

# OGPS



## WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

Wednesday 23rd July: Chess tournament in the evening  
Tuesday 29th July: English competition  
Tuesday 5th August: Stage 3 excursion  
Friday 8th August: Athletic Carnival for 3-6 students  
Tuesday 12th August: Mathematic competition  
Thursday 14th August: Athletic Carnival for K-2 students  
Tuesday 19th August: Book Character Parade  
Thursday 21st August: Stage 2 excursion  
Tuesday 26th August : Kindergarten excursion

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs K Campbell

Term 2 was a very busy and successful term with a number of excursions across the school including the very first excursion for our Kindergarten students. Many of our Stage 3 students attended a 3 day camp at Kincumber. The children were enthusiastic and very keen to attempt every activity even those which may have seemed a little scary such as the rope course. Our thanks to Mr Backes and M/s Bates who accompanied the children and Mrs Brand and the Stage 3 teachers who raised funds to reduce the cost of camp. It was an amazing experience for our students.

All students received their school report in the final weeks of term 2 and many took advantage of the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the classroom teacher. We ask that you send the folder and report back to school as soon as possible as we will add the Yearly Report to the folder later in the year.

Certainly the thing I enjoy doing above all else is to visit children in class. It has been an absolute pleasure to visit our Stage One classrooms to see the wonderful and creative projects, listen to student presentations and discuss student learning goals. The children are very proud of their achievements and successes.

A special reminder that we have our wonderful Open Day this term. This includes our Book Character Parade, Art Show and a Technology display with the opportunity to share a family picnic lunch. So mark the date on your calendar and start thinking about those wonderful costumes. Further details will be sent home.

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# Sydney Writers' Festival

On Friday 23rd May, forty students from Years 2-6, accompanied by Miss Fornasier, Mrs Scerri, and Mrs Hamalainen, went to the Sydney Writers' Festival at Sydney Town Hall. It was a wonderful, inspiring day filled with talks by authors and demonstrations by illustrators. The students particularly enjoyed listening the entertaining poetry of Steven Herrick and watching Andrew Joyner draw elephants. Students finished the day reading the books they purchased on the train back to school.





# 1 Rosella love using their XO Laptops!



"I love playing on my XO because it is fun." Badih

"I like my Xo because it is fun to play on Reading Eggs." Narisa



"I like playing on my XO." Abir



"I love my XO because I can play Reading Eggs." Nelly

"I love my XO because I can play on Reading Eggs." Madhi



"I love playing on my laptop because it has speech voices" Jasmine



"I love my XO because it has typing." Khoder

"I love my XO because I play the piano." Mo-

"I love my XO because I can go on reading eggs and on cool maths games."

"I like my XO because I like to go on Mathletics." Gabriella



"I love going on my XO because it is fun to go on cool maths games."

"I enjoy my XO because there are lots of fun games to help me learn."



"I like my XO because there are fun games I can play." Mer-



"I love my XO because it has Cool Maths

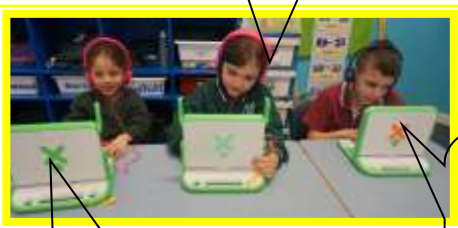
"I like to play on my XO because it has fun games." Khaled

"I enjoy playing on my XO because I can go on Cool maths games." Mahmoud

"I love to play on the piano on my XO." Jana



"I love my XO because I can go on Cool Maths Games." Zane



"I love using my XO." Fatimah

"I love my XO because I can do reading eggs." Karim

"I like to play on my XO because it has typing." Nazreen



# Maths Bee



In Term One, there was a strong focus on improving mental calculation skills through the *Know your Number Facts* program. Students in Years Two to Six worked on developing automatic recall of number facts. At the end of the program, a Maths Bee was held to celebrate and challenge those who had displayed outstanding results. The Maths Bee highlighted the improvements our students had made since last year. The accuracy and the speed of the responses kept the audience on the edge of their seats. Although it was a very close competition, we were delighted to crown five worthy “Maths Bee Champions”. Thank you to the finalists for displaying not only great mathematical skills, but wonderful sportsmanship.

