Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We now are busily moving through the last quarter of the year. Where has the time gone? Term 4 already!

ENROLLING FOR 2015 KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child who is eligible to commence kindergarten in 2015 it’s now time that you enrol. Transition to Kindy is starting soon so if you haven’t enrolled you could miss out on these important parent workshops. A child must be turning 5 before the 31 July, 2015 to be eligible. Birthdays after the 1st August enrol for 2016.

There are only 230 tickets available for each performance and both usually sell out quickly. So get in quickly to secure a seat. There is a maximum of 2 tickets only for the evening performance. Students performing do not require a ticket however other siblings not at this school must have a ticket. If there are any unsold tickets for the evening performance on the Monday before the show, you will be able to purchase additional tickets then.

Our Annual School Concert is a special part of our school culture. We rely on every student attending in the day and returning for the evening performance. Failure to attend in the evening will affect the class item as all students have been rehearsing together and everyone has their special place. More information will be sent home regarding concert organisation in the very near future.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONCERT

'MAGICAL MUSICAL MOMENTS'

Our 12th Annual School Concert is fast approaching and will be staged in the school hall on Wednesday, 5 November. As in past years there will be two performances and it is expected that 100% of students attend both of these. The matinee will be at 11:30am, and the evening performance will be at 7:00pm. Tickets will go on sale from Monday, 20 October (next week) and are $10 each.

You can buy your tickets each morning between 8:30am – 9:00am from the teachers outside the Library.

FRESH NEW BUBBLERS

We have just had installed brand new bubblers and taps in the two children’s wash sheds in the playground.

The new bubblers make getting a fresh clean drink of water for our students so much easier and enjoyable. With summer coming on it’s important for everyone to keep well hydrated during the day.
Congratulations to our wonderful senior Oz Tag Team on their Grand Final win for the PSSA winter competition. Playing Guildford West our boys, under the support of their enthusiastic coach Mr Nicolacopoulos, have succeeded once again.

What a great game it was! Our boys played with all their determination and style to win convincingly 8 to 2.

I was so glad I was able to get to this final. The boys played as a united team and their skill and sportsmanship guided them to a clear victory. I was very impressed with the whole team and thank them for their effort. Special thanks must also go to their coach who clearly has put a lot of time and care into the training sessions. Thanks to the parents who supported at the field by their attendance and cheers!

Well done Guildford Boys Senior Oz Tag on a tremendous season in 2014. I’m so proud of you and I’m sure the whole school is too!

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

KB  Idin Zahraei, Irem Basoker
KC  Zeyjan Olca, Tristian Estephan
KW  Rania Waqas, Brianna Maisema
1P  Ramtin Riahi, Zahra Nazari
1/2B  Dayton Fuimaono
3W  Zac Singca, Grace Qorinasi
4B  Katherine Tran, Mohamed Kowaider
5B  Asad Mazhar, Sarah Tarabiya
5C  Ahmed Taleb
6B  Ahmad Hussein
6J  Issa Alhalabi
RFF-Art  Mohammed Taleb 1P, Samira Kamoda 3C, Ibrahim Alhalabi
3W, Amy Tran 3W
CL  Aimen Zraika 3W, Mohammed Khazma 3W, Hawraa Al-Ghanmi
3W, Mohammed Al Tamimi 1/2B, Mariam Elsamad 1/2B, Badrie Elhaj 4B, Ranim Saleem
3W, Jemima Kassem 4C

CONGRATULATIONS!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Mr Lawless
I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT FORTNIGHT

Have a great fortnight!

Mr Peter Lawless
Principal
Our PSSA teams played against Rosehill Public School.

**T-Ball News**
The boys T-Ball team won their game and the score was 15-6.
The girls T-Ball team won their game and the score was 20-10.
Both teams played with enthusiasm and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Well Done !!

**Player of the Match – T-Ball**
*Boys – Jakob Masters  
Girls – Mya Zreika*

**Softball News**
The boys Softball team won their game and the score was 16-7.
The girls Softball team lost their game and the score was 7-15.
Both teams played fantastic and great sports, the girls were just too good for us in the end.

