

Our School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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

Welcome to Week 9 of Term 4 2018.

Greenwich Public School 2018

2018 has been another year of wonderful achievement for Greenwich Public School. We have seen the commencement of the building program for our school. This program, as you know, will give us an additional 24 classrooms across both campuses with facilities that are 21st century in design. This has posed a significant change to our planning, the operation throughout 2019 and the duration of the build. It is a very exciting process that we are now in and I personally can't wait for the buildings to be completed.

Greenwich Public School continues to be a special environment for children to learn. This environment is a direct result of the wonderful teachers, support staff and extraordinary parent support given to our school. The positive partnership between parents and staff enhances what we do. The highly qualified and enthusiastic staff help develop confident and creative learners.

The partnership between home and school at Greenwich remains vital. Thanks must go to the P & C and School Council whose commitment is invaluable. The support shown to me as we move with the school build is exceptional and I would like to thank the P&C Executive and School Council. 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.

I would like to thank today the outgoing Year 6 parents and those families who are leaving our school – for many of you this year draws to a close a long and happy relationship between Greenwich PS and yourselves. Thank you for your support throughout your time with us and best wishes for you and your child's new learning environment.

Our achievements this year have been documented and celebrated in the newsletter. Academically, we have excelled in the NAPLAN tests, ICAS testing, Maths Olympiad nationally in the top 10%, Sporting events and Creative and Performing Arts. The school has, in 2018, 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 2019. Our students are being prepared with 21st Century skills and our new learning environment will further enhance their skills in STEAM Education.

We have had a stronger emphasis on Learning and Support for all students from 2018. We continue to support students with individualised and a targeted needs based approach due to the resourcing by our department as well as the wonderful resourcing by the community. Your contributions allow us to have a teacher off class and

employ School Learning Support Officers to work directly with students in their classrooms. I am fortunate to have a dedicated Learning and Support team. The emphasis on these programs is on rigorous, meaningful and dignified learning at all levels of educational need.

In 2019 we will begin a new chapter at Greenwich PS as we begin the building of a Special Education Unit. Over the next two years we will open three new classes where students with additional support needs will work on an integrated educational model providing them with opportunities to be part of a mainstream school whilst still having the support they need. The first class we are establishing is an Autism class and we already have three enrolments for a Kindergarten class in 2019. This class has a capacity for seven students.

A wide range of extracurricular programs was offered in 2018 to our talented students have been showcased in many assemblies and concerts throughout 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, Schools Spectacular, public speaking and in sport we have participated in interschool soccer, netball, orienteering and AFL. We were successful in a range of sporting activities at both interschool, zone and regional level.

We have an exciting time in front of us over the next year. Our children are very lucky to be part of the great school we have at Greenwich. The year ahead is certainly going to challenge all of us in varying ways however I am confident that we can work together to overcome these changes we are about to experience with a combined team approach.

I look forward to another year of challenges and opportunities, projects and progress for all students at Greenwich Public School.

Performing Arts Concert

The Performing Arts Concert held last week was a wonderful way to showcase the talented students on our school. Well done everyone on a wonderful evening.

Building Update

The building works are proceeding rapidly. The footings for the demountables are in place ready for the relocation to occur. Work will continue throughout the holidays with ground works commencing in the New Year.

Christmas Gift Tree

We have a Christmas gift tree this year in the meeting room outside the office on Kingslangley Campus. Thank you to all the families who donated their prizes from the Colour Run to our gift tree. We will be donating the gifts to charity next week if anyone wishes to donate a toy or book.

To conclude I would like to wish all students, teachers and families a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday ahead.

Thank you and have a wonderful week.

Vicki McKenzie.

STOP PRESS - AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

VALID Science and Technology 6 individual student reports will be included in the envelope with the school report. We received a special letter from the high performance unit to let us know that Olivia S and Jordan E achieved the 3rd highest score along with 9 others which is in the top 20 students to complete VALID this year. Nash W and Emma W achieved the 4th highest score along with 15 other students which places them in the top 30 students. Please pass on our congratulations to these students, their parents and Mrs Imlay. Four students in the top 30 is a remarkable achievement for one school. Congratulations.