Congratulations to our **2014 Maths Bee Champions** -

Year Two: Ibrahim Chami

Year Three: Kassem Abbas

Year Four: Hilal Rifai

Year Five: Luke El-Hawat

Year Six: Philip Tato



**SALE SALE SALE SALE**

Old Guilford Public School - 2013 School Yearbook

Did you miss buying last year's School Yearbook? We only have a few left.

Please come to the office if you would like to buy one for the reduced price of \$5.



## SRC Induction Assembly

In Term 1, our School Representative Council was inducted into their responsibilities at a whole school assembly. Two students from each class in Year 1 to Year 6 were chosen by their peers to be their SRC class representatives. Each of these students was chosen on the merit of being an outstanding role model who display our school values such as persistence, participation and honesty. All representatives were presented with a certificate from the Honourable Jason Claire's office congratulating our leaders, who also received an SRC badge to wear. The assembly was then followed by a delicious morning tea for the SRC members and their families to celebrate our new leaders for 2014.



**The SRC for 2014 are:** Nelly Abbas, Badih Ayoub, Ameer Elzaphir, Hanna Malas, Adam Fahed Osman, Ayah Chaker, Surayah El-Hassan, Modesty Grace Tafeuni, Maysa Rifai, Adam Jomaa, Shaymaa Abdul Hamid, Omar Serhan, Maryam Al Zehairi, Bethany Pineda, Ahmed Saadie, Mina Ali, Nura Dib, Natalie win, Fatima Mossavi, Mohamad Chaker, Daoud Ali, Haidar Ali, Harmony Uisa, Philip Tato, Abbir Malas, Samuel Taulaga, Fowzia Dib, Eh Yoot Dar Poe, Happy Uisa.

### Principal Visits

It is always a pleasure to see enthusiastic children who are very proud of their work and keen to share and explain what they have achieved. The children below are to be commended for their effort and achievements.

**KL:** Hassan Issa, Hiba Noumair, Laila Yassine.

**KI:** Hameda El-Amoud, Roiena Hamidi. Mona Dib.

**2T:** Surayah El-Hassan, Angelina Chan, Natasha Win, Grace Tafeuni.

**3/4S:** Kelsey Howarth

### Book Awards

The following children are to be congratulated they have now achieved 10 merit certificates and a book award:

2R: Maysa Rifai.

3/4B: Hannan El-Hawat, Shaymaa Abdul Hamid.

5/6B: Fatima Mossavi, Eh Hay Su Mu Poe, Gay Ku Moo Moo

### HEADPHONES

There are headphones available for purchase from the school office if your child is still requiring a set to use in the classroom. They are \$10.00 for each set and are left at school to be used each year.

## Old Guildford Public School - Infants Cross Country 2014 Results

We were lucky enough to have our annual K-2 Cross Country Races under bright blue skies. The morning was a great success with student involvement being energized and positive. Thank you to all of the parents and spectators who came to cheer for our students and congratulations to all of the students on their fantastic efforts. Well done!

<b>KL</b>	
Girls	Boys
Laila Yassine Selina El-Hassan Aya Charaf	1. Maten Rahmany 2. Ibrahim Issa 3. Mahdi Ghazzaoui
<b>KB</b>	
Girls	Boys
Aya Dib Hsar Mu Gaw Ler Ayah Issa	Ali Hossainy Shahab Chaudhry Visek Mahabir
<b>KI</b>	
Girls	Boys
Lamar Fahme Ayah Amod Odette El-Hassan	1. Mustapha Mhiech 2. Ali Arja 3. Mohamad Malas
<b>1D</b>	
Girls	Boys
Zoubaida Sleiman Serene El- Hawat Emily Tikoibau	Moumin Ghazzaoui Khaled Jomaa Ameer Elzaphir
<b>1K</b>	
Girls	Boys
Ayah Chaker Serin Mearbany Aya Mohamad	Mohamed El Hassan Andrew Ater Ali Alsukaini
<b>1R</b>	
Girls	Boys
Nelly Abbas Merryanne Tedjo Stephanie Salman	Mohmoud Amod Zaher Naboulsi Mohamad Al Hassan
<b>2R</b>	
Girls	Boys
Dana Mhiech Maheen Rana Aya Kalassina	Adam Jomaa Haysam Dib Ibrahim Chami
<b>2T</b>	
Girls	Boys
Modesty Tafeuni Natasha Win Shayma El-Hassan	Hamze Hammoud Mohamad Dib Gehad Jomaa