**Player of the Match – Softball**
*Boys – Sherif Awick  
Girls – Alma Afu*

**AFL News**
The Junior AFL team won their game and the score was 41-6.
The Senior AFL team lost their game and the score was 43-8.
Both teams displayed fantastic team work. The Senior team were short on players but still displayed great team spirit.

**Player of the Match – AFL**
*Junior – Brodan Wallace  
Senior – Jayden Christmas-Estephan*
On 18 September a group of students went on an excursion to ARTEXPRESS which was showing at the University of Western Sydney, Rydalmere Campus.

We met under the COLA at 9.00 and caught a bus at 9.30am. Many of the students were excited to be going on the excursion to see the artworks done by high school students.

When we arrived we went through three rooms that had different kinds of art, like Pop art, sculptures, drawings and paintings. They were very beautiful.

After looking at the art exhibition we went on a sculpture walk and saw such works as the Cyprus Bud, which was made from copper. We studied lots of other sculptures made from different materials such as stainless steel, galvanised iron and cast iron.

We then had lunch. After lunch we went to a building that was dedicated to a former Prime Minister of Australia, Gough Whitlam. There were many different interactive activities which you could do on the Ipads.

When we finished we went outside and caught the bus back to school. Many of us were exhausted from the excursion but we all had an enjoyable time. It was a great day!

By: Halley Fu – 6B (School Vice Captain)

I am still a little concerned about certain students who are continuously on a daily basis attending school late. Students are expected to attend school anytime between 8:30 and 9:00, NO LATER THAN 9:00.

Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

The following are helpful tips for parents:

Please make sure you:

- Keep your child home only when they are sick
- Advise the school of any absence
- See doctors or dentists before or after school times

Friends are important so try to:

- Show an interest in your child’s friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child. If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the school to discuss this matter with Mr Hanna urgently.

Thanking you for your support

Mr Hanna
Assistant Principal

By: Tiresa Rees
Our Excursion

On Tuesday the 16th of September Year 1 and Year 2 went on an excursion on a ferry. We travelled by bus to Meadowbank Wharf and caught the ferry from there.

After we got onto the ferry we cruised all the way to Clifton Gardens and ate our lunch. We played in the large, exciting park and we had lots of fun.

Next, we went back on the ferry. While on the ferry the lady taught us lots of exciting things about the different types of transport we were seeing. We also saw Luna Park, Cockatoo Island, Shark Island and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

After that we went back to Meadowbank Wharf and caught the bus back to school. We had such a fun exciting day! We got to learn so many new things and see lots of different forms of transport.

By: Muhadesa Ebrahimi

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Premier’s Spelling Bee

News

Congratulations to the following students for proudly representing our school in the Junior and Senior Regional finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee competition at Shelley Public School.

Stage 3:
Shanil Wijesurendra- 5 Corroboree
Calvin Jo- 5 Billabong

Stage 2:
Katherine Tran- 4 Bunyip
Alexandra Floyd- 3 Wobbegong

Well done to the following students for their participation as class finalists in the stage spelling bee finals:

Stage 2:
2/3 Boomerang- Avantika Karikalan
2/3 Boomerang- Rabee Zreika
3 Wobbegong- Alexandra Floyd (3rd place in stage finals)
3 Wobbegong- Samuel Malafu
3 Coolamon- Zac Abdulwahab
3 Coolamon- Alan Wen (1st place in stage finals)
4 Bunyip- Amani El Khaleed
4 Bunyip- Katherine Tran (2nd place in stage finals)
4 Coolabah- Brent Macareg
4 Coolabah- Mahdi Mansoor

Stage 3:
5 Corroboree- Rania Lingad (3rd place in stage finals)
5 Corroboree- Shanil Wijesurendra (1st place in stage finals)
5 Billabong- Tara Noguiera
5 Billabong- Calvin Jo (2nd place in stage finals)
6 Jamberoo- Jeyda Olca
6 Jamberoo- Oscar Yau (3rd place in stage finals)
6 Barramundi- Chelti Madamba
6 Barramundi- William Lam

The Premier’s Spelling Bee is an annual state-wide competition which encourages students to engage in spelling in a fun and educational way. Thank you to all students who participated in the competition last term.

