

Our School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well. I am grateful for the continued health and safety of our community.

Learning from Home

Thank you for your continued efforts assisting your children learning from home. We understand and appreciate the complexity of juggling parental, schooling and work commitments.

I am confident in the high calibre of the Learning from Home program K-6. Most teaching staff are working from home to maximise their time to develop quality programs and connect with their students. We are hopeful that expectations are clear for students and helpful for parents. These expectations may be communicated in various ways for example:

- Learning objectives and success criteria at the beginning of a lesson
- Symbols on the weekly overview to indicate tasks for which teacher feedback can be expected or when specific materials are required



The communication of clear expectations assists your children to feel safe and successful. As their teachers from home, we are hopeful they are also of support to you.

Be assured, your children are doing a great job! They are connecting with their teachers, completing assigned tasks and doing their best. Stage 3 students must be commended for their independence and mature work habits. I would particularly like to acknowledge the Stage 3 students learning onsite for assisting Stage one peers to

connect to their class Zoom catch ups. It's a team effort and commendable display of peer support and school spirit.

I highly value opportunities to engage with you and look forward to the P&C meeting next week where I will overview the Learning from Home program K-6 and outline some tips to support you throughout this period.

Attendance information

The system for reporting attendance at school during the learning from home period is that students will be marked as 'flexible' attendance in line with DoE guidelines. Students whose parents do not indicate that they are working from home and do not provide a reason will be marked 'absent' after **9:30 am**.

The Greenwich Road campus is currently meeting the needs of students in attendance onsite, averaging 19% each day. On a recent visit to the Kingslangley Campus I took a moment to admire the magnificence of the magnolia in full bloom. What a sight!



Your ongoing support, patience and understanding is making the current situation easier and we are very grateful. Best wishes for your good health and safety.

Robyn Scott
R/Principal

Wellbeing for families during remote learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are anything like me, you may be getting to the end of each day and criticising yourself for all the things you and your family didn't achieve. We are all going to drop the ball – we're human, after all. The problem is that **we tend to let the bad outweigh the good**. It's called the negativity bias. If we see a white wall with a small black mark on it, we are drawn to the imperfection rather than the rest of the wall.



Let's shift the balance and **pay attention to the good in our day**. Consider keeping a **gratitude jar** where each family member writes something they are thankful for or made them smile each day. At the end of lockdown, open the jar and be reminded about all the small moments of joy. Let us look back at all the white space and let the black dot fade into the distance...

Ms Daisy Collins – School Counsellor

Update – VALID 6 online science test

Year 6 students were scheduled to complete the exit Year 6 online science assessment from 28th August. Unfortunately, schools that are in level 4 restrictions (learning from home) will not be able to undertake the assessment in this window. A version of the assessment will be made available after 3rd September to support our school-based assessment and will provide useful data about student progress in science.

In the meantime, please check in with your Stage 3 child to see if they are accessing and completing the weekly online science lesson. Science is covering many literacy outcomes at present as well as scientific understanding outcomes. As a guide, students should be spending approximately 1 hour on science per week.

Liz Imlay - science coordinator

Library News**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

It' full steam ahead! How is the recording of your books read going on the PRC website?



To make it easier for students to complete the reading challenge, this year the closing date for the Premiers Reading Challenge is now September 3rd. The number of choice books has increased from 5 to 10. You can include books that you have read online and with parents or carers. You may also like to try some on-line sites such as Sydney Opera House – [Footlights and Booklists](#) . You may also like to access individual author and illustrator sites as many are running story times and shared reading sessions on-line.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by emailing Greenwich-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

