

Our School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Megan Lockery

Greenwich PS Students Out and About

Our students have been busy studying in a variety of interesting environments over the last few weeks. Kindy enjoyed a hands-on experience of farm life, interacting with the animals and watching milking and sheep shearing demonstrations. Kindergarten to Year 2 students have visited the Macquarie University ICT Centre to learn Robotics. They had to build a Lego robot and then were taught how to program sound and music and coding to make it move. Stage 2 and 2AP students had a bush experience with Field of Mars teachers.

Upcoming Events

As this is a very busy time of year, I will highlight a few key events.

- 24 November – Transition to Year 2 2015 9.30-10.30am in Hall
- 26 November – School Council AGM 4pm
- 27 November – Schools Spectacular Excursion
- 30 November – Performing Arts Concert – 6.30pm in Hall
- 3 December – Thank You Morning Tea 11am in Hall
- 7 December – Year 6 Fun Day and Kindy Fun Day
- 8 December – Presentation Assembly K-6 at Hunters Hill HS 10am
- 9 December - Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- 10 December – Stage 3 Bowling Day
- 14 December – Stage 2 Movie Day and Stage 3 Disco 5.30pm
- 15 December – K-2 Movie Day
- 16 December – Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 2pm and all students' last day



Working With Children Check - reminder

Our school enjoys strong support from our parent/carer community in the classrooms, on excursions and in our extra-curricular groups. Please be aware that it is a legal Child Protection requirement for all volunteers to have completed a 'Working With Children Check' where you are required to provide 100 points of identity eg. passport and driver's licence. I have attached the form to this newsletter. Please complete this form and take your 100 point original documents to either office for verification. You only need to complete this process once in the life of your children at this school. Thank you.

Pozieres French- Australian School Project

Thanks go to the Years 2-6 SRC for organising the donation drive for this project. To date we have so far raised \$336 and will continue collecting until the end of the week. We appreciate every donation, thank you.

Group Photos

Photos of sports, music dance, choir, Year 6 Muck-up and Student Representative Council groups are now available for purchase online at advancedlife.com.au using the Code PY2EMPQTY. You may view these photos on the notice board in the school hall.

Megan Lockery

Principal

Year 1 to Year 2 Transition - Parent Orientation Morning

Ms Parrella and Mr Richmond would like to invite parents and carers of current Year 1 students to an orientation morning and tour of the Kingslangley Rd Campus on Tuesday 24 November from 9.30-10.30am. This is a great opportunity for parents who have not had a child attend school at the Kingslangley Rd campus to familiarise themselves with this campus. Parents/carers will be shown around the school and will have the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session. Please note that this morning is for parents/carers only.

Luke Richmond
Assistant Principal

Top of the Hill – Hunters Hill High School Enrichment program

Last week 11 students from GPS attended 'Top of the Hill' at Hunters Hill High School. We began our day on Monday with wood technology. We learned how to use saws and sanders. After that, we made our own icing out of butter and icing sugar and added food colouring and flavouring. Then we had Science where we did experiments with dry ice. We made smoke and bubbles out of the gas. We then participated in dance where we learnt a routine for the presentation afternoon. On Wednesday we started the day with Music where we used Laptops and computer software to create electronic music. We had Drama after that and got into groups of 5 to create a mime performance. The last thing we did was sport with everybody. We played Soccer, tee-ball and volleyball. Then we got icy poles and chips. The very last thing we did was perform at the presentation afternoon where some people did dance, drama, science, food tech, wood work and presented their music. We had fun and learnt a lot.

Pania and Chanelle (Year 6)

Stage 2 and 2NP Bushwalk through Lane Cove Bushland Park



On Monday students in Years 3, 4 and 2NP went on an excursion to Lane Cove Bushland Park. The focus was to introduce them to their local bushland. Students were encouraged to investigate the enquiry question, 'How have people changed Lane Cove Bushland Park?'

The walk began at the Valleyview Crescent entrance. The groups explored the upper section of the park, north of River Road, Greenwich.



Students investigated the unique species of flora and fauna found in the park. The importance of protecting this local place was discussed.

