

Our School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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

Welcome to Week 7 of Term 4!

Schools Spectacular

I would like to congratulate our school with their performance behaviour last week at the 2019 Schools Spectacular. The 2019 Schools Spectacular was truly a magnificent event and I am proud to be a principal in a system that promotes and produces such talent both from students and teachers who all spend countless hours rehearsing for this magnificent celebration of public education.

Greenwich Public School is one of many schools who contribute to making this significant event such a success. Ms Bittar is seconded from our school for a significant time each year and works tirelessly auditioning, choreographing, organising and practising with students across NSW. Congratulations Ms Bittar. Ms Rutherford and our Schools Spec choir spend their lunch times, break times before school and after school practising so that they can perform alongside 5000 other students as the cast. Congratulations Ms Rutherford and the Schools Spec Choir.

Thank you to our staff and students who went to the event last Friday and to those who organised the school's attendance for another wonderful year. It is not an easy excursion when we are part of an audience of in excess of 10 000 and 5000 performers all in one venue. Thank you everyone for your assistance in making the event so successful.

Gold Award Assembly

Next week we are holding our final Gold Award Assembly for 2019. If your child is receiving an award you will receive an invitation from our office staff and we hope you can attend.

Those students who are receiving a banner will also be invited to attend a morning tea with me following the assembly. I look forward to acknowledging student achievement and effort together with some student performances.

Future Focused Learning

In preparation for occupying our new buildings, teachers have been completing professional learning to further develop their skills and knowledge in collaborative-teaching practices. Included below are some FAQs that you may find interesting as we prepare for 2020.

Why should we be excited by the new flexible learning spaces and future-focused learning?

Our new building will offer flexible learning spaces that not only allow for the teaching of core subjects like English and maths but that also facilitate the development of skills and capabilities for our students to thrive in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. The new learning spaces connect students and allow for collaboration on tasks and projects in a range of configurations that include whole class, small groups, or even one- to-one! Flexible learning spaces inspire students to be leaders of their own learning

and engage their sense of curiosity. Students collaborate and use critical and creative thinking to solve complex problems and become mindful global citizens.

Whilst the new spaces will be a wonderful addition to our school, we know that at the end of the day quality teaching has the greatest impact on your child's learning. There is no one single effective teaching method or strategy. Our teachers have spent this year undertaking valuable professional learning to develop their current strong teaching practices. This professional learning has provided teachers with an advanced knowledge to be able to select from a vast range of effective teaching strategies for the new spaces whilst catering for every student's needs and talents.

I hear a lot about collaborative teaching, what does that mean for my child?

In most collaborative teaching environments, two or more teachers share the planning, teaching and assessment of a group of students. There are many benefits; from nearly always having a regular teacher on the class, the opportunity to offer a greater range of learning options, to two or more teachers knowing your child and their needs really well. Teachers also benefit from learning together as we all have different strengths and interests that can benefit others – two heads are nearly always better than one. If we want our students collaborating successfully, isn't it great that they can see our teachers doing it also!

How are noise levels within a co-teaching environment managed?

If twenty kids make that much noise, won't forty make double! That's a great question and one often heard when discussing co-teaching in new learning spaces. Of course, schools are noisy places, they are full of kids discussing problems, solving challenges and generally being kids. Just like they do now, our teachers and students will work together to set guidelines that help manage noise within their learning spaces. Often there is a place for lots of conversation and at other times noise needs to be reduced to enable independent reading or reflection activities. New learning spaces tend to have more glass and natural light entering as research has proven that this enhances learning. To balance this, the use of soft wall coverings, soft and hard furnishings and ceiling insulation are usually included to reduce excessive noise. Importantly, sliding doors and walls, small breakout rooms or quiet spaces are usually included to ensure the needs of students and teachers are catered for. Our teachers will be making sure that students no matter where they are in the space can hear important instructions, explicit teaching or listen to a friend share their learning with their classmates.

Thanks for being supportive of our journey and sharing in the excitement of our new learning environments!

Scripture/Ethics Classes on the Kingslangley Road campus for 2020

Whilst the new build is being finished at the Kingslangley Road campus there will be no scripture or Ethics classes for Term 1 2020 for students in years 3-6. Scripture/Ethics will still take place for Kindergarten, year 1 and 2 at the Greenwich Road campus in 2020.

Building Update

Please see below the updates for this week. I have been fortunate to have been on both sites to view the progress and I am so excited about the wonderful space that our students will have to learn in.

Kingslangley Road Site

- Continue rough in of electrical services to level 1 and 2
- Continue rough in of hydraulic services to level 1 and 2
- Continue rough in of mechanical services to level 1 and 2
- Continued installation of external building walls to level 1
- Continued installation of internal walls to level 1 and 2

- Installation of flashing to roof
- Commence cladding external building

Greenwich Road Site

- Finish vinyl to stairs
- Final painting defects
- Commence commissioning of services
- Final clean to internal building areas
- Flashing to lower roofs awnings
- Commence landscaping works
- Installation of door hardware
- Installation of FF&E items

I hope your week is wonderful.