## Lansdowne Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who represented the school in the Lansdowne Zone Cross Country which was held at Hurlstone Agricultural College. The following students qualified for the Zone Team because they finished in the first eight places. We usually only have four representing the Zone but this year we had eight.

8/9 Boys - Jean-Pierre Desvaux, Hussean Mearbany

8/9 Girls - Shaymaa Abdul-Hamid, Yasmine Zreika

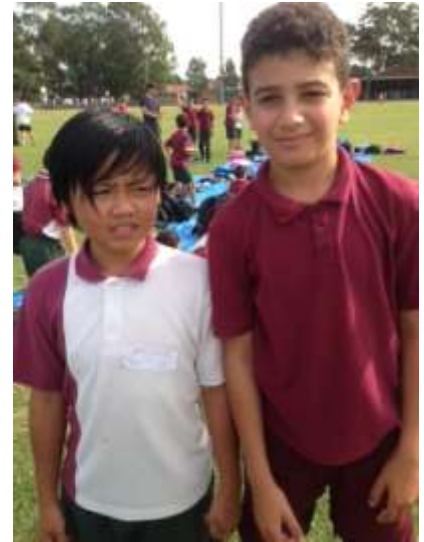
10 Boys - Hasan Hammoud

10 Girls - Abbir Malas

11 Boys - Daniel Chol

12/13 Boys - Malik Mearbany

A special mention to Maysa Rifai in 2R who won the 8/9 Girls in Division Two but did not qualify for the Zone, as she was not in Division One.



## Playgroup

Every Wednesday Playgroup is held upstairs in the old computer room (next to the hall) between 9:15am and 10:15am. The focus of Playgroup is Early Literacy. The children and their parents are excited to be there every week.

Parents have gained a lot of knowledge due to their interaction with their children and the handouts provided. Parents now have a greater understanding of Early Literacy.

Playgroup is also an opportunity for parents to socialise with other parents of similar aged children.

The children and their parents are very creative and are always willing and happy to show their creative sides. Our craft activities this term were: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Paper fish Collage and making shakers with coloured rice which the children used during group time.



## It's not okay to be away...nor to be late to school

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it is true.

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just ten years ago. These include staying away to celebrate a family birthday; being absent because they have stayed up too late the night before; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and children not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian children only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every



## Stage 3 Southwest Connect Excursion

This term a group of Stage 3 students were given the opportunity to visit three different businesses in our local area. The purpose of the visits was to expose the students to future employment possibilities. The first local business that the students visited was Holroyd City Council. The students sat in council chambers and listened to employees talk about their jobs. After this they were given the chance to explore the offices of the council. Our next stop was the restaurant Cucina 105. Here students set tables and made pizza and pasta, which they ate for lunch. Our final destination was Yamaha. Students were shown the distribution centre and the different jobs found here. Overall this was an amazing and valuable experience which our students thoroughly enjoyed.



### A New School APP for your Smart Phone

We have now purchased a phone app for all families to download onto their smart phone.

The school has met the cost of this app so it is a FREE installation for all families.

This phone application will provide a calendar of school events, the latest news at school and a reminder about excursions or special events. All you need to do is download the app onto your smartphone.

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**

### READ! READ! READ!

It is very important to hear your child read every day. All students are encouraged to take home a home reader and library books. Please ensure that the books are read and returned to school to exchange for new books. Encourage your child to read anytime anywhere. Sometimes children enjoy reading more if it is shared. Make time away from television and interruptions to read aloud with your child. Listen to your child read every day.

# STAGE ONE'S EXCURSION



This term stage 1 has been learning about the ocean as part of our HSIE unit, and on the 26 May, Year 1 and 2 set out for an adventurous excursion to Bondi Beach. On arrival we enjoyed a delightful morning tea by the seaside and were split into smaller groups to begin our hands-on activities.