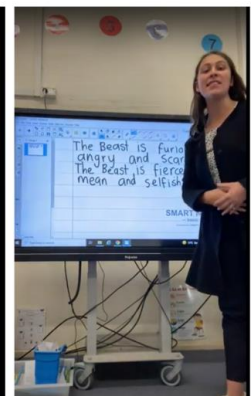
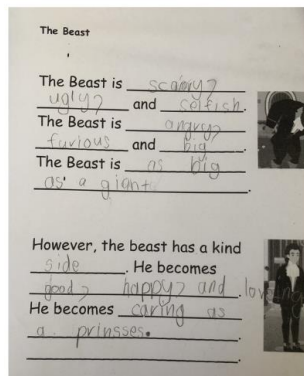
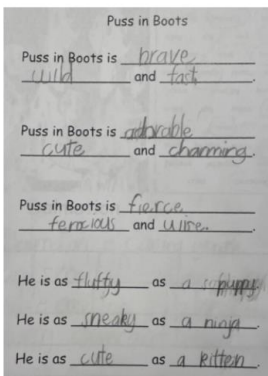
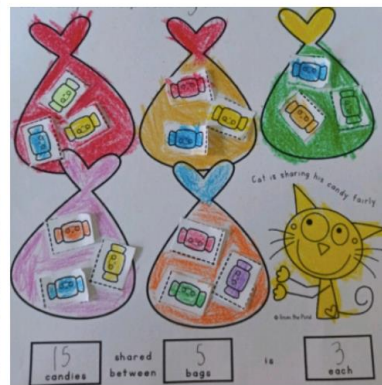
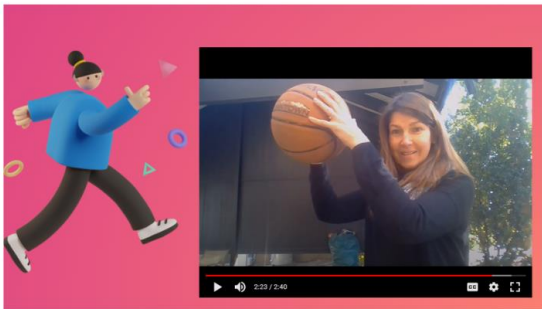
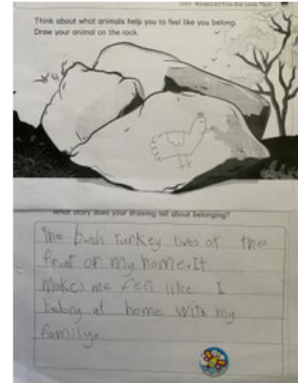
Happy reading.

Marian Walker – School Librarian

Around our School

Early Stage 1 – Learning from Home – Week 4

It's not just the students in Kindergarten having fun with the online learning program.



Stage 3 – Learning from Home – Week 4


This week, students in Stage 3 were asked to reflect on this year’s Education Week theme of ‘Lifelong Learners.’ Students created artworks using digital platforms that reflected what they perceived the phrase to mean. Well done all!





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P&C UPDATE

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Please follow the link below to join the next P & C Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87840543695?pwd=endic0diSzdMYmNIWStYMTNrSmljUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 4054 3695

Passcode: 052602

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87840543695>

DIARY DATES**Term 3 2021****WEEK 5****Wednesday 11 August**

- Support Unit Northcott Athletics Carnival (postponed)
- P & C Meeting 7pm

WEEK 6**Tuesday 17 August**

- GPS K-6 Athletics Carnival (TBC)

WEEK 7**Thursday 26 August**

- Zone Athletics Carnival (TBC)
- Kindergarten 2022 Parent Information Night 6pm to 7pm (online)

Friday 27 August

- Zone Athletics Carnival (TBC)
- Support Unit Excursion Bella Room (TBC)

WEEK 8**Tuesday 31 August**

- Kindergarten 'Fairytale Fiasco' Drama Incursion (TBC)

Friday 3 September

- P & C Father's Day Breakfast- Greenwich Road campus

Saturday 4 September

- Local Government Elections

WEEK 9**Monday 6 September**

- Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival

Saturday 11 September

- P & C Student Disco (K-6)

WEEK 10**Friday 17 September**

- Last day of term

HARDCOPY NOTES SENT HOME

- Nil

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Nil