Vicki McKenzie

From the Office

OPAL Transport Card

If students need to apply or re-apply for an OPAL card or change OPAL card information; please read the information included in this newsletter.

School Group Photos

The following school group photos are available for viewing at either campus Offices.

School Captains
House Captains
Years 1-6 SRC
PSSA AFL
PSSA Netball
PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer
Kindy Choir
Junior Choir (1)
Junior Choir (2)
School Spectacular Choir and Senior Choir
Concert Band
Performing Arts Captains
Dance
Recorder
String Ensemble
Training Band

Please contact Lauren Daniels Photography on 9744 3751 or info@laurendaniels.com.au to purchase your copy.

Year 6 Fun Day – Next Friday 6 December

The Year 6 Fun Day will take place next Friday 6 December on the Kingslangley Rd campus.

Students in Kindergarten will start their day at the Greenwich Rd campus and walk to the Kingslangley Rd site during break 1. Parents/carers will need to pick-up their child/ren from the Kingslangley 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 a t-shirt and notebook stand with products designed and produced by Year 5 students, a haunted house, chill-out rooms, an escape room, sausage sizzle, sock wrestling, raffles, guessing competitions, cafes, drinks, lolly bars and a jumping castle. Prices for activities will range from 50c to \$2. T-shirts and notebooks from the Year 5 memorabilia stand will range from \$3 - \$6.



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 2019 gift to the school.

We look forward to an exciting day ahead!

Stage 3 Teachers and Students

Gore Hill Oval – K-6 Physical Education Session – This Friday 29 November

This Friday 29 November, students in Years 1-6 will be travelling by foot to Gore Hill Oval at various times throughout the day for rotational Physical Education activities and play, run by classroom teachers. Kindergarten students will also participating in similar activities, but will be transported to and from the venue by bus.

Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on this day and ensure they have a water bottle and hat. Students may purchase lunch orders.

There will be no costs involved for these sessions as the P&C has generously covered the costs of venue hire and transport for our youngest students.

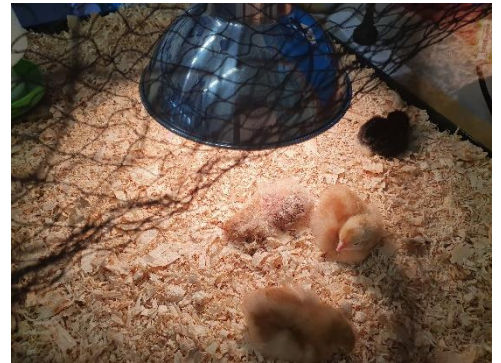
Amelia Rutherford
Sport Coordinator

Chickens in Kindergarten

To support our Writing unit 'On the Farm', Kindergarten has been lucky enough to have some eggs delivered to our campus. These eggs have started hatching and we have been so excited to see the baby chickens that have come from them. Kindergarten is exploring the way farmers take care of different animals. We are looking forward to having the chickens at our campus for the next two weeks to take care of them and observe how they grow! There is an opportunity for families to adopt some of the chickens at the end of the program. If you are interested, please speak to Miss Harburg by Wednesday of Week 8 to organise this.

Thank you,

Kindergarten Teachers



Home HQ Performance

The Artarmon Home HQ performance is this coming Sunday 1 December.

The timetabling for this event is as follows:

11.45am	'Arts Alive' choir to arrive at the latest
12noon – 12.40pm	'Arts Alive' choir to perform
12.40pm – 1.00pm	'Arts Alive' choir and Parent Choir to perform Christmas carols together
1.00pm – 1.40pm	GPS Parent Choir to perform

Students in the 'Arts Alive Choir' would be expected to arrive no later than 11.45am wearing their full school uniform and meeting Ms Rutherford on the ground floor in the main foyer.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Amelia Rutherford
Choir Coordinator

From Transport NSW - 2020 school travel applications now open

To assist with any enquiries you may receive regarding student travel applications, we have provided some information below.

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if* they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School travel application endorsements

It is not uncommon for applicants completing the online form to make mistakes, particularly entering their name or date of birth instead of the students. This may be due to an auto-fill function on a device or just human error. We ask that school administrators pay special attention to the information supplied by applicants which come through in the school portal. If the information supplied does not match your records or the student is not yet enrolled, please do not endorse the application. By selecting 'no' the application will be referred back to the applicant to correct and resubmit.

In the event that school administrators endorse in error, it would be appreciated if you could advise our SSTS team as soon as possible so the application can be intercepted before an Opal card or travel pass is issued.

To contact us about an endorsement error, please go to: <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select feedback about: 'school student transport scheme' and then select 'application updates'.

If school administrators require access to the school portal to endorse student applications, please request an account at <https://appln.transport.nsw.gov.au/portal/requests/account/school>

If you have staff that have left the school recently and had access to the school portal, please let us know at <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback> and select 'school/operator portal' and then 'remove existing user access' so their access can be removed.



P&C UPDATE

PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION INC.