Students observed the negative human effects on the park, such as litter, sewerage overflow, storm water nutrient runoff and the incidence of weeds, habitat loss and human movement with their pets through the park that can have a negative impact. Positive human influences, such as signage, education, bush regeneration and the creation of protected sites were explored.

Students undertook a variety of activities including photography, scratch art and finally an invertebrate capture, study and release.

Students learnt:

- Some rare fungi is found only in this area and not in any other part of the world. One of our rarest fungi was identified by a child.
- Sewer systems from nearby homes go down the hill and to a sewerage plant for filtration. In times of heavy rainfall, the sewer overflow outlets flow into our local creeks. Students found these sewer overflow valves. It was discovered that some people even connect their storm water drainage to the sewer and this makes this problem worse!
- Storm water flows to our local creek areas. It is illegal to wash your car with detergents onto areas that lead to our stormwater drains Remember: **Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!**
- When the early settlers came to our local area, they cleared the land and made paddocks to raise cattle. Kelly's Flat is one of these areas. It is now a beautiful, peaceful, shaded and protected bushland area.
- Bush regeneration workers help preserve the bushland. They use black plastic to cover the weeds and plant native plants.
- Stairs and boardwalks have been made to keep people on the track so that they don't disturb endangered areas.

- Invertebrates live in the leaf litter. Students used a paintbrush to move the leaves and find small invertebrates such as centipedes, worms, slaters, ants, small spiders etc. Some students had a small spider eat the ant they had collected. We were told not to worry that this is all part of nature and is what happens in the wild.....



In conclusion, this was a very engaging, hands-on excursion. Students have enjoyed communicating what they had learnt during this excursion. We would like to thank teachers from the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre for their guidance and Lane Cove Council for sponsoring this environmental experience.

Ms Anna Parrella
Assistant Principal and Coordinator

School Council News

The School Council is made up of an elected body (9) of parents, community representatives, staff and the Principal.

The role of the council is to act as a governance body and encompasses:

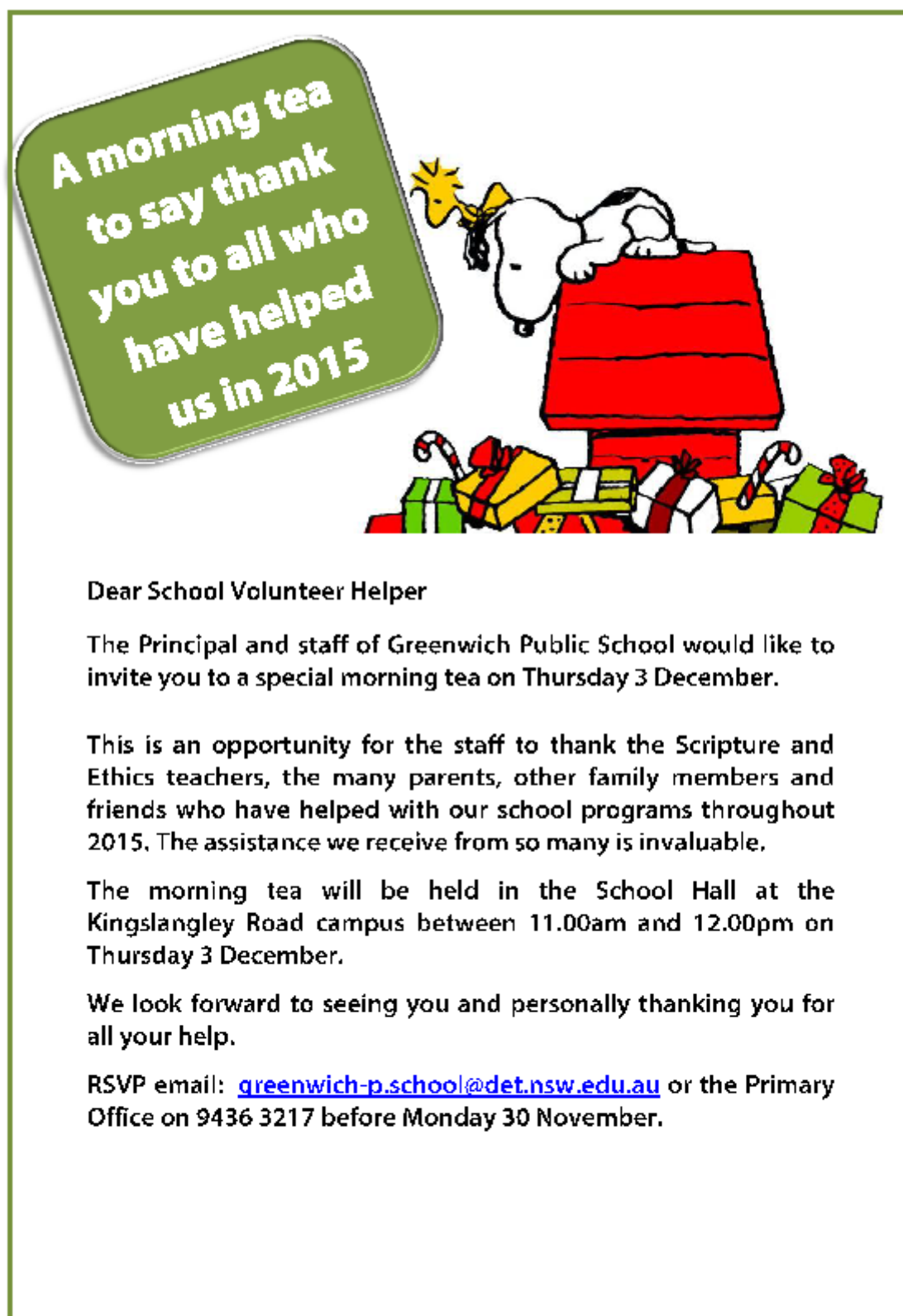
- contributing to the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- discuss the annual budget and expenditure
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- reporting annually to the school community
- creating interest in the school in the wider community
- informing itself of and taking into account the views of the changing community
- ensuring that student welfare is the top priority with any discussions or decisions being made

