

Our School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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

Welcome to Term 4 Week 10.

On Monday we held our 2020 Presentation Day. What a very different occasion for us at the end of a very different year. Congratulations to Ms Bittar and Ms Rutherford for their terrific organisation of the day's events. Congratulations also to our students on their awards, performances and their behaviour during the day.

What a year it has been both planned and unplanned events. Yesterday is a significant day in our school calendar.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate every one of you for your journey throughout this year. To our fabulous students who have worked incredibly hard all year not only with their usual educational pathways but also with the added complexity of a worldwide pandemic. Our students have been wonderful this year coping with changes to how we learn, play, move around the school, on-line learning as well as learning to use our new school buildings and changes to routines. What a year they have had and how wonderful have they been in moving through the challenges.

Our hard-working dedicated staff have also had a year of change both expected and unexpected, new buildings and facilities and a new way of working. I want to publicly acknowledge my administration staff and my teaching staff who have been truly exceptional this year. With just two days' notice our teachers prepared lessons for a completely different way of working. This was done while our school environment was in upheaval and we had one move still to complete. We were tasked with huge mountains to navigate and they did it. Our administration staff have kept us all going throughout this year. They too had to contend with great change and they have been as always, a wonderful support for everyone.

I would like to acknowledge my executive staff who have supported me and their teams throughout this year. They put in an enormous amount of additional time supporting every facet of our school. Without their support we wouldn't have had the many varied programs that we can offer and the excellent support they provide teachers.

To you our parent community thank you for your support during this year. As always, your support and assistance enhance our programs and makes us a truly community school.

Due to Covid 19 many facets of our school life have changed this year however the same high standards and commitment to public education have ensured that our students have achieved wonderful successes. We have delivered excellent learning opportunities to our students despite many cancellations of programs, testing regimes and reworking of programs such as sport, physical education, choirs, bands and many others.

Over the past few years you have heard me talk constantly about our magnificent new buildings and the wonderful opportunities that they will provide our students once we occupy them. Well, they are here we have occupied and they are magnificent to work in. The buildings are quiet, spacious and they provide spaces for all to children to work comfortably in. We at Greenwich are lucky to have acquired our build and the school is well equipped to offer outstanding services and opportunities for years to come.

Finally, what next for Greenwich Public School. A lot actually. We are busy planning our next for years of learning, teaching and wellbeing are our main focus. We will take you our community on the journey with us so you will be fully appraised when we finalise our plans. During the January break both Kingslangley and Greenwich Road Campuses will have fencing completed therefore making us completely lockable if and when we need to and keeping our students safe.

Greenwich Road campus will be closed on Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December. Please contact Kingslangley Road campus on these two days. Both the campuses will re-open in 2021 on Wednesday 27 January.

I am sure you will give my replacement your full support. Her name is Robyn Scott and she comes to us with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to be at Greenwich Public School.

Covid 19 updates

Guidelines for 2021 are currently being decided. We will publish these when they are available.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/inside-the-department/covid-19>

School resumes on January 29 for all students at Greenwich Public School.

Finally, I want to acknowledge your support and commitment to enhancing your children's educational journey. I am going to miss your children next year. They are always engaging, polite, happy and open. I have loved my time at this beautiful school. Thank you for working with me. I look forward to hearing what 2021 brings for everyone. I hope you and your families have a safe, joyous and a happy Christmas and that 2021 brings all of you health and happiness.

Vicki McKenzie

String News

Hello, I'm Viola D, String Ensemble Captain for 2020. I've been playing the cello since Kindy. At Greenwich Public School, students who play the violin, viola, cello or double bass have the fun and exciting opportunity to participate in the String Ensemble.

We have beginners, as well as more experienced players in the group. We play interesting pieces each semester, perform in eisteddfods, and play at assemblies and other events.

Being in the String Ensemble has improved my playing and I have had so much fun making music with friends!

I warmly encourage anyone who plays the violin, viola, cello or double bass to join us in 2021.

To enrol in the String Ensemble or for any questions, please email stringsgps@gmail.com.



Awards

Presentation Assembly Early Stage 1

Class Awards



Presentation Assembly Stage 1

Class Awards Recipients



Beth Tenant Award Recipients



Week 9 Merit Awards



Week 9 Silver Awards



DIARY DATES**Term 4 2020****WEEK 10****Wednesday 16 December**

- Year 6 Graduation Assembly – 2.25pm
- Last day of term

2021**Term 1 2021****Friday 29 January**

- K-6 Students return

HARDCOPY NOTES SENT HOME

- Nil

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- What works best: 2020 update (Overview for parents and carers of primary and secondary school students)