

Our School Newsletter

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Cammeraygal people. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present, and to those of the future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the cultures and hopes of the Aboriginal Australia.

Principal's Message

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Monday 18 October

- Kindergarten & Year 1 students return for face-to-face learning

Tuesday 19 October

- 2023 Selective High School applications Open

Thursday 21 October

- 100+59 days of Kindergarten

Monday 25 October

- Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 students return for face-to-face learning

Monday 1 November

- Tiddalick the Frog online incursion Kindergarten

Wednesday 17 November

- OC Placement Test – Save the Date

Dear Parents and Carers

I trust that you are all counting down the days for learning at school to begin – I know the teachers are very keen to welcome your children back to the classroom. The following link will take you to resources that may help in preparing your children for the return: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/wellbeing-for-students-and-families/helpful-tips-for-parents-and-carers-to-support-children>

A comprehensive **audit of school ventilation** has been received, detailing all teaching and learning spaces. Pleasingly, there are no reported issues requiring repair or maintenance prior to students returning onsite.

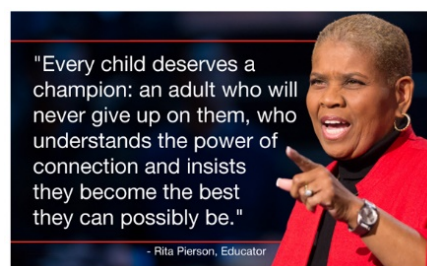
I was pleased to engage with community this week at the webinar and Class Parent Q&A. Thank you to all participating parents. As discussed, students are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Please consider what is best for your child.

Throughout Term 3, our **Uniform Shop** volunteers have been unable to come onsite to process orders, and as a result, I am aware of their

concern and that of families awaiting items. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we ensure compliance with NSW Health advice. Please be assured that children may wear sports uniform if required, whilst orders are processed.

The attached infographic contains detailed information about students return to school. It is reattached from last week with one amendment to break times for students on Greenwich Road campus. We understand and appreciate your efforts in supporting the times for drop-off and pick-up, which are in place for community safety. Clear signage will indicate designated areas to support you.

We are ready to safely welcome your children back to face-to-face teaching and learning. For Kindergarten and Year one, it's only 3 sleeps away! As we head into our first 'freedom weekend', I'll leave you with the famous words of Rita Pierson, 'Every child deserves a champion...' – we can be proud of our champion teachers and champion community efforts.



Thank you for your support

Robyn Scott

R/Principal

School Visitor Check-in

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW **COVID-19 mandate. (External link)**
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short **parent video (External link)** to see how it works for parents

Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in. School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

Only Essential Visitors are allowed on site on current Level 3+ restrictions.

Wellbeing for families during remote learning

Tips to help separate from your child at school drop off

Dear Parents/Carers,

The prolonged absence from school means that many children may be feeling anxious about returning. You may already be anticipating difficulties separating from your child at the school gate in coming weeks. Some signs can include tearfulness before school, repeated pleas to stay home, tantrums, running away during drop off, and complaints of illness before school. As challenging as these behaviours are, it is very important to remain calm and not make too big a deal of these behaviours, which can inadvertently prolong them. You may find some of the tips below useful:

- **Listen to your child's concerns** and fears of going to school. Issues like friendship difficulties can be addressed if they are known.
- If your child is complaining of illness, **visit your family doctor** to have this checked out.
- Be firm and kind – prolonged goodbyes make separation more difficult, so **plan an exit strategy** with the teachers, despite the upset that might ensue.
- Provide **positive and encouraging statements** to build your child's confidence. E.g., "you're showing how brave you are by going to school".
- If possible, **arrange for someone else to drop your child at school**. Children often cope better with separation at home rather than at the school gate.
- Reassure your child that **you will be home when they return from school**.
- Let your child know that you will be doing **"boring stuff"** at home/work during the school day, so they don't think they are missing out on something.

- **Provide attention-based consequences** for not going to school – e.g., limited time with you at night or an early bedtime.
- **Be on time** to pick up your child from school if you provide transportation.
- **Reward your child for going to school.** This could be some special time with you or stopping on the way home at the playground.

As always, if you think your child may benefit from **specialist community mental health services**, speak to your family GP.

Ms Daisy Collins – School Counsellor



Selective High School Applications

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2023

Selective high schools cater for academically high potential and gifted students. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday, 10 March 2022.

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2023 will be accepted from 19 October 2021 to 17 November 2021.
- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

Further information about the Selective High School Placement Test is attached to this week's newsletter.

Students Not Returning in 2022

Are you returning in 2022?

It's that time again when we need to ascertain our numbers for next year. Planning has already begun. If your children will not be returning in 2022, please use [this link](#). Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/p74n3GBRPu4dVZfeA>

Primary Ethics



Bites - online ethics

Ethics lessons aren't able to be taught in school at the moment - but there is an online alternative based on the Primary Ethics curriculum.

Bites are short stories that present ethical dilemmas designed to get children practising their skills of close listening and careful reasoning.

There are **Bites** for K-2 and for Y3-6. They come with notes for parents/carers and are available to all children.

A completely new series of Bites for Term 4 is now available:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/education/>

Thank you,

The Primary Ethics team

Around our School

Stage 3 – Learning from Home – Week 2


Stage 3 students have jumped straight back into online learning with a flurry of Google Slides, ZOOM lessons, science projects and class catch-ups!

Students have been learning about the musical concepts of duration, time signatures and structure, foreshadowing and non-diegetic sound in film techniques and cyber and water safety in our personal development lessons.

