

# Our School Newsletter

## Greenwich Public School

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### Principal's Message

Good afternoon Parents, Carers and Friends of Greenwich Public School.

As the year draws to a close for our school, I would like to thank every family for their support and enthusiasm for the teaching and programs that are held at Greenwich Public School.

2017 has been another year of wonderful achievement for Greenwich Public School. At the Department of Education level, we have seen the announcement of a significant building program for our school. This program will give us an additional 24 classrooms across both campuses with facilities that are 21<sup>st</sup> century in design.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous contributions made by the School Executive Team –Anna Parrella, Jenni Bittar, Kristy Johnson, Leanne Ryrie and our relieving Assistant Principals Amelia Rutherford and Jo Smith. Without their dedication, support and vision, the quality of the education delivered to our children would be diminished.

They are supported by a great teaching team and administration staff including our school learning support officers assist us in the classroom and provide a vital role in improving student outcomes. – Christine, Jann, Liz, Sharlene, Gerry, Nathan, Stephanie, Amanda, Lynne and Cass, keep our school running smoothly and we appreciate this.

The partnership between home and school at Greenwich remains strong. Thank you to the P & C and School Council whose support of the school is invaluable. We highly value the work done by our parent volunteers in fundraising, class parent network, uniform shop, banking, reading and maths groups, building and gardening projects, helping at events and supporting your children.

One special group of parents I would like to acknowledge is the outgoing Year 6 parents and those parents and families who are leaving our school – for many of them, this year draws to a close a long and happy relationship with Greenwich PS and I wish them well with their new school settings.

The school has in 2017 delivered outstanding teaching and learning opportunities in Literacy and Numeracy as well as the wonderful emphasis on Science and Creative Arts and this will be enhanced in 2018. Our students are being prepared with 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills and our new learning environment will deliver an environment in which we will further enhance their skills in STEAM Education.

A wide range of extracurricular programs was offered and the performing arts talents of our children have been showcased in many concerts this year. We have represented the school at the Sydney North Dance Festival, Arts Alive Choral Concert, Recorders at the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House, band festivals and string performances, School Spectacular, public speaking and in sport we have participated in interschool soccer, netball and AFL. We were successful in a range of sporting activities at both interschool level and zone and regional level. Who could forget the magnificent musical Dragon Girl where every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 performed?

Our Year 6 students leave us on Friday and prepare for their next stage in high school. The 2018 Year 6 have been a delightful and talented group of students who have been a credit to our school on all occasions.

It is fitting that I also acknowledge the student leadership team including our Sporting leadership Teams who have performed their duties demonstrating a respect for the values of Greenwich Public School. I am sure that they will all be successful in their new educational pathways and I hope they look back on their schooling at Greenwich with great fondness.

### **Time Changes for 2018**

We are planning to change the timing of our day in 2018. We will begin as usual at 9:10am and conclude at 3:10pm. The times during the day will change to allow for the maximum use of teaching time that we are able to get. The morning session and mid-session will both be for 2 hours with the afternoon being 50 minutes. Lunch will be brought forward to after session 1.

This will allow us to use these times more effectively for literacy and numeracy lessons.

### **Office Relocation**

We have relocated our front office this week to the old staffroom along the hallway. You can access the office by using the same front door or via the side entrance. This move will allow our administration staff to have more space to work in and also provide Christine, as our Senior Administration Manager, an office for finance operations. This has given our office staff some much-needed space.

### **Staff Change**

There will be another staff change in 2018 as Mrs Chris Broockmann will not be returning to Greenwich. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Broockmann for her dedication to supporting students at our school and wish her well with her future directions. Thank you Mrs Broockmann from all of us.

### **Upcoming events:**

- **School Resumes 29 January for teachers**
- **School Resumes 30 January Years 1-6**
- **Best Start 2018 January 30 - February 1**
- **Kindergarten starts February 2**
- **Advance notice:**
  - Healthy Harold 7-9 February K-1 & 12-16 February 2-6**
  - 9 February Kindy Picnic after school**
  - 14 February School Photos**
  - 21 February 2018 Swimming Carnival**
  - 5 - 9 March Parent Interviews**

There are many things to look forward to in 2018 at Greenwich Public School. It will be a challenging but fascinating time ahead, as our buildings unfold and we are able to embrace the wonderful facilities that are planned.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas break and a happy new year. Thank you once again for the support and assistance that I have received throughout 2017 and I look forward to 2018.

Vicki McKenzie  
Principal

## P&amp;C NEWS



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# P&C UPDATE

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT - THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR OF SUPPORT

The GPS P&C has had an eventful and productive year – a revamped branding, an active Facebook group, key governance changes, of a new banking system as well as administrative updates including collaborative reporting!