We explored the amazing variety of marine life that lives on the rock platforms including sea stars, crabs and anemones, just to name a few!

We discussed and investigated Aboriginal heritage through discovery of rock engravings, and learnt about the impact that society has on our local environments.



Some of our favourite parts of the day included digging holes on the beach to find sea water, understanding what pollution is and learning how to fish responsibly by using a line and rod. Of course we also enjoyed hands on fun exploring the sea life living in the rock pools.





# TO BONDI BEACH



Some of the highlights were identified in the students writing about Bondi Beach:

**Paige 1K** – I dug a hole with Jana, Shaymat and Hussein and my favourite thing was holding a starfish.

**Nadia 1K** – We were touching sea snails and my favourite part was when I was touching the rough sea star.



**Merryanne 1R**- We all got wet because the waves splashed on us. My favourite part was when we walked on the rock pools.

**Natasha 2T** – We went to the rock pools and found a ginormous crab and a big sea snail.





## Stage 3 Camp 2014 - Great Aussie Bush Camp - Kincumber

Around 40 Stage 3 campers set off to a new destination in 2014, The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber, and we had fantastic time as usual! This camp was set in a natural bush setting, surrounded by lots of native flora and fauna. We were lucky enough to have perfect weather for our 3 days and 2 nights, which allowed us to participate in all our chosen activities, even the mud run on 'Lost Island'! Our students from OGPS were very well-behaved and absolutely loved the camp experience, where they learnt many valuable teamwork and life skills. It was good to see our students overcoming their fears, pushing their limits and encouraging each other as they conquered the high ropes and 'Power Fan'. We can't wait until camp comes around next year!

Mr Backes





## MORE..... Camp photos



## Drum Group Workshop

At the beginning of Term 2 the OGPS Drum Group took part in a fantastic full-day drumming workshop with renowned Cajon drummer Claudia Chambers. She took the drum group through some fundamental drumming and music skills, before using the rest of the sessions to work on some new beats. Thanks to this input, the Drum Group is in the process of putting together an exciting new performance which we hope to preview early in Term 3! I would like to thank all the drummers for their commitment to the group as a huge amount of practice is required in order to get to performance standard. Thanks also to Claudia for her time on the day along with assisting me in the art of performance construction.

If you are interested in a Cajon drum, please visit Claudia's website to see the range available at : <http://www.learncajon.com/about/>

Mr Backes





# Library Refurbishment

The library has recently been given a new look! The new library environment is filled with comfortable, colourful and imaginative furniture to give children more places to enjoy books and communicate about books. The kids just love it!



I love the strawberry lounges...



The library so beautiful now!



An old favourite—the leaf chairs!





Old Guildford Public School received a \$15,000 Partnership grant from the National Australia Bank for continued implementation of the Kitchen Garden program. As the photos show, our primary students are learning many new skills in the kitchen each week, as they follow recipes to make fresh, vegetable based meals. Students are supported by a team of adults including: Mrs Backes (Kitchen Specialist), class and specialist staff and a small group of dedicated parent volunteers (thank you!). The menu board has read: Spicy Rice, Vegetable Quiches, Pizza, Easter Biscuits and a Warm Vegetable Salad!

***Look at the chefs in action!***



Garden Renovations 2014-2016

Ms Hamalainen

Our vegetable garden is being renovated, with the old brick beds which were hard to maintain, being replaced by lovely, raised eco-timber beds. This has resulted in a big increase in food production and reduced need to weed the beds, saving much time and effort. The garden renovations are strongly supported by imc, both financially and through staff volunteers ..... ***sincere thanks!***



**Garden Bee June 2014**

Parents, students, staff and imc volunteers working together.





# Butterflies Preschool Group



The children, staff and families have enjoyed many valuable learning experiences and ongoing projects throughout the term. We have especially enjoyed caring for our gardens and watching our vegetables grow. We cooked some delicious ricotta and spinach pastries using spinach freshly picked from our garden.



