

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.

Important Message from Ms Vicki McKenzie

Upcoming Events

Term 4

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
- Application closes - 2023 Selective High School Applications Open

Wednesday 8 December

- Last day for Book Club Issue 8 orders

Dear Parents & Carers of Greenwich Public School,

It's with great sadness that I write to you today. As you are aware I have been on leave this year to care for my husband and elderly parents. This has proved to be far more time consuming than anticipated and therefore I have made a decision, to relinquish my role as Principal of Greenwich Public School.

I do this as I believe the school needs a leader who is able to give their full attention to the school. I thank you for your wonderful support while I was at the school and wish you and your children the best for their future.

Greenwich Public School has been a highlight in my career, and I have lovely memories of my time in your midst.

Best wishes for your family and thank you for sharing the journey with me.

Regards

Vicki McKenzie



R/Principal's Message

I would like to extend my congratulations to Vicki McKenzie on her exceptional achievements across many years in education, none the least, at Greenwich Public School. Her support of me in a relieving role has been unwavering, for which I am very grateful. We extend our best wishes to Vicki and her family and look forward to welcoming her to various special events before the end of term.

Welcome back Kindergarten and Year One!

Kindergarten and Year One students streamed through the gate with great excitement to return to face-to-face teaching and learning on Monday and they haven't stopped smiling! Neither have their teachers; who have frequently remarked how quickly the children have settled back into school routines.



The children have grown in every possible way and it's clear that parents and carers, working in partnership with teachers have achieved well beyond what might be imagined. Teachers have been so impressed with the children's progress in literacy, across both Kindergarten and Stage 1.



Well done children! We are very proud of you.

The wait is almost over for all students 2-6 who will return to onsite learning on Monday 25 October.

Given the quality of transition programs and parental partnerships, I am confident that next week will be a happy finale to a most challenging period. We'll all be back onsite, engaging face-to-face in teaching and learning and very mindful of the privilege to do so.

We are very grateful to our parent volunteers in the **uniform shop** who are processing a back-log of orders



placed throughout the lockdown period. This is a significant task given that they are currently restricted to onsite work outside school hours only. Please be patient and reassure your children- if they wear a smile to school, that's the most important thing. Wearing a sports uniform may be an option as an interim solution. We are working with our volunteers to support their distribution of orders which will likely begin mid next week. Thank you to our parent helpers who are doing their best in difficult circumstances and thank you parents for your patience and understanding.

It's pleasing to advise that all graffiti on the Kingslangley Campus has been successfully removed and we are working hard to tidy the grounds in time to welcome students back onsite. May I please remind all parents of the staggered drop-off and pick-up times arranged in accordance with cohort guidelines. **Please assist us by ensuring that your children arrive within their allocated time.** Students may not be supervised by staff outside of these hours. Full times and schedules for each stage may be found in the infographic reattached.

KINGSLANGLEY RD CAMPUS – STAGE THREE AND STAGE TWO			
MORNING DROP OFF TIMES – From 25 October			
	Stage Three	Stage Two	Support Unit
Time	8.40-8.55	8.55-9.10	8.45
Gate Entry	Kingslangley Rd or River Rd	Kingslangley Rd or River Rd	N/A Students arrive by taxi
Organisation - students	Students to space outside Stage 3	Students to top playground	Students to top playground

AFTERNOON PICK UP TIMES			
	Support Unit	Stage Three	Stage Two
Time	2.45	2.55	3.10
Gate Exit	N/A Students depart by taxi	Kingslangley Rd or River Rd	Kingslangley Rd or River Rd
Organisation - students	Students organised by class teacher and SLSO	Stage 3 students: -waiting for a sibling in Stage 2 or catching a bus are supervised by a teacher: front COLA until 3.10pm -GOOSH students meet staff: green space side COLA	

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN and STAGE ONE			
MORNING DROP OFF TIMES – From 25 October			
	Kindergarten	STAGE One	Support Unit
Time	8.40-8.55	8.55-9.10	8.55-9.10
Gate Entry	Greenwich Rd	Chisholm St or Wardrop St	Wardrop St
Organisation - students	Students to COLA	Students to green court	Students to classroom/green court

AFTERNOON PICK UP TIMES				
	Support Unit	Kindergarten	STAGE One	
			Cohort 1 SW and MM	Cohort 2 TP, JI, JS and OK
Time	2.55	2.55	3.10	3.10
Gate Exit	Wardrop St	Greenwich Rd	Chisholm St	Wardrop St
Organisation - students	Students organised by class teachers and SLSOs	Kindergarten students waiting for a sibling in Stage 1 supervised by a teacher until 3.10pm GOOSH students meet staff: COLA		
Organisation – staff on duty	1: student departure	2: gate and students waiting	2: both gates	

COVID-19 update

Updated advice, support and guidelines are received daily. I am grateful to the hard-working staff team for their flexibility and creative solutions to complex problems as we plan various contingencies for Term 4 events. At the heart of all planning, is the children. They'll have a great term.

