

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.

Upcoming Events

Term 1 2022

Week 5

Thursday 24 February

- SportsPro Years 3-6

Friday 25 February

- SportsPro Years K-2

Week 6

Monday 28 February

- Pulse Alive Dance Group Rehearsal

Wednesday 2 March

- Scripture starts K-2 campus

Thursday 3 March

- 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Friday 4 March

- SportsPro Years K-2
- Clean up Australia Day

Other upcoming major events

Thursday 3 March

- Swimming Carnival Years 3 – 6 and 8-year-old students who qualify
- Parent teacher interviews
 - Kindy Week 7
 - Year 1 to 6 Week 8



Afternoon leavers for Week 5 – week beginning Monday 21 February

	Week 5 – odd weeks
Kingslangely campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students with surnames beginning with A-L leave at 3:00pm• Students with surnames beginning with M-Z leave at 3:10pm
Greenwich Rd campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students with surnames beginning with A-L leave at 3:10pm• Students with surnames beginning with M-Z leave at 3pm

Afternoon parents and carers,

It was great to meet so many some of our community members at the P&C meeting on Wednesday night and to be formally introduced to the community. A massive thank you to Dom Patton, Myles Kennedy and Anne Woodbridge and all the other community members that have made me feel so welcome to the Greenwich community. At the P&C meeting there was some great discussion about some wonderful initiatives on how to reengage the community with the school and build that sense of community.

COVID-19 updates

The Premier yesterday announced a number of changes to COVID-19 restrictions. Those changes have not yet been incorporated by the Department of Education so please know that restrictions are still the same as they were at the beginning of the week. Once the changes to restrictions have been communicated to school they will be sent out to the community.

At the end of last week, COVID-19 restrictions eased slightly with community users being allowed back on school site after school hours. This has meant that our band tutors and P&C meetings have been able to be face-to-face over the last week. Please know that students are still using hand sanitiser when entering the classroom and teachers are still required to wear face masks inside. The next round of RATs has been delivered to the school. At the moment the school has been directed to not distribute these. Once information about distribution has been sent to the school I will pass that information onto the community.

Please know that parents and carers are able to attend school when:

- picking up a sick child
- attending the front office when required (e.g. to drop off materials, pick up or drop off children or to conduct financial transactions)
- making a purchase at the uniform shop
- attending a critical meeting with the principal or other staff member when invited

Staffing updates

- Congratulations to Angela Kiehne who is expecting her second child. She will be taking maternity leave from the start Semester 2. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing about the new addition to her family.
- Gerry Fitzpatrick our school General Assistant (GA) finished up this week. Gerry has been with the school for many years, as a teacher, Assistant Principal and then as the GA. We wish him all the best as he transitions into retirement.
- Hannah Walters has separated from the School Administration Manager (SAM) role. She will continue in that role until a new SAM is appointed.
- There is also a teacher position that is currently going through the merit selection process.
- Mrs Hallam and Ms Hodges are the Relieving Assistant Principals on Stage 2 with Anna Parrella the Assistant Principal of Stage 3.

Parent teacher interviews

It was discussed at the executive meeting this week and the team feel there is a huge disconnect, compared to pre-COVID times, between teachers and parents. We are at the stage where parents are starting to be allowed back on site and we would like to have

the face-to-face parent teacher meeting sooner rather than later to rebuild that parent teacher relationship.

Our parent teacher interviews will be:

- Kindy in Week 7
- Years 1-6 in Week 8

More information will be sent out once the organisation has been finalised.

Communication guidelines

The executive staff have put together communication guidelines to make communication between home and school more streamlined and consistent. All staff have been emailed the guidelines for their input. Once the staff have given feedback the document will be sent to the P&C for their feedback before being finalised and sent to the community.

Road safety

In the afternoon, whilst I have been on duty, I have unfortunately witnessed unsafe driver behaviour that puts our students at a greater risk of harm. I have seen parents perform a U-turn on Kingslanglely road whilst the street is very busy, parents double park so their child can get into the car, cars parked very close to the crossing obscuring the view of the crossing and parents leaving their car in the 'no parking' zone whilst they walk into school. I realise that the traffic in the afternoon can be challenging but ask that we all follow the road rules, be patient and calm to ensure the safety of our students.