Mrs Byrnes
Spelling Bee Coordinator
Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Kindergarten excursion has been postponed to **Tuesday 28 October** due to the forecast of heavy rain on Tuesday 14 October, as we want the students to have the full experience of the farm. If you have any concerns with the new date please notify the school as soon as possible, otherwise the previously signed permission note will cover the new date. Payment for this excursion has now been extended until Friday 17 October.

S.Haidar
Assistant Principal
K-2 Stage Coordinator

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**2014 UNSW Global Australia Mathematics Competition**

Last term, 28 students across years 3-6 participated in the UNSW Global Australia, Mathematics competition. These students achieved great results, with 4 students awarded a Distinction, 6 students received a Credit and 2 students achieved a Merit award. A special mention and congratulations to the following students who achieved these commendable results.

**Distinction**
- Sarina Georgis 3C
- Ivy Tran 4C
- Jeyda Olca 6J
- Jie Zou 6J

**Credit**
- Avantika Karikalan 2/3B
- Huazhen Jui 4B
- Richard Eng 5C
- Calvin Jo 5B
- Renalnds Sar 5B
- William Lam 6B

**Merit**
- Hayne Khaung 5B
- Danny Eng 3C

Miss Ali Khan (Mathematics Competition co-ordinator)

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Thankyou to all the Parents who purchased items from the Father’s Day Stall, who helped in wrapping and also selling presents at the stall.

We greatly appreciate your time and effort in assisting the school community.

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**SCHOOL TALENT QUEST**

The School Talent Quest will be on next Wednesday, 22 October at 1:10pm in the school hall. Gold coin admission.
Billabong has enjoyed learning about Electricity during Science and Technology lessons. Here is an acrostic poem about electricity written by our class.

Electricity is all around us

Learning about electricity was intriguing

Electricity runs on a circuit

Can be generated by solar, wind, hydro, coal

There are two types of circuits: series and parallel

Remember to switch off a power point when removing a plug

It is fun to make electrical circuits in class

Conductors of electricity include metal and water

Insulators stop the transfer of electricity

To stay safe during an electrical storm, turn off all electrical appliances

You should always stay away from electrical substations

Pictured below are 5 Billabong students constructing series and parallel electrical circuits to demonstrate the flow of electricity.
At the beginning, we went on the bus I felt sad for Shanil because he couldn’t come with us. When we arrived at Camp Narrabeen we went down into the bunker room to discuss what would happen. We went to our cabins to put our stuff there, and then we changed our clothes to do an activity. My first activity was Archery; I hit a tree twice and hit the white part once. After that we did Rock Climbing, I only got half way up the wall. For lunch we had a burger, I had seconds but that time they didn’t have a bun. At night, we played some games. One of them was when you have to protect a person from getting tapped. When it was bedtime, I couldn’t sleep because everyone was talking so loud.

The next day I ate cereal, bread and orange juice. After that, the gold group went kayaking, Calvin and I raced twice. Calvin won the first race and I won the second race. We also got to play a game, the main purpose of the game was tips, but in kayaks. After we finished we went back to our cabins to change and shower, then we went for lunch and we did an activity called Initiatives. This was solving problems in groups. After that we went for dinner. For dinner we had chicken, gravy, peas and mash potato. Then we went back to our cabins to sleep.

On the last day of camp we did The Ropes Course, we were about 5 metres off the ground. The first platform I was used to, the second platform was quite scary for me but I made it through. I only did half of the course and the flying fox. After that, we went to play a short game of Newcombe ball, and then we took group photos. Then we went for lunch, when we finished, we went to get our bags and then we went on the bus home.

By Aphirak Nawara – 5C

By Sarah Tarabiya
5 Billabong

On Monday 8 September students in Stage 3 were invited to a three day, fun-filled camp at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport and Recreation. We went to Narrabeen to achieve personal goals, overcome fears, socialise with other students and become more responsible.

Some of the activities at camp included archery, rock climbing, kayaking, abseiling, initiatives and ropes. Some of these activities were scary and some were fun and not so scary. I felt that the scariest activities were abseiling, kayaking, and the ropes course because they involved heights and water.

