

OGPS



Week 11 Term 1 2017

WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

Wednesday 26th April: All students return to school for Term 2
Tuesday 9/5 – Wednesday 11/5: NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 students
Friday 12th May: School Cross Country event
Tuesday 23rd May: Stage 2 excursion
Friday 26th May: Writer's Festival
Tuesday 30th May: School photos
Friday 2nd June: School Photos

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs K Campbell

Welcome back to another school year, we are looking forward to the successful learning year ahead. It's hard to believe first term is coming to an end already and our new kindergarten and preschool students have completed their first term of schooling. It really was wonderful to have the children back at school and to see so many familiar faces. I would particularly like to welcome our new students and their families to Old Guildford. We have an exciting and busy year ahead of us.

This year we formed another class giving us 18 wonderful classes across the school. We have also welcomed some new members of staff this term. M/s Rachel Phelan, teaching a Year One class and M/s Wallace who joined M/s Scerri as a newly appointed Instructional Leader. M/s Scerri and M/s Wallace will support our K-2 staff to further enhance their quality teaching practice. We were delighted when M/s Ikin was successful through the merit selection process to gain a permanent appointment as an Assistant Principal at OGPS. M/s Boyce will also be relieving Assistant Principal in 2017.

Our thanks to those parents who were able to attend a parent/teacher interview this term. It was a very valuable opportunity to meet class teachers and discuss your child's needs.

We now have a vast shelter in the general assembly area. This was installed over the school break and will provide much needed protection for the children from both the sun and rain. We are very grateful to the P & C who completely funded the installation of the lovely new seats. It takes a lot of fund raising to raise the \$8000.00 necessary to fund such a purchase. The P&C also funded the purchase of all medallions, trophies and special awards for our Presentation Day assemblies.

This year is the International Year of Sustainable Tourism which has obviously influenced the choice of class names in 2017

Classes in 2017 are:

Preschool: M/s Hodgson (Mon & Tuesday) M/s Barlow (Wed – Fri)

Kinder Whale	M/s Weng	2 Blue Whale	M/s Bates
Kinder Butterflyfish	M/s Belfiore	3 Kingfish	M/s Kim
Kinder Jellyfish	M/s Tea	3 Barramundi	Mr Burns
Kinder Turtle	M/s Tanios	3/4 Seahorse	M/s Sayed
1 Blubottle	M/s Billingham	4 Nautilus	Mr Quan
1 Coral	M/s Cai	4/Sea Turtle	M/s Shackleton
1 Parrotfish	M/s Phelan	5 Rainbow Fidd	M/s Feggari & M/s Rizk
1/2 Triton Shell	M/s Thielemans	6 Giant Clam	M/s Grigorakis
2 Lionfish	M/s Le	6 Damselfish	M/s Daly

Our Leadership Team will continue to work to ensure a challenging, innovative and supportive learning environment for all students. Please feel free to make an appointment to meet with any member of the Executive to discuss any concerns or educational queries you may have.

Principal: M/s Campbell

Instructional Leaders: M/s Scerri & M/s Wallace

Assistant Principals: M/s Hamalainen, M/s Finos, M/s Ikin & M/s Boyce (relieving)

Media Publications

Throughout the year, the school will be publishing examples of student work as well as names and photographs of student involved in learning tasks at OGPS. The children are very proud of their effort and achievements. They become quite excited when their name or photograph is printed in our newsletter, school noticeboard, webpage or local newspaper. It would be appreciated if you could return the media permission slip to school if you have not already done so.

Canteen

Families are reminded that lunch orders need to be placed at the canteen before 9.00am. All students are expected to be assembled, ready for a successful day of learning by 9.00am. It is important that children arrive at school with time to place their lunch order before the morning bell.

Additional staff supporting learning are:

M/s Ikin	Supporting learning in Early Stage 1
Mrs Boyce	Supporting learning in Stage 1
Jane Crafter	Supporting learning in Stage 2
M/s Finos	Supporting learning in Stage 3
Mr Hawkins	Librarian
Mr Backes	Technology support K-6
Mr Saad	Community Language Yrs 1-4
M/s Moyo	Supporting non-English speaking students
M/s Hamalainen	Science & Kitchen/Garden program
M/s Donovan	Science (Mon-Wed)
M/s Pevey	Learning support (Mon-Fri)
M/s Lunongo	Reading support Yrs 3-6
Mr Frankson	Math support Yrs 3-6
M/s Ricci	Kindergarten Science (Wed & Fri)
M/s Lin	Supporting math in Stage 2 (Tues & Wed)
M/s Brand	Supporting math in Stage 3 and Extension math 3-6
M/s Truong	School Psychologist (Mon, Tues & Fri)



School Uniforms

It is wonderful to see all of our students looking so smart in full school uniform. The children are also to wear black shoes with white socks. Canvas slip-on shoes do not meet safety standards and multi-colour joggers are certainly not part of our school uniform. School shirts, hats and jackets are available from our uniform shop between 8.30-3.00pm every Tuesday and Friday.

