

Garden Club

Each Friday a small group of 3-6 students come to school at 8am to participate in the Garden Club. We have been spending our mornings getting the garden prepared for the new lay out as well as making the area look fantastic for all of our visitors. In addition to the in school, class gardening sessions, these students give their free time to do all of the extra little bits. They are fast becoming quite the experts in the garden!



Good Work

Congratulation to all these children who were sent to the Principal's office with their wonderful work.

KI: Hameeda El-Amood, Ayah Amood.

KL: Marie Chechan, Shara Logronio

1R: Ali El Dirani, Narisa Win, Mahmoud Amood.

3/4F: Mortaza Askary, Ahmad Taha, Nazmieh Rifai.

5/6S: Saja Koweider

Learning Goals

These children have already achieved their first learning goal in 2014.

1D: Mouman Ghazzaoui, Ameer Elzaphir, Zoey Sleiman

1R: Stephanie Salman, Khoder Habib, Narisa Win, Khaled Zreika, Nelly Abbas.

P&C - Easter Raffle Winners

- 1st - Maria Barbera
- 2nd - Michael Fililava 1D
- 3rd - Dibe Chaker 3/4B
- 4th - M Sleiman
- 5th - Phillip Tato 5/6W
- 6th - Serene Sabouh 2T
- 7th - Dibe Chaker 3/4B
- 8th - Sydra Ghamrawi KB
- 9th - Fouad Ayoub 3/4F
- 10th - Jale Soylemez

Funky Hair Day

A big thank you to all of the students of OGPS who participated in the Funky Hair Day March 14th! Not only was it a lot of fun, but we also raised \$362 for the research into the cure for leukaemia and other blood cancers.

An extra big thank you to the members of the SRC who donated many cans of colourful You all worked very well together and demonstrated outstanding team spirit.



LIBRARY NEWS

Parent Library

Your child walks like you, talks like you, absorbs everything you do so setting the right example when it comes to reading is very important for your child's literacy development.

Old Guildford's library can help parents model good reading with our collection of books and magazines especially for parents. Each Thursday afternoon from 2:30 – 3:15 pm parents are invited to come into the library and browse our special parent shelves. Already some parents have discovered our cooking magazines and last term delighted their families with delicious recipes! When children see their parents using the library then they learn that reading is valuable too.

Preschool enrolments

Preschool enrolments for 2015 are now open. Enrolment in the preschool is available for all children the year before they start school. There are always more children than there are places available so don't miss out. Collect an enrolment form for your child from the office as soon as possible. The order of application will effect the final allocation of places.

Install the school app

Have you installed the school app on your phone? This app is suitable for both Apple and Android phones. Simply go to the **App Store** or **Google Play Store** and search Old Guildford Public School. Select the app and install. It will ask for a username and password.

Username: **Community**

Password: **oldguildfordps**

You will receive notification of school events and access to a school calendar.



Kitchen Garden—Stage 3 Making Easter Cookies



Grip Leadership Workshop

On Wednesday 26th of February, the school invited our top leaders to attend an exciting workshop where they could develop their natural leadership skills. We invited: Jonah Dinka, Mohamad and Omar Chaker, Natalie Win, Fatima Mossavi, Philip Tato, Eh Yoot Dar Poe and Happy Uisa as they exhibited strong leadership potential.



At the seminar, the students brainstormed all the qualities of a schoolyard superhero. We met many other leaders from many other schools and enjoyed meeting kindred spirits.

In the afternoon, the students learnt how to lead like a strawberry not like a watermelon!! This means to be the same person on the inside as the person you are on the outside. In the final session, we learnt how to bringing our ideas alive.



It was a great privilege for these eight students who were hand-picked from all of the Stage 3 students. Congratulations to all those who attended and we all look forward to watching you blossom into great leaders who know that to lead is to serve.



Induction Ceremony

On Wednesday 2nd April, OGPS welcomed the 2014 SCR representatives, library monitors and sports captains in our official induction ceremony. These students are role models in our school and it was lovely to see them proudly receive their badges. The ceremony was followed by morning tea in the alfresco dining area. Special thanks to Ms Luongo, Ms Bates, Ms Carroll, Mr Frankson, Ms Moyo and Miss Fornasier for organising this special event.

SRC Representatives



Library Monitors

Sports Captains

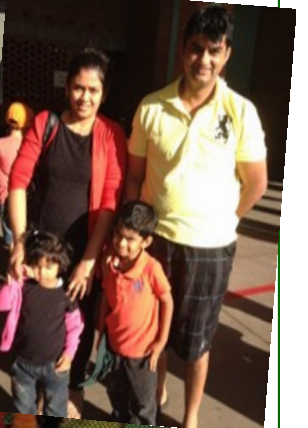
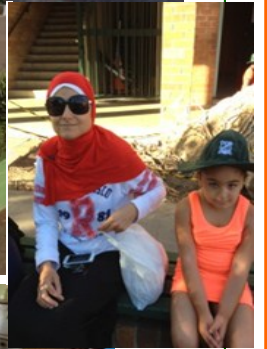


"Everyone Belongs at OPGs"



This year OGPS celebrated Harmony day through sharing of foods from different cultures and nationalities. The spirit on the day was filled with a range of aromas of different cultural and national foods that the students shared. The students were in mixed age groups with the older ones motivating the younger ones in the group workshops. Students and staff all had a fantastic time!





Anzac Ceremony

Old Guildford commemorated Anzac Day by holding a service in Week 11, Term 1. Guests included Mr Ken Young from Fairfield RSL and parents and families of our students. The school leaders, Philip and Fatima ran the ceremony with class SRC members leaving wreaths at the bottom of the stage to pay their respects to those who've fought and continue to protect the country we love. Students from stage 1 and 2 read a poem of peace and the school choir, led by Ms Bates, sang 'Lest We Forget' which was a touching tribute to all soldiers past and present .



Stage Two Excursion

On Wednesday 30th April, Stage two went to The Rocks to learn more about the first fleet and the people who travelled on it. The students got to dress up as officers and convicts from the first fleet and learnt all about their lives once they'd arrived in Australia. We looked at all of the old sandstone buildings that were built by the convicts and learnt a lot of interesting information about Australia's settlers.





Clean Up Aussie Day!



Last month the students at OGPS participated in cleaning up the school as part of the National Day activity. All students geared up with gloves, shovels, rakes, buckets and rubbish bags to garden and clean around the school. Classes were responsible for particular areas of the school.