Elections for School Council Members take place in November. The School Council meets regularly throughout the year. If you have any concerns or issues you would like raised the council can be contacted at the following email address greenwichpublicschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Greenwich PS School Council will be held on Thursday 26 November at 4pm in the staffroom on the 2-6 campus. All school community members are welcome to attend. Nominations for positions can be made by contacting James Hall (President) at greenwichpublicschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Vacancies exist in 2016 for two parent representatives and one community member.

James Hall
School Council President

Thank You Morning Tea 2015



Dear School Volunteer Helper

The Principal and staff of Greenwich Public School would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Thursday 3 December.

This is an opportunity for the staff to thank the Scripture and Ethics teachers, the many parents, other family members and friends who have helped with our school programs throughout 2015. The assistance we receive from so many is invaluable.

The morning tea will be held in the School Hall at the Kingslangley Road campus between 11.00am and 12.00pm on Thursday 3 December.

We look forward to seeing you and personally thanking you for all your help.

RSVP email: greenwich-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or the Primary Office on 9436 3217 before Monday 30 November.

P&C NEWS**ART SHOW CARDS**

Gift card packs remaining following the recent Art Show are now available for sale on Flexischools (www.flexischools.com.au). Many class cards did sell out so there are only limited packs available until sold out.

DRINKS BY THE HARBOUR 2016

Calling all current Kindergarten parents. As Year 1 parents in 2016, next year is your year for Drinks By The Harbour event co-ordination! All current Kindy parents are invited along to a preliminary handover and overview meeting run by the 2015 DBTH co-ordinators on Thursday 3 December 9.30am in the GOOSH building. A fantastic way to get involved and get to know other school parents.

Any questions please contact events@greenwichpandc.org.au

PERFORMING ARTS**String Ensemble**

**Does your child want to learn the VIOLIN
or CELLO at Greenwich Public School?
Accepting enrolments for 2016**

Please call Anita Crawford on 0430 763 493

Recorder Ensemble

Dates for you to remember and which your children must be practising for!