“The 3 little pigs” book has stimulated many great learning opportunities. We have extended and supported the children’s interest in the story as they have created puppets, masks and houses for the pigs and wolf. The children’s language and vocabulary skills have developed as we have acted out, retold and adapted the story countless times.





# Ladybugs Preschool Group



Our Preschool garden project has begun. It arose from the children demonstrating a growing interest in the natural environment through their play. A few weeks ago we planted some snow pea seeds. Everyone put a snow pea seed into a deep hole. We covered the seeds with dirt and then watered our pea garden to help the seeds grow. Our pea seeds have grown into little seedlings now. We are having fun measuring the plants as they grow, observing how they grow and change.

Involvement in the preschool garden is giving the children purposeful opportunities to explore, investigate and discover new things. We have seen some crickets, butterflies and spiders while watering the plants and this in turn is leading us on a journey into the world of insects and other living things.



## Rising Star Talent Show

We set up our 'Talent Show Stage' for a few weeks and sang 'Nursery Rhymes' and 'Disco Songs' with real microphones. The children's confidence to express themselves within a group situation is developing through their interest in song and dance. The Preschool ladybugs sing and dance every day.







# Possum Magic Excursion



**K**indergarten visited the city for their Possum Magic excursion. We walked around the harbour and saw the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge. It was also the perfect day for a picnic at the Botanical Gardens. We enjoyed our snacks, sandwiches and lamingtons. It was a great day!











## Put the date in your diaries

### Tuesday 19th August 6-7pm



This is the date and time for the **2014 Reading Hour**. The Reading Hour is a special time all over Australia when **parents and children sit down together and share a book** to recognise and celebrate the importance of reading.

Reading together with our children doesn't have to be a huge undertaking in our busy lives. Sharing a book with our children for just 10 minutes a day - or just over an hour a week - will give our children the best chance of becoming a good reader along with all the social and educational benefits that such an activity brings.

Let's give our children the gift of reading on **Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> August at 6-7pm** after our Book Week Parade during the day. Let's celebrate reading together and enjoy **The Reading Hour!**



[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au)

## Grab a healthy snack

Feeling hungry and not? Read until the next meal?  
That's when you need a healthy snack to boost your energy levels and keep your mind alert.

The best snacks are based on fruit, vegetables, bread and reduced fat dairy foods such as milk and yoghurt. They're tasty, filling and good for you.

Remember, snacks are all about helping you refuel until the next main meal. So don't eat more than you really need.

### Ideas for snacks at home

- ★ Fruit - fresh, canned in natural juice or frozen (try frozen grapes or oranges!)
- ★ Smoothies and milkshakes made with reduced fat milk
- ★ Crunchy veggie sticks - try carrot, celery and cucumber with low fat dips such as hummus or tahini
- ★ Raisin toast topped with banana or strawberries
- ★ Bread or jelly with tasty Wings such as reduced salt baked beans
- ★ Rice cakes topped with peanut butter or yeast spreads like Vegemite, Marmite and Povidine
- ★ Reduced fat yoghurt - add some chopped fruit for an extra tasty snack
- ★ Quark rolls
- ★ Baked egg, avocado or tomato on crispbread



- ★ Corn on the cob
- ★ Pita pizza
- ★ Plain popcorn (without salt, sugar or butter)

### Healthy snacks to pack when you're out and about

Some healthy snacks are easy to take with you when you're out and about. Try packing fruit, small packets of dried fruits, crackers, sandwiches or pikelets (but go easy on the spread with these).

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### Ideas for snacks to buy

- ★ Fruit salad
- ★ Plain popcorn
- ★ Reduced fat milk and milkshakes
- ★ Raisin toast
- ★ Pikelets, crumpets and English muffins
- ★ Reduced fat yoghurt and frozen yoghurt
- ★ A wrap or sandwich with salad and tuna or chicken
- ★ Sushi or Vietnamese rice paper rolls.



### 'Extra' foods

Potato chips, lollies, chocolates, cakes and biscuits may taste good but they're not good for you. They have lots of sugar, salt and fat and do not provide the fibre or nutrients your body needs to stay healthy.

It's okay to eat these *extra* foods sometimes, like at a birthday party, but not every day. Stick to healthy snacks that help keep your mind and body fit!

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