

# Our School Newsletter

## Greenwich Public School

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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

Dear Parents and Carers

[Planning for a safe return to school for students and staff from Week 4, Term 4](#)

As you will be aware, the Premier announced a staggered return to face-to-face schooling last Friday.

- Monday 25 October - Kindergarten and Year 1 return
- Monday 1 November - Years 2 and 6 return
- Monday 8 November – Years 3, 4 and 5 return

It is anticipated that we will return with Level 3 plus restrictions. This may change in line with any updated Health advice. From 25 October, all staff onsite must be fully vaccinated. Planning for a smooth transition back to school has commenced and we look forward to advising you further before the end of term.

In the interim, the Learning from Home program will continue in its current format with all school operations on the Greenwich Road campus until the end of this term.

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday 6 September

- Kaleidoscope science incursion Stage 2 and 3 via Zoom (9.55am)

#### Friday 10 September

- 3-6 Communi-tea

#### Friday 17 September

- Last day of term

#### Term 4

#### Tuesday 5 October

- K-6 Learning from Home Program - First day term 4

#### Monday 25 October

- Kindergarten & Year 1 students return for Term 4

#### Monday 1 November

- Year 2 & Year 6 students return for Term 4

#### Monday 8 November

- Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 students return for Term 4

## Staff news

### Our highly accomplished staff

We are delighted to congratulate Ms Anna Parrella on the achievement of an Executive Director Award within the Metropolitan North School Performance Directorate. The awards focus on exemplary achievement reflective of the Department of Education values. Ms Parrella consistently exemplifies values of service, integrity, trust, and equity. She will be presented with her award in a virtual event, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Ms Jenni Bittar has been successfully appointed to the part-time position of relieving Arts Coordination Officer, following a merit selection process. Ms Bittar will assume duties each Thursday and Friday from next week, until the end of 2021. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Ms Bittar who is assured to positively impact upon many students state-wide in this role. Fortunately for Greenwich, Ms Bittar will continue to work in an executive capacity 3 days a week.

Congratulations Ms Parrella and Ms Bittar.

I was very impressed with our leadership team this week who successfully led two virtual assemblies. It was a huge achievement. Thank you students, and Ms Rutherford. The sight of the children's smiling faces say it all - as a community we are all doing *'more than our best'*. Be assured, the lessons of today are producing highly resilient, strong learners who value family, community and education.

Stay safe and Happy Father's Day Dads.

Robyn Scott  
R/Principal

### **Opportunity Class Placement Test -- Delayed**

As a result of the most recent advice from NSW Health regarding the duration of COVID-19 restrictions and the return to school plan, the Opportunity Class Placement Test scheduled for 6 October 2021 has been delayed. Parents will also be advised of the delay.

New testing arrangements for students will be announced as soon as possible.

## Communiti-tea

Class Parents virtual morning tea

We look forward to joining, 3-6 Class Parents next week for a virtual morning tea – Communi-tea on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10:00 – 10:45 am.



## Wellbeing for families during remote learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

If your young person is struggling to get started each day, you are not alone. It can be tempting to let routines slide as we experience lockdown fatigue and difficulty with motivation. Children's brains and bodies are better able to get ready for learning when they have a consistent morning routine. This will also help prepare them for transitioning back to school.

Some ideas to start the day right:

- Wake up at the same time every day
- Start the day with a healthy breakfast
- Go for a short walk or do some child yoga
- Have everyone name something they are grateful for. The power of positive thinking can improve mood and happiness.
- Use a visual schedule. Keep it consistent and refer to it throughout the day. Be creative with what this looks like – use pictures or drawings (see below for example).



Ms Daisy Collins – School Counsellor

## Performing Arts News



Our students have been invited to get ready to 'go supernova' with students from all over NSW at **10 am on Wednesday 15 September** when we join the live stream #CAPAexplosion!

There's singing, signing, playing, composing, dance, circus, drama and visual arts activities that students can explore whether they are learning at home or at school.

All students have received a resource of activities through their Google classroom and can choose to burn bright in music, dance, drama, visual arts - or all of them!

**All the activities are inspired by the song Supernova** which was written by Schools Spectacular Featured Artist students for the 2015 Schools Spectacular.

Whatever activity students do, we need **photos that you can send to your child's class teacher via class Dojo**. The photos might be students doing the activity or a finished art piece.

The Arts Unit will be using a range of photos for a highlights video to be showcased as part of the celebrations on Wednesday 15 September.

**We will need your photo/s by next Thursday 9 September please.**

**We would love our students to ignite their creativity and let their imagination take flight as we join in #CAPAexplosion!**

Stage 1 have been learning AUSLAN and choreography to the chorus of Supernova

Resource link:

[Digital @ The Arts Unit Creative Classes - #CAPAexplosion \(google.com\)](#)

Jenni Bittar  
Performing Arts Coordinator

## Kaleidoscope Science Online Incursion

Next Monday (September 6) all students in Stages 2 and 3 will participate in an online incursion with Mitchell Serena from Kaleidoscope Science. Students will get the Zoom link from their class teacher and must be signed in by 9:55am for a 10am start please. Extended families are welcome to join the show. Mitchell is a very experienced and engaging presenter and a scientist himself.

Monday's show is called the Solids, Liquids, Gases and Plasmas Show. We will witness spectacular demonstrations all about matter, energy and temperature including sublimating dry ice, boiling-cold liquid nitrogen, and flaming fireballs.

