



# Greenwell Point Public School

## NEWSLETTER

*'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'*

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**PRINCIPAL: Mrs Kate Murphy**

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**Term 4 Week 8**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### DECEMBER

- 12 Carols in the Church 7pm
- 13 P&C meeting at 6:30pm in the school library
- 14 Presentation Day at 1pm and the Year 6 Dinner in the evening
- 15 End of Year Fun Day

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to complete the survey attached to last weeks newsletter. Every year I have to report to the Department of Education and Communities Office of Education our achievements for the year and our planning for the future. I need to include as many parents as possible, in this planning so I know you are happy with the direction we are taking for the following year. The surveys give me this information. The completed surveys need to be returned to the office.

Our successes continue with the exciting results for the children who have been completing the Reading Recovery program. This program relies on continued support from home so thank you to the parents who have been helping with their part at home. The program is intense and expensive but wonderful for the children who are struggling to learn to read and need the extra support. If you are lucky enough to have a child in the program please keep up the extra support for a few more weeks so your child achieves to their potential.

The last P&C meeting will be held on the 13th December. If you are new to the school or would like to become more involved in the fund raising for the school please mark this date on the calendar. It is also a way of meeting new friends and knowing more about the running of the school. This is a great small school but we can do more with your help.

Congratulations to our children who are remembering to bring in their virtue awards, so they can move up to the next level. We would like as many children as possible to receive a trophy at the end of the year because they have been recognised for their excellent virtues.

Kate Murphy  
Principal

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

A few parents of girls have asked if the school would consider including a dress as part of the school uniform. Dresses were discontinued in 2001 for reasons of privacy for girls K-6. Our school has become uniform simple and inclusive for all. However we are asking your opinion in the introduction of a school dress. Please circle your preferences on the back page of the newsletter and return it to school.

#### HEADLICE

Unfortunately we have had some cases of headlice. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as soon as possible. The school has metal headlice combs to help you remove the lice and eggs.

#### SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Students will be attending the scripture Christmas service at the church this coming Thursday.

#### 2/3/4 NEWS

This term 2/3/4 in science have been doing a unit called free-wheeling. We have learnt about force, the different types of force-gravity, magnetism and friction. Using force we can make things change direction, slow down or stop. This is called work. To make work easier man invented wheels. We have learnt there are sprocket wheels, wheels on axles, pulley wheels and gear wheels. We have made things to make work easier. We have also made waterwheels which also make work easier. The students have demonstrated their waterwheels, given a verbal presentations about how they made them and have also written how they made them. Here are some of their written presentations:

I made my waterwheel out of bottles, pin containers, CDs and sticky tape. It spun quickly when we poured water on it.  
Cody Wilson

I made my waterwheel using 2 lids, a big plastic container, an arrow and some ties. You use this waterwheel with a cup. You tip the bottle of water on the side and then it spins. Jackson Williams

I made my waterwheel out of 7 cups, 2 paper plates, some duck tape and some glue. First of all I glued the 2 paper plates together and waited 24 hours for it to dry. Then I put tape on the plastic plates so they didn't fall off. After that I put the 7 cups around the plates so they would catch the water and spin around. Finally I put a hole in the centre of the plates and a pencil in the hole so it would spin around. Jack Gill

Our waterwheel was mostly made of timber and in the middle of it is a wooden stick. We made our waterwheel in one night and it didn't go as planned and also it wasn't my idea; it was dads. Lachlan Kaszonyi

Our class had an assignment to make a waterwheel that we would test. I first made a wheel from a butter container, plastic from a water bottle but it barely worked. Then I made my successful waterwheel from a sauce squeezer, cheese dippers and a kebab stick. I got the squeezer and cut slits to put the dippers in, then I made a hole to put the kebab stick in. It works by pouring water in one cup and with the force it would turn and fill the next cup. Courtney Cash

My waterwheel is made out of wood and metal. I got a long piece of wood and cut them into 4 little pieces for the legs to hold it up. Then I got a nice rectangular piece, firmly put it down on the legs and screwed it down. Then I got a piece of metal and cut 2 little circles for the wheel and then cut 6 little square shapes and glued them on to the cut circles. I put screws on the metal to stop it from moving side to side. Jayden Wright

Our class got an assignment to make a waterwheel. My design was a fishing spool with a hole in the middle of it. I put blue tack on the inside to catch the water. It worked but not good enough. I put plastic strips in the blue tack and it worked much better. Then I put a pencil through it and then poured water on it. It started to spin and that's how I did my project. William Ford

Our class has been making waterwheels this week and I would like to tell you about mine. First I got 7 cups and 2 bowls. I cut the cups so I could use the bottom half. Then I stapled the cups on to the bowls and stuck the pencil through the hole in the bowls. Jordan Francis

When we got home from school we went in our garage and we had a look around and got some stuff for it and tools. We got a fishing spool, copper pipe, electrical tape, corrugated cardboard, glue, a plastic container, drill and a stanley knife. We drilled a hole in the container straight through and cut slits into the corrugated cardboard and glued them on the fishing spool. We put it onto the copper pipe. After that we put the electrical tape around the side so the wheel doesn't move side to side and that's how I made my waterwheel. Reece Christian

What I used for my waterwheel, 3 skewers, 4 plastic cups and 1 coffee bottle. When we finished it we tried it under running water and when I opened it there was water in it. Toby Gardiner

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### PCYC DANCE PARTY

The PCYC is holding a junior dance party on Friday 9th December, 2011 at 6pm to 9pm. Cost is \$5 and is for primary students in Years 4-6. Students are to purchase their tickets through the school only and cannot purchase tickets at the door. Please contact the school for more information.



2/3/4 students with their waterwheels, great job to all students.



### SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

- A school dress to be included and worn all year YES/NO
  - A school dress to be included and worn only in Summer YES/NO
  - School dress to be royal blue and to include school crest YES/NO
- If NO what other suggestions to you have?