Greenwich Road play equipment

The play equipment on the K-2 site is very dilapidated with parts of the equipment sectioned off due to the safety risk to the students. I am embarrassed about the state of the equipment and have had discussions with the P&C executive team about replacing the equipment. Yesterday, Dom Patton and I met with representative from an equipment company to get a rough idea of the cost involved in the project. K-2 teachers are also going to work with their class to have students design their own play equipment layout so that we get student input into the design. When available, updates on the project will be included in the newsletter and through the P&C.

Regards,
Callum Thomson
Principal

PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION INC.

P&C UPDATE

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SAVE THE DATE – KINDERGARTEN PICNIC

Friday 11th March 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Berry Island Reserve

Enjoy an afternoon with parents and children from Kindy 2022. BYO food, drinks etc. More information to follow.

Thank you,
Greenwich P&C



CLASS LISTS

PARENTS / CARERS, MAKE SURE YOU ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR CLASS COMMUNICATION GROUPS FOR 2021

Due to privacy regulations, the P&C are required to ask parents every year for their contact details. The school is also not able to provide us with a class list, so we rely on all parents to provide us with this information.

By completing this form you will be included in the "WhatsApp" group for your class. It's a vital communication tool for the year ahead.

Just click on the link below, or scan the QR code to provide your details.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM ONCE FOR EACH CHILD AT GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL

<https://forms.gle/4PmYdwyLat6RDNgM7>



LUNCH ORDERS – PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need volunteers to deliver lunch orders to Kingslangley campus. Please sign up here if you are able to help:

<https://signup.com/go/fJemPhp>

Thank you in advance for your volunteering. For further information, please contact
Greenwichpandc.canteen@gmail.com.



NEW GREENWICH ROAD PLAYGROUND

Exciting news!! P&C, GOOSH and the School have all agreed to build a brand new playground at Greenwich Rd.

The goal is to have that completed for the start of 2023 but to make that happen we need your help.

We need to:

- work out what we want
- work with suppliers, GOOSH and the School to cost and design
- raise funds to pay for playground
- oversee delivery

We need parents and caters to help with this project and particularly to help fundraise.

We will need \$150,000 to make it happen and while we will ask for direct P&C contributions, we will also need to raise funds.

After a few tough years this is a great opportunity to support the school, create a legacy for children to enjoy for many years and make some great new friends.

Our children need your help so if you'd like to be part of this, please email playground.Greenwichrd@gmail.com.

Thank you and look forward to hearing from you.

P&C Committee, GOOSH Committee & Greenwich Public School

Welcome to a new year of Book club.

My name is Rachel Daniels and with the help of Mary Bradbury we will be helping Mrs Walker our Librarian with Book club again this year.



We are encouraging all parents to order your book club online this year to make ordering easier. This helps to get all the right books to the right student and eliminates any discrepancies.

You can go online to scholastic.com.au/loop and register by clicking on the "register" if you have not registered before, and you are new to Book club. Following the registration process and creating an account is easy just follow the prompts.

Another fast and easy way is to head to the App store or your Android equivalent and search for Scholastic Loop. The App is a red square with a book and the word LOOP on the icon as pictured below. This is the easiest way to quickly get the book ordered that your child would like from the catalogue.

After you have downloaded the App you can order anytime before the due date which will be indicated on the top corner of the magazine that is issued. Please make sure you have all orders in by the due date to avoid any disappointment. The book club closes for catalogue 1 on the 22/2/22.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via the Senior Campus office.

Happy reading!! Rachel Daniels

School Student Travel

Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **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.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

DOUBLE PARKING

Do not double park at any time. Double parking is illegal and dangerous especially around schools. It reduces visibility and blocks the road for other motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

- Performing U turns or 3 point turns in school zones is extremely dangerous.
- Performing U turns across unbroken centre lines is illegal and is particularly dangerous around schools.