In the morning, students in Stage 3 had to arrive at school before 8:30am to mark the roll and catch the bus. We had to line up with our partners in our group. The group names were Gold, Black and Orange. If a student had money or medication they had to give it to their group teacher. My group teacher was Mrs Byrnes and I had to give her both my medication and money. Next, I had to sit in my group line with my buddy Ceren. I was in the gold group. After the teachers collected medication and money, all groups had to head down to Military Road to catch the bus.
In the bus we had to sit next to our buddies for the hour and a half drive. During the trip Ceren, Nadine, Grace and myself took a few pictures to keep as a memory. After we took photos we decided to each read a Total Girls magazine. After a bumpy and noisy bus ride, we arrived at Narrabeen Academy of Sport and Recreation. I felt so excited! All groups and schools had to meet in a room called The Bunker. In the bunker, the camp instructors gave us some information about what would be happening at camp.

After our meeting in the bunker we headed down to our cabins to unpack our bags and make our beds. The people in my cabin were Ceren, Shayal, Christina, Mariam, Sinem, Heame and Fatema.

After we organised our cabins we had lunch. For lunch everyone had a delicious burger. Some even had seconds! When we finished we went down to the bunker for our next instructions. The camp instructors sent all students down to the cabins for a 15 minute break. Then after that we went down to the activities. The gold group’s first activity was archery. In archery we used the bow and arrow to aim at the target. The yellow part in the middle of the target was called a bullseye. The main aim of archery was to hit the bullseye.

After archery we did rock climbing. During rock climbing, we all had to wear a harness to keep us safe. We also had to wear a helmet. The whole point of rock climbing was climbing rocks to reach the top. Although I didn’t make it all the way, I made it nearly half way. I felt very proud of myself. After we did our activities we went to the bunker so our instructors could tell us how dinner time would operate. For dinner we had yummy pasta and dessert. After dinner, Guildford PS was invited to a mini game night. Following our games, we had milk and cookies for supper.

Soon after our games night, we had supper and went back to our cabins. By 9:30pm it was lights out time. As the girls and I couldn’t sleep in the dark, we opened the toilet door, turned on the lights and put something in front of it to keep it open. After that we all fell asleep.

The next morning after breakfast, the gold group went kayaking. In kayaking we had to have the boat and an oar. We also had to wear our swimmers and hats. I went in a single kayak boat and it was very hard to control. I had trouble controlling it but on the way back it was easy. During our kayaking adventure we saw beautiful pelicans and black swans.

After kayaking we had lunch. For lunch we had burritos. I enjoyed eating my burritos because they were scrumptious! After lunch the gold group did abseiling. The equipment we wore in abseiling included a waist harness and a chest harness. In abseiling we had make our way down a steep rock face. The scariest part of the activity was leaning down on the edge of the rock. I was happy I survived and stayed in one piece at the end of abseiling.

Later after abseiling we participated in an activity called initiatives. Initiatives involved lots of problem solving. In one activity we had to find our way out of a maze, blindfolded, without touching the ropes. When we finished initiatives it was time for dinner. For dinner we had chicken and fish with a passionfruit dessert. That evening all schools went to the gymnasium. There we had a competition where cabin groups had to compete against other cabin groups. It was so much fun!
On our last day of camp we had cereal and toast for breakfast. After breakfast, the gold group had a scary ropes activity to do. We had to wear a harness. We also had safety clips to keep us safe from falling. The most fun part of the ropes course was the flying fox. After our final camp activity we had a hotdog for lunch. There were chicken and beef hotdogs to choose from. I had a beef hotdog.

Finally it was time to leave camp. I felt a little upset but I soon felt happy knowing that I would see my parents. When we got back to school, I was so happy! When we got back to Guildford I felt a little different. I felt that camp had made me more responsible and independent.

Some of the most memorable moments were having sleepless nights and having fun kayaking in the lake. I will miss camp as it was fun and I wish to go there again. I will miss the amazing moments experienced during archery, rock climbing, kayaking, abseiling, initiatives, the scary ropes course and the flying fox.

On 8 September 2014, some Stage 3 students went to the Narrabeen Academy of Sport and Recreation for a three day camp. The teachers who came with us were Miss Walpole, Mrs Byrnes, Miss Bryceland and Mr Nicholas.