Liz Imlay  
Science Teacher

## Around our School

### Early Stage 1 – Learning from Home – Week 8



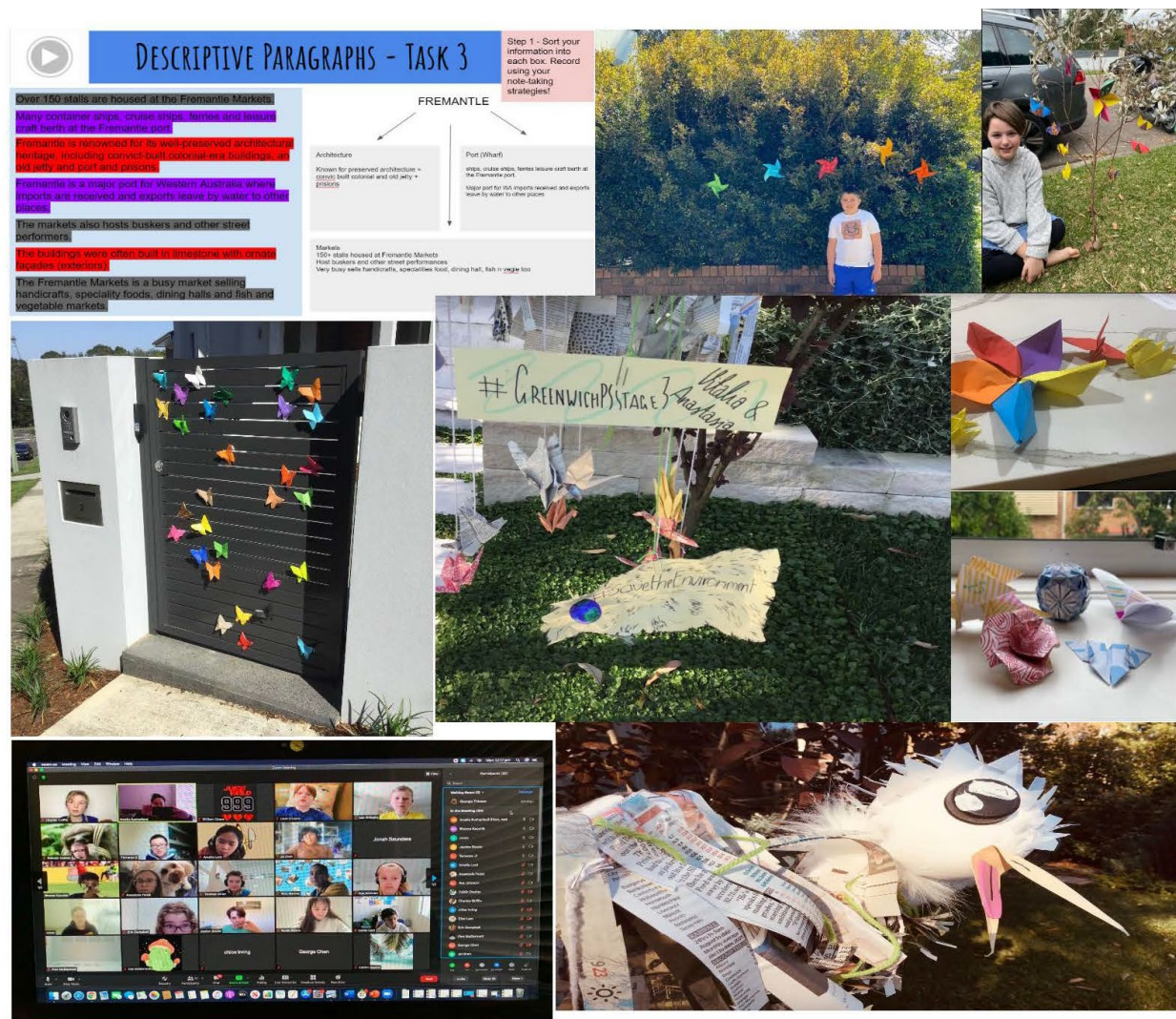


## Stage 3 – Learning from Home – Week 8

This week in Stage 3, teachers and students started engaging with our new ZOOM lessons! Thank you to all students, parents and carers for their support, flexibility and understanding throughout this process. It has been truly amazing and rewarding to be able to engage with our students in real-time once again. Over the past two weeks, our students have engaged with an Indigenous Literacy lesson, continued to develop their informative writing skills and have been busy completing 'Street Sculptures' which we encourage you to keep an eye out for as you do your daily walks around the streets! As always, congratulations to all Stage 3 students for their ongoing resilience, positivity and hard-work. We are proud of you and we miss you...

Amelia Rutherford

Stage 3 Assistant Principal



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# P&C UPDATE

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## - BOB CAMPBELL OVAL -

Bob Campbell Oval is the largest public space in Greenwich and is also used by the school from time to time. There are plans to substantially change the reserve and while the P&C offers no opinion on the specific of the proposals, we wanted to make the school community aware of these plans.

**Lane Cove Council** intends to proceed with plans to create an artificial playing surface at Bob Campbell Oval alongside new public amenities and a Shared User Path running along St Vincents Rd to St Leonards. A start date has not yet been confirmed, but could be as early as October. Public access to BCO would be very limited during construction.

The **Greenwich Sports Club** committee have endorsed the Council's plans as they believe a new surface will increase the capacity for use of the oval by soccer players

Other community users have expressed concern that the current plans ensure a shared public space will predominantly be restricted to a single-use sport.

A new Group, **Natural Grass at Bob Campbell Oval** is proposing that the area be transformed into a fully refurbished grass pitch using latest techniques and an improved maintenance plan at a fraction of the cost of synthetic. A natural grass pitch will enable its continued use by entire families all year, support biodiversity, **significantly reduce heat impacts - including on our junior players**, and better support the entirety of **our** community and the Greenwich Village Games activities.

## Connect with us

Any feedback you might have about our school is great. Simply email comments to [greenwich-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:greenwich-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