Walk-in weekend for 12 – 15 year olds to get their vaccination, Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 October

People aged 12 – 15 years are encouraged to walk-in to participating vaccination clinics for a first or second dose COVID-19 (Pfizer) vaccination this Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 October. Refer to [NSW government's Walk-in Weekend](#) for participating sites.

Our student leadership team have added their voice and creative talents to produce a video for students returning next week. It's a special reminder of the high caliber of staff expertise and student achievement school-wide. Enjoy.

Please let us know if you have any concerns about your child returning to onsite teaching and learning or wish to provide feedback to the school.

Thank you for your support

Robyn Scott
R/Principal

Welcome Back to School Everyone!

Welcome back students! We hope Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed their first week back at school after a long twelve weeks! We know that Years 2 - 6 are sure to have an amazing first week back as well.

Please enjoy a short video we put together to welcome everyone back to school!

Matteo S, Georgia T, Summer S, Lucas L, Ava J and James O
2021 Student Leadership Team



Wellbeing for families during remote learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

Some of you will have farewelled your children at the school gate this week for the first time in months! It can be a difficult transition to **suddenly be unaware of what transpires** from the time the school bell rings, after a term of being so involved with our children's school days. Acknowledge your feelings and remind yourself it is normal to feel apprehensive at this time. Remember that **teachers will always communicate with you** about things that are important. You can **also talk to your child about their day** in ways that are less likely to elicit one-word responses!

Some questions you can ask your child instead of "how was your day?".

1. What made you **laugh** today?
2. Tell me an example of **kindness** you saw.
3. Was there an example of **unkindness**? How did you respond?
4. What was the **'peak' and the 'pit'**?
5. Does everyone have a **friend** at recess?
6. **Tell me something you know** today that you didn't know yesterday.
7. How did someone **fill your bucket** today? Whose bucket did you fill?
8. **Rate your day** on a scale from 1-10. What would make it one number higher?

9. How were you **brave** today?

10. If you could **change one thing** about your day, what would it be?

Ms Daisy Collins – School Counsellor



Around our School

Science Online Learning Years 3-6

For the last week of online learning and science all students in Years 3 - 6 have been designing and making either water wheels, lifting machines or catapults from recycled materials. Well done! to all students who participated. Please view this video and celebrate their successes. (<https://youtu.be/IFkLVB106kU>)



Early Stage 1 – Learning from Home – Week 3

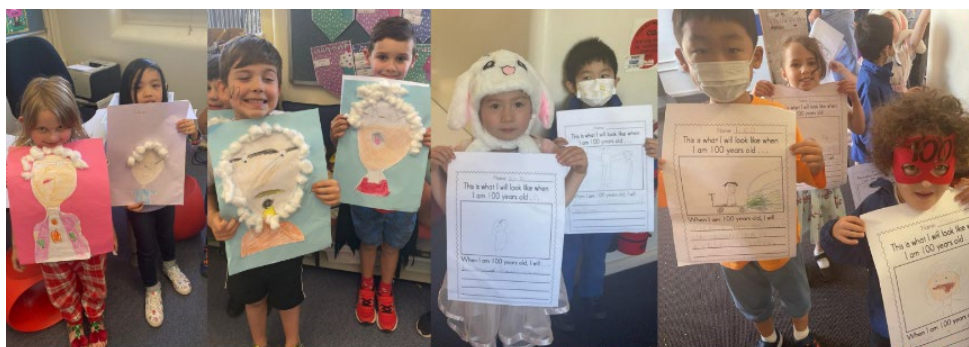
We were very excited to welcome Kindergarten back to school on Monday. All students enjoyed catching up with their friends and teachers. It was especially exciting to see the children playing, laughing, and learning together, face-to-face, after 12 weeks of home learning.

We were also able to finally celebrate our 100 days of Kindergarten, after our party was postponed last term. Have a look at how much fun we had!

100 Days of Kindergarten + 59 days of Online Learning Celebration



CREATIVE COSTUMES



FUN ACTIVITIES



Support Unit – Learning from Home – Week 3

K/2JH and K/2 JG are so excited to be back at school this week. We are so happy to be learning and having fun with our friends and our teachers.



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](https://forms.gle/p74n3GBRPu4dVZfeA). Thank you.

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- SCHOOL LUNCHES -

Lunch orders are available on Thursdays and Fridays and starts from 28th Oct, next week! For every Thursday and Friday of the remaining Term 4, we will need 2 volunteers for two different time spots. One time spot will be from 10.55am - 11.10am to deliver lunch orders for Stage 2 students. Other time spot will be from 12.45pm - 1.00pm to deliver lunch orders for Stage 3 students.

Every little help from parents and carers are appreciated. Please sign up and select a time spot to help out with school lunches. Fully vaccination, wearing masks and sign-in when entering to school site are required.

Link: <https://signup.com/go/bSfTQLZ>

QR code:



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