Senior 'Arts Alive' Choir Visit to Greenwich Hospital - Thursday 13 December

Students in the 'Arts Alive' choir will walk to Greenwich Hospital on Thursday afternoon to perform some Christmas carols. Students are to meet Ms Rutherford and Ms Stephenson outside the 5/6AR room at 1.30pm.

Students will return before the end of the school day.

**Year 6 Fun Day – This Friday 14 December**

The Year 6 Fun Day will take place this Friday 14 December on the Kingslanglely Rd campus.

Students in Kindergarten and Year 1 will start their day at the Greenwich Rd campus and walk to the Kingslanglely Rd site during break 1. Parents/carers will need to pick-up their child/ren from the Kingslanglely Rd campus at the end of the school day.

A number of activities and food stalls will be made available to students on the day. Some of these include face painting, a t-shirt stand, haunted house, virtual reality room, sock wrestling, raffles, cafes, drinks, lolly bars and a jumping castle.

All students are encouraged to bring a reasonable amount of money to school on this day in a wallet or pouch clearly marked with their name and class. Students must wear their school sports uniform.

The proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of the Year 6 2018 gift to the school.

We look forward to an exciting day ahead!

Stage 3 Teachers and Students

Class 5/6AR

What a fantastic four terms 5/6AR have had! 2018 has been full of PEEL and PETAL paragraphs, Performing Arts events, cooking classes, sport, Garage Band, Ozobots, Bikewise, volcanos and camp. Beyond the Mathematics strategies and spelling rules, however, we have learnt how

to be flexible, respectful and accepting of those around us. We've also realised how important it sometimes is to laugh and not take things too seriously! There have been many 'firsts' for some students, and many 'lasts' for others. Year 6 will now begin the next step in their educational journey, as Year 5 become the next leaders of the school.



PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**Recorders**

Recorder Parents

The recorder year has finished with our party today. There are no lessons tomorrow, Friday or next week.

Thank you for all the encouragement you gave your children with their musical development.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas holiday.

Best wishes,

Bev De Luis

**LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN 2018:**

At the Uniform Shop - **Friday 14th December 8.30-9.30am**. It's also your last chance to grab a bargain with second hand clothing items up to to 70% OFF. Nothing's over \$5.

Online via Flexischools - Cut off **Sunday 16th December 5pm**. Delivery of orders Monday 17 December 2018. Any orders placed after this date will be delivered on Monday 4 February 2019.

**FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS IN 2019**

At the Uniform Shop - **Friday 1st February 8.30-9.30am**.

Online via Flexischools - Cut off **Sunday 3rd February 5pm**. Delivery of orders Monday 4 February.

LAST CHANCE TO STOCK UP ON WINE FOR CHRISTMAS & FUNDRAISE FOR GPS! *(Information attached)*

Wine Direct are offering a selected range of wines at special prices as a fundraiser for GPS until the end of term. For every 12 bottles purchased, the school is given \$50!

You can select any combination from the 12 wines detailed below. Great deals and delivery is free for 12 or more bottles.

Stock up for Christmas!! No signing up to any wine society, no commitment, one-off orders. This is purely a fundraiser through Wine Direct.

Feel free to extend the offer to your workplace, family and friends!

PERFORMING ARTS

AWARDS K-6

Student Representative Council Members



Gold Award Recipients



Banners



Spelling Bee



Maths Olympiad



Merit



Bronze



Silver



DIARY DATES**TERM 4****WEEK 9****Tuesday 11 December**

- Year 6 dinner

Wednesday 12 December

- P&C Evening
- Presentation Assembly 10.00am

Friday 14 December

- Year 6 Fun Day

WEEK 10**Monday 17 December**

- Stage 2 Celebration Day
- K/2 End of Year Concert and Class picnics
- Bikewise stage 3 5/6SH

Tuesday 18 December

- Stage 3 Sports Gala day/End of Year celebration
- Year 2 disco 9.10 – 11.10am

Wednesday 19 December

- 2-6 Talent Quest

- Last day for students
- Year 6 farewell assembly 2.20-3.10pm

TERM 1 2019**WEEK 3****Wednesday 13 February**

- Swimming Carnival

WEEK 6**Tuesday 5 March**

- Photo Day

WEEK 7**Monday 11 March**

- Stage 3 Leadership – Young Leaders Day

HARDCOPY NOTES SENT HOME

- Nil

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK

- Greenwich fund raiser