We have held a number of fundraisers including Drinks by the Harbour, Plates, Greenwich Village Arts Trail, Wine Drive, various cake stalls and School Disco. All of these have had huge financial support from the community which we highly appreciate.

Throughout the year we have been able to provide funding to support key school activities including school and learning resources, particularly mobile devices, a STLA teacher and ground maintenance.

We have discussed and debated many subjects and community issues at our meetings such as traffic & safety, changes to urban density, canteen offerings, school funding, the proposed building works and the school playground project (which has been put on hold while the new building work plans are finalised so that a suitable location or alternative can be found).

The GPS P&C Committee, the Uniform Shop, School Banking, Class Parents, String & Band Committees, Working Bees, Social and Fundraising events are all done by volunteers, people that have kindly given up their time to make the school and its environment a better place. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers at Greenwich Public School for their time, effort and input.

In 2018 we will have new challenges with the building works plus new and existing commitments to help the school with resourcing. **I would invite and welcome everybody to engage with the GPS P&C to help set our goals and priorities for 2018. Please email myself or [greenwichpandc@gmail.com](mailto:greenwichpandc@gmail.com) with any suggestions.**

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US ON THE GPS P&C



The GPS P&C wish all our Greenwich families a wonderful Christmas and hope you all enjoy the best the summer holidays can offer.

We are kicking off next year with our first meeting on the 21 February. We look forward to welcoming new members in 2018, to help the committee continue our work in supporting the school and our school community.

Our first meeting will kick off on 21 February 2018.



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introduction

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school

**DIARY DATES****TERM 4****WEEK 10****Wednesday 13 December**

- Stage 3 Aussie Bush Camp
- K/1 Concert 9.30am
- Year 1 transition

**Thursday 12 December**

- Stage 3 Movie and pizza day

**Friday 15 December**

- Last day for students
- Talent Show

**DATES FOR 2018****WEEK 1****Tuesday 30 January**

- Students years 1-6 return to school
- Stage 1 open classroom visit
- Kindergarten 2018 start school

**WEEK 2****Wednesday 7 February – Friday 9 February**

- Health Harold K/1

**WEEK 3****Monday 12 February**

- Healthy Harold 2-6 to Friday 16 February
- Parent Information night K/1

**Tuesday 13 February**

- Parent Information night 2-6

**Wednesday 14 February**

- School Photos

**WEEK 4****Wednesday 21 February**

- Swimming Carnival

**WEEK 5****Friday 15 March**

- Selective High School test

**WEEK 9****Thursday 29 March**

- Easter Hat Parade and K/1 Assembly

**Friday 30 March**

- Good Friday

**WEEK 10****Monday 2 April**

- Easter Monday

**WEEK 11****Thursday 12 April**

- Recognition/Anzac Assembly

**Friday 13 April**

- Last day for students Term 1

**HARDCOPY NOTES SENT HOME**

- Nil

**SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

- Nil

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## GREENWICH SPORTS CLUB

[www.greenwichsportsclub.com.au](http://www.greenwichsportsclub.com.au)  
Football and Netball with your local club!



**Greenwich Sports Club** has been creating incredible moments of sporting achievement in your community for 80 years. 2018 will be no different.

Not only do we offer incredible value, you will also enjoy the support of a professional club coach and amazing club (and team) spirit.

**Sausage sizzle and information night in Jan 2018 at Bob Campbell Oval. Look for signs.**

Register online [www.greenwichsportsclub.com.au](http://www.greenwichsportsclub.com.au) from mid-late January 2018

Questions? Email [registrar@greenwichsportsclub.com.au](mailto:registrar@greenwichsportsclub.com.au)

### FOOTBALL

**JUNIOR Mixed, Boy's and Girl's:** From Under 6 to Under 18  
**SENIOR TEAMS:** All Age Men & Women • Womens Over 35  
• Womens Over 45 • Mens Over 35 • Mens Over 45

### NETBALL

**NetSetGo:** 8 - 9 year olds  
**Netball:** 10 - 12 year olds  
**Senior:** 16 years and over

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## Junior & Adult Programs

**Based on school calendar!**

- ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coaching (4-13yrs)
- High Performance & Competition (9-18yrs)
- Ladies & Adult Clinics (Beginner & Intermediate)
- Private Lessons and more...
- **FREE** After School Bus Pick Up Service

## Holiday Programs

**7 weeks of camps during December and January!**

- Camps held rain, hail or shine during all school holiday periods
- Casual bookings and excursions available!
- **FREE** Before Care & Racquet Hire