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ENJOY GPS 'ARTS ALIVE' CHOIR and PARENTS CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Please join us up at Home HQ Artarmon this Sunday, 1st December to hear the Greenwich Public School Choir and Parents Choir performing. Performances to celebrate the festive season will start from midday, and families will also be able to enjoy other activities in the centre including face painting, mini putt-putt golf, an animal farm and more. You can find more information in the advertisement at the end of this newsletter.

Sunday 1st December:

- 12pm - Arts Alive Choir
- 12.40 - Arts Alive Choir + Parent Choir performing Christmas Carols together
- 1pm - Parent Choir

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- Jumping Castle
- Animal Farm
- Mini Putt Putt Golf
- Fairy Floss, Popcorn and Snow Cones
- Choir and live dance performances

Cost: Gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards purchasing LEGO bricks for Royal North Shore Hospital.

CHRISTMAS WISHING TREE

This year GOOSH, in conjunction with the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal, is organising a Wishing Tree for Christmas, to help educate our kids about people in need. All Greenwich Public School families are invited to join in this appeal. If you would like to participate, please bring in something small to GOOSH, before or after school, to place under the tree. Please wrap your present and attach a tag that states the gender and age of the child your present is suitable for. You can also leave gifts with the Kingslangley Rd office staff, who will forward on to GOOSH for you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOKCLUB 2020

The P&C is looking for volunteers to manage the Scholastic Book Club orders. This program will generate **over \$3000** in book resources for our children in 2019 so is an important fundraiser and is at risk of being cut due to lack of volunteers.

Who is needed: A few volunteers to sort, pack and distribute books and catalogues to the children, 8 times per year and a coordinator to manage the paperwork throughout the year.

Rebecca Powles, who has been managing the program for the last 2 years, will do a full handover to the new team and is happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact her if interested: Rebecca: 0403 421 663.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STOCK UP ON WINE AND FUNDRAISE FOR GPS!

Christmas wine drive forms are attached to the newsletter with some fantastic deals on popular and high quality wines. Stock up your cellar for unexpected visitors! For every dozen sold, \$50 is donated to our school. You can purchase as many bottles of any wines on the list as you like - no minimum/maximum of any variety. There is no shipping cost for orders over 12 bottles, wine is delivered to address of your choice.



Simply complete the form and email through to the email address on the form (no need to send via school). There’s also a “special reds dozen” available, which donates \$100 per dozen to Greenwich Public.

Feel free to forward the deals to family, friends and your workplace, everyone wins! **Awards**

Kindergarten

AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN

Bronze Awards

Silver Awards



Merit Awards



Greenwich Public School

K-6 Presentation Assembly

You are cordially invited to attend our special day to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2019

Thursday 12 December 2019

10.00 – 11.30am

Hunters Hill High School

Phil Daniels Pavilion, Reiby Road, Hunters Hill 2110



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DIARY DATES**TERM 4 2019****WEEK 7****Thursday 28 November**

- Stage 2 Interrelate

Friday 29 November

- Gore Hill K-6 Sport 9:30am – 2.30pm

WEEK 8**Monday 2 December**

- Stage 2 Interrelate
- Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 3 December

- K-6 Gold Award Assembly

Friday 6 December

- Year 6 Fun Day

WEEK 9**Wednesday 11 December**

- K-2 Sportspro Gala Day

- Arts Alive Choir – Greenwich Hospital Choir Performance 2pm

Thursday 12 December

- Presentation Assembly 9.30am
Hunters Hill High School
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Friday 13 December

- Years 3-6 Sportspro Gala Day

WEEK 10**Wednesday 18 December**

- Year 6 Graduation Assembly 2.25pm
Kingslangley Road
- Last day of Term 4

HARDCOPY NOTES SENT HOME

- Nil

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- P&C Wine Drive Order

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LANE COVE



Christmas Eve Children's Mass Pageant & Choir

On Christmas Eve St Michael's Lane Cove community will once again come together to celebrate the Christmas Story. Children have the opportunity to be involved in this celebration either in the re-enactment of the story of Nativity or performing in the Children's

If your child would like to be involved**, please contact:

Nativity - Nicole Vaccaro at nvaccaro@optusnet.com.au
Children's Choir - Maree-lyse Eliatamby at family@eliatamby.net

Please forward the following details:

- name of child
- school and year level
- parent name, email, phone number

***Please note the children are required to be in year 1 and above for the pageant and year 2 and above for the choir. Kindy aged children will have an opportunity to be involved on the night, but we will communicate this at a later date.*

Rehearsal Dates:

PAGEANT			CHOIR		
Sunday 1 st Dec	4pm	Church	Sunday, 1 st Dec	3pm	Parish Hall
Sunday 8 th Dec	4pm	Church	Sunday, 8 th Dec	4pm	Parish Hall
Sunday 15 th Dec	4pm	Church	NO REHEARSAL		
Sunday 22 nd Dec (Full Dress Rehearsal)	4pm	Church	Sunday 22 nd Dec (Full Dress Rehearsal)	4pm	Church

All children are expected to be present at each of these rehearsals. We will require a number of parent helpers in the lead up to Christmas Eve and on the night so if you are interested please let us know at the first rehearsal.

Many thanks,
Christmas Children's Mass Nativity Organisers