FINE EXCEEDS \$352 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS

PARKING / STOPPING NEAR INTERSECTIONS

It is illegal to park or stop less than 10 metres from an intersection with no traffic lights as this blocks visibility for turning drivers and creates a hazard for all motorists.

FINE EXCEEDS \$469 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS

- Slow down as you approach pedestrian crossings and children's crossings.
- Do not proceed if the road beyond the crossing is blocked.
- Do not stop or park in the No Stopping zones on either side of the crossing as this blocks visibility.
- At a children's crossing you must stop at or before the stop line if there is a pedestrian about to cross or already on the crossing.
- Do not proceed through a children's crossing until all pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing.

FINE EXCEEDS \$469 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

HOLDING HANDS IN TRAFFIC

- Children need assistance in the traffic environment until at least the age of 10. They are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep themselves safe.
- All children need to be actively supervised in and around moving vehicles, footpaths, shared paths, driveways, car parks, at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, on quiet streets and busy roads.
- Make sure you always set a good example around traffic and talk to your children about why you are stopping at the kerb and what you are watching and listening for. Explain where and when it is safe to cross and why.
- Hold hands with your children around traffic. If your hands are full, make sure your child holds onto your bag, pram or even your arm or sleeve.



CONTACT DETAILS

A Road Safety Initiative of Lane Cove Council 9911 3555



These fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current at time of printing July 2021. Different penalties apply in other locations.

PARKING SAFELY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Road Rule Reminders



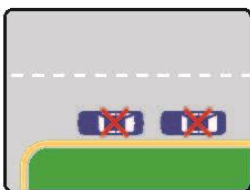
The fines and demerit points in this brochure apply in school zones.

NO STOPPING ZONES

No Stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a no stopping line. You must not stop for any reason.

FINE EXCEEDS \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



BUS ZONE SIGNS

A Bus Zone is a No Stopping zone for vehicles other than buses. If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

You must not park your vehicle less than 20 metres before or 10 metres after a bus stop.

FINE EXCEEDS \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



NO PARKING SIGNS

You can only stop in a No Parking zone while picking up or setting down passengers or goods. You have a **maximum of 2 minutes** from the time you stop and must **stay within 3 metres** of your vehicle at all times.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times. This is not a waiting zone.

FINE EXCEEDS \$196 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



TIME RESTRICTED PARKING

Parking signs with specified time limits allow drivers to park their vehicle for a maximum period of time, e.g. 5 minutes, 1 hour etc.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

FINE EXCEEDS \$117



DRIVEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- When exiting or entering a driveway a vehicle must give way to pedestrians on the footpath.
- Driveways are not playgrounds. Be aware that children can go unnoticed in front and behind your vehicle. Do not solely rely on reverse sensors or cameras in your vehicle.
- Always supervise and hold a child's hand near/crossing driveways.
- It is illegal to park in or across any driveway or to block a footpath at any time.

FINE EXCEEDS \$352 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS



USING MOBILE PHONES

- It is illegal to make or receive a call on your mobile phone while you are driving unless your phone is secured in a fixed mounting or does not require you to touch or manipulate the phone in any way.
- It is illegal to use the other features of a mobile phone such as texting, emailing etc unless your car is legally parked and the ignition is switched off.
- Using mobile phones is a major distraction for drivers and incurs higher fines and demerit points in school zones.

FINE EXCEEDS \$469 + 3 DEMERIT POINTS



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Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines
learning
with fun!**



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Greenwich Public School Chess Classes, 2022

Mondays 3:15PM - 4:15PM in the Kingslangley Road Campus Library

Term 1	Cost: \$98	21st Feb - 4th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$112	2nd May - 27th Jun*
Term 3	Cost: \$126	25th Jul - 19th Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$140	10th Oct - 12th Dec

*No chess on 13th June (Public Holiday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **LZ2T2UHGU1** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery) To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment			
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$31 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$31 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$46 [SPECIAL OFFER]	
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$42 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$34 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock – Cost: \$77 [Recommended for All Ages]	

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set** or **workbook 2** valued at up to \$34. Offer expires 31st March, 2022.



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