There were two buses to transport students to the camp. Miss Walpole and Mrs Byrnes were on the first bus and Mr Nicholas and Miss Bryceland were on the second.
cabins to brush our teeth and get ready for bed. We all had 30 minutes to prepare to go to sleep.

I had many amazing experiences at camp. My favourite activity was abseiling because it was challenging and fun at the same time. I was also proud that I achieved the personal goals that I had set for myself. I became more confident in communicating with other students and working as part of a team.

By Tara Nogueira, 5 Billabong

Wow!”, “Weee!”, “Ahhh!”, “Yay!”, “Yipee!” Camp was so much fun!

On Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 September we had the time of our lives. We did all types of things like abseiling, rock climbing, canoeing, ropes and other fun activities. Do you know what canoeing is? Well canoeing is where you sit on a canoe, sort of like a boat, with one to three seats and it doesn’t need electricity because you paddle.

Next we did abseiling. Abseiling is where you jump off a cliff wearing a harness to make sure you don’t fall and get injured. Rock climbing is where you put on a harness and climb up a mountain with a little step, sort of like rocks. Ropes: Ropes is where you have a harness on and you do activities where you climb on a rope and balance on logs. After each day we did night activities like tips. After all these activities we had supper, then went to bed. Camp was so much fun!

By Grace Georgis 5C

On Monday 8 September, 76 students from Stage 3 went on camp to Narrabeen Sports Academy.

We boarded the bus at around 9am and departed soon after. We arrived at around 10:20am.

When we arrived, we assembled in the bunker area in our groups for a meeting with the leader to talk about the program for the next few days. I was in group 3 with Mr Nicolos.

The first activity we did was the ropes course. This was my favourite activity. We learnt how to put on and use a harness. The ropes course included 3 different courses- an easy course, a hard course and an amazing flying fox. I had never done this before so it was a great experience. Many photos were taken and everyone was smiling (except for Taku who was squealing).

Later that night after a delicious dinner, we played a variety of games in the hall. I didn’t really have a favourite but the funniest activity was called “Hornets and Ants”. The hornets (our teachers) had to tag the ants (us students) on the leg. Once we were tagged we had to pretend to be a dead ant until we were taken to the ant hospital.

The next day we all woke up at 7am to get ready for the day ahead of us. We were going to be doing abseiling, initiatives, archery and rock climbing.

Once we were ready and full of a yummy breakfast, we went to the abseiling area. For abseiling we had to put on a harness again. We were then attached to two ropes. I was the first
girl in my group to do abseiling. As I was going down I slipped but luckily I had quick reflexes and was able to get back on track. I knew everyone was laughing and so was I.

After abseiling, we did initiatives. For initiatives we were put into groups to solve different puzzles. In my group there was Fatima, Shahab, Mohamad, Sherif, Richard, James, Khaee and myself. My favourite activity was when we had to swing across the ‘lava pit’. Only my legs managed to make it across so I had to pull myself up. That was hard work! I also liked the activity where we had to steal the gold. There were two ropes. Sherif and I both picked up a rope and figured out a way to steal the gold. We were rich…with tennis balls!

After initiatives we had lunch. For lunch we had burritos. I was one of the girls who helped to serve.

After lunch my group did archery. My partner Ebru got 2 bullseyes on her first try. I managed to get 1 white (which was on the outside). I also managed to get 2 more white, 1 red and 1 blue.

We then moved on to rock climbing. For rock climbing we had to put a harness on. I climbed up until my hands were numb, then I asked to get down. I had to use my abseiling skills here. After everyone had had a go, Mr Nicolos and Taku had a race. It was very close but Taku had won.

At last we went back to our cabins. We all took a shower and then we had dinner. I had fish with some salad. After dinner we did some night activities with the other schools. This was just as fun as the night before.

The next day which was nice and warm we did kayaking. This was my second favourite activity. I got really wet but I had a lot of fun. It was really hard but I managed to go through the whole activity without capsizing.

Finally after we got changed into our dry clothes, we loaded our luggage and set off.

As soon as we arrived, I went to my mum. It was a great camp, especially when we did sports.
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