Monday 30 November	(one and a half weeks away!) Performing Arts Concert. <u>All</u> recorder players
Tuesday 1 December	Compulsory Rehearsal for Presentation Day. Start 8.45am Years 3-6. No lesson for Year 2.
Wednesday 2 December	Compulsory Rehearsal for Presentation Day. Start 8.45am Years 3-6. Year 3 8am lesson as usual.
Monday 7 December	Greenwich Community Carols, Leemon Reserve. All recorders 2-6. Be there at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm performance. As this is a community run event students will be under the supervision of their parents/carers.
Tuesday 8 December	Presentation Day. Recorders Years 3-6.
Monday 14 December	Recorder Party 1.10pm ESL room. Years 2-6.

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From the Office

For 2016 School Student Transport Scheme Passes:

For the 2016 School year students who already have a school travel (SSTS) pass will automatically receive their own Opal card (sent to school) at the beginning of the 2016 school year. However this does not include children entering Year 3 or 7 who will need to re-apply.

Please see the list below for further details.

2016 Passes can be applied for online at:

<https://fnsww-prod-iac.pegacloud.com/ApplySSTS/ApplySSTS.html>

When you've completed the online application, you'll need to print off a copy of your completed application and hand it in at your school for endorsement.

If you don't have a printer, you'll be able to save your application as pdf and print it later.

However, you will need to complete an application form if:

- applying for SSTS for the first time
- enrolling in kindergarten
- progressing from year 2 to year 3
- progressing from year 6 to year 7
- changing name, school and/or address
- requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Eligibility

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW and enrolled as:

- an infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school
- a primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.6km (straight line distance) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route
- a secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line distance) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route
- Students who live too close to school for a SSTS pass, may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass.

2016 Term Passes can be applied for online at:

<https://fnsww-prod-iac.pegacloud.com/ApplyTBP/ApplyTBP.html>

MERIT AWARDS Week 7**Years K/1****Years 2-6**

Bronze Awards



Silver Awards



Bronze Awards



Silver Awards



DIARY DATES**TERM 4****WEEK 7****Wednesday 18 November**

- KJS, 1MR, 1LR Robotics excursion

Thursday 19 November

- 2SH Robotics excursion (amended date)

WEEK 8**Tuesday 24 November**

- Year 2 2016 Information Morning 9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 25 November

- 1OF, 1LR and KSM Robotics excursion

Thursday 26 November

- 4pm School Council Meeting and AGM
- 1AK, KKJ, 1LR Robotics excursion

Friday 27 November

- School Spectacular

WEEK 9**Monday 30 November**

- 6.30pm Performing Arts Concert

Thursday 3 December

- Public Schools High School Orientation Day
- Thank You Morning Tea 11am

WEEK 10**Monday 7 December**

- Greenwich Carols by Candlelight
- Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 8 December

- Presentation Assembly at Hunters Hill High School 10am

Wednesday 9 December

- Year 6 Graduation dinner

Thursday 10 December

- Stage 3 Strike Bowling, Chatswood

WEEK 11**Monday 14 December**

- Stage 3 Disco 5.30 – 7.30pm
- Stage 2 Picnic Day
- Recorder Xmas Party ESL Room 1.10pm

Tuesday 15 December

- Stage 1 Picnic Movie Day

Wednesday 16 December

- K/1 Christmas Concert
- Years 2-6 Talent Quest
- 2pm Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- Last day of Term 4 for students

Term Dates for 2016**Term 1 January 28 – April 8****Term 2 April 26 – 1 July****Term 3 July 18 – 23 September****Term 4 October 10 – 20 December****HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK****SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK

- K-2 Movie Permission Note
- Kindergarten Fund Day Permission Note
- Year 1 Excursion to Year 6 Fund Day Permission Note
- Working With Children Check
- P&C Wine Drive Order Form

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Greenwich
Carols by Candlelight

6pm - 8.30pm

Monday 7 December 2015
Leemon Reserve, Robert St, Greenwich

Sausage Sizzle/ BYO picnic from 6pm
carols commence 6.30pm.

Enquiries: 02 9966 0543

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