In the third week of Term 2 a long sleeve polo shirt will also be available to purchase.

Debating Gala Day

The OGPS debating team attended a debating gala day at Guilford Public School. Students from other schools also attended the gala day. During the day many of the new debaters learnt what a debate looks like and the skills needed to have a debate. Some of the things that were learnt were, how to attack the team-line, the structure of a speech, and strategies on how to keep eye contact and speak fluently.

"My favourite part was participating in the debating activities" - Nabil (6 Giant Clam)

"I really enjoyed it when we split our team in half and debated against each other" Zekiye (6 Giant Clam)

"My favourite part was completing the debating worksheet" – Zeenat (6 Giant Clam)

"It was great to watch an actual debate" – Abed (6 Damsel fish)

"Watching the slide show about manner, matter and method really made me understand the important parts about debating" - Nastran (6 Damsel fish)



School Contributions

Our thanks to those families who have paid the voluntary school contributions for 2017. This year's contributions will be used to continue our playground improvements. Many wonderful play spaces have been created over the past few years and your generous contributions will help us to continue our planned improvements.

VOLUNTARY FEES: One child is \$20.00

Two or more children are \$30.00

Year Book for 2017

Additional copies of the 2016 Year Book were ordered late last year. We have a limited number left, these are available for purchase from the office for \$12.00. This is an amazing record of school events and class activities throughout the year. The Year Book is a wonderful memento of an exciting and eventful year in a child's primary education. Available for purchase at the office only until these last copies are sold.

Sending money to school

All money which comes to school must be in a sealed envelope. Envelopes are sent home and there are additional envelopes available in the office foyer. If not a school envelope, money and permission note may be placed in a plain envelope for each child and each event. Money will not be accepted at school unless it is in a sealed envelope. This procedure is necessary to support the correct processing of all monies. Our thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Home Reading Program

All children K-6 now have their home reading folder and are able to exchanged their books every day and take a new book home each afternoon. Regular and consistent reading practice achieves significant reading improvement. It is a school expectation the EVERY child will take home a book to read. I urge parents to provide encouragement and the structure for children to read to someone every night. This should be recorded in the folder provided, each day. The school will closely monitor this program and inform parents if children are not borrowing regularly.

School Swimming Carnival

On Monday 13th February, 25 students from grades 3-6 attended the school swimming carnival at Fairfield Leisure Centre. It was the most competitors that the school has had in many years.

A special mention goes to Nabil Hussein who qualified for the Zone Carnival, Where he finished 1st in the 50m backstroke, 2nd in both the 50m butterfly and breaststroke as well as 3rd in the 50m freestyle.



Birthday Cakes

We understand that birthday celebrations are a very special family time. However, teachers cannot interrupt teaching and learning time to organise and distribute birthday cakes to students. As you can imagine this is very time consuming and quite disruptive within a class. If your child would like to share cake with their classmates please let the teacher know in advance and provide **small cupcakes** which can be easily handed to children. You are asked not to include lolly bags and party hats as these will not be distributed. We are very proud of our varied, innovative and successful learning programs and will continue to support the academic success and wellbeing of all students.

A School App for your smart phone

As a parent it can be quite difficult to keep up with everything that is happening at school. Now you can download a school app which will provide you with a reminder of school events.

Go to the App Store or Google Play Store and –

1. Search Old Guildford Public School
2. Select the OGPS app and install
3. It will ask you for a user name and password

Username: Community

Password: oldguildfordps

Congratulations to our Debaters!



Abed, Zeenat, Nabil and Nastran.

It was our very first debate and we won! A great start to the season. The topic was 'Books are Irrelevant in our Digital World'. Our team disagreed and left the adjudicator in no doubt that this is *untrue!* A big thank you to the whole team who helped with research and brainstorming our convincing argument.

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. Children have already started to visit my office with outstanding work. The children below are to be commended for their effort and achievement:

2B: Talal Ajouz, Jihad Hamad, Tasneem Awad, Zeinab Taha, Rola El Sayed Ahmad.

2L: Aya Alazaizi, Thy Tran, Ibrahim El Chami, Nadir Amine, Papilola Tafeuni.

And the sign says.....