The Stage 3 teachers are enthusiastically anticipating the return of students into classrooms in Week 4 as we have many exciting things planned!

Foreshadowing in Film

Listen to the audio, then use the information to answer the questions below.




Click for audio

What is 'foreshadowing and why is it used'?
 Foreshadowing is when the scene will include a hint of something that might happen in the future and might even put pressure on the fact which will make the audience seem excited or worried about it.


What are the two types of foreshadowing? How are they defined?
 There is direct foreshadowing that will tell the audience something in the form of speech that will hint at something due to arise in the near future. Indirect foreshadowing is when the director might use a lighting technique like backlighting to suggest something bad is going to happen and keep doing so because of the subsequent characters and not focusing further till much later on in the film. A clear example of foreshadowing is throughout the Nemo movie as at one point Nemo is stuck in a fish tank and nearly gets fished out but the others with him swim down in the net and keep enough pressure that the fisherman is forced to let go - the same scenario happens with Dory and Nemo helps her out by using the same method.

DURATION - ACTIVITY


Listen to each song carefully, then record in the box whether it is a three, four or irregular time signature.




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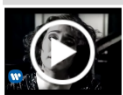
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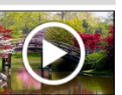
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Keeping safe online

In this video, we explore some ethical dilemmas on what to download, accept and post; and the possible consequences of our actions. Watch the video and answer the questions at each pause point.

If you were Taylah, would you have downloaded the new app without your father's permission?

No I wouldn't of.

Should accept friend requests of people you don't know? Why?

You shouldn't because not everyone is who they seem and if you friend random people they could find out lots about you.

If something gets shared online, is there a way of deleting it?

You may be able to delete it from your account but people could have saved the picture, and the picture is always out there somewhere because even if u deleted it's still there somewhere.



THE LORD OF THE FLIES - THEME ANALYSIS

Theme	Main Point	Evidence	Elaboration	Link
Survival	Trying survive Find shelter Find food - pigs, fruit Fire for warmth Alliance (Jack's tribe, Littluns are pretty separate) Piggy + Ralph (join others)	'They could be the army.' 'Or hunters' p19 Me and my hunters, we're living along the beach by a fat rock. We hunt and feast and have fun. If you want to join my tribe come and see us. Perhaps I'll let you join. Perhaps not.' - p154 'That's where they've gone. Jack's party' - p163 'P'raps we ought to go too.' 'I mean-to make sure nothing happens.'	These boys are trying to survive by hunting, and getting resources for food, they need to find shelter as well, this also shows they have some knowledge of survival, and will have to prepare themselves for unknown dangers. The next exert provides evidence that they are forming alliances, they want them to survive and Jack is also saying that they need food, resources to survive to join his tribe. The next exerts proved that they know to join his alliance, the only way to live, because Piggy and Ralph can't survive together.	

Book Club

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support with Book Club.

As home schooling currently continues we have created a **Special Issue 8 Digital Catalogue**.

Included is an **additional 8 pages of Home Learning resources to keep children inspired to read**.

Parents will have the option of **school or home delivery** for this Issue 8.

Home Delivery- This issue can be delivered directly to the home. Parents **must** choose the home delivery option on the order summary page. If the home delivery option is chosen by parents, the delivery cost is \$7.50. Your school will still earn 10% in Scholastic Rewards.

School deliveries- will be sent to the school, after you submit the existing orders to be despatched to the school.

The cut-off date for Issue 8 is 3/12.

This is the link you can share on your school's Digital platform for Issue 8 Digital:

https://scholastic.com.au/media/6534/bc-digital-issue-8_p3.pdf



Rachel Daniels
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P&C UPDATE

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- SCHOOL LUNCHES -

School lunches will be available to order on Thursdays and Fridays of this Term through Flexischool, starting Thursday 28th October.

We need volunteers to help out with lunch order deliveries to Kingslangley campus. Lunch breaks for the remaining of this term for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students are staggered, therefore we will need 2 volunteers per day for 2 timeslots, one at 10.55am and the other at 12.45pm.

If you have been fully Covid vaccinated and are able to help, please sign up at to this link <https://signup.com/go/bSfTQLZ>.

- GPS AN EVENING OF COCKTAILS AND CANAPES – UPDATE -

Well, what a year it has been! Given the current circumstances (and despite us all wanting to let loose and celebrate the end of lockdown), we have decided to move our Cocktails and Canapes event to mid 2022. The P&C would like to thank those who have already purchased their ticket and encourage everyone to hold on to their tickets for our event next year. We know who you are and your tickets will remain valid for our 2022 event! If your family is moving on from Greenwich, you are of course welcome to attend our fundraiser next year. You may also wish to consider the purchase as a donation to the P&C if you are unable to attend. If you'd prefer to receive a refund on your tickets, please do email Sarah, sjohnston@girlfridayweddings.com.au

With little P&C activity this year, we'd like to encourage everyone to hold on to their tickets and join us for a celebration next year. We can't wait!

Sarah Johnston for Greenwich P&C

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Any feedback you might have about our school is great. Simply email comments to greenwich-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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Thinking Nippers This Summer?



Join North Steyne Nippers!!

For a Season of Fun, Making New Friends and Learning Lifesaving Skills.

Nippers starts Sunday 7th November @ 9:30am.

If you've got kids aged 5 to 13 and want them to have lots of fun while learning beach and water skills, register now and become part of the oldest surf club in Australia, now entering its 115th season.

Registration Online Only

Detailed information visit:

<https://northsteyneslsc.com.au/becoming-a-nipper/>



New Enrollments or Renewal can be completed online at: www.sls.com.au/join/

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