



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'

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Term 4 Week 6

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 15 Leadership Training Day for Year 5
- 15 Kinder 2013 playgroup session 9:30am to 11am

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Baker on the arrival of their third son. He was born in the early hours of this morning. As yet we are not sure of his name but both mum and baby are doing well.

Congratulations also to our wonderful Year 5 and 6 students who made their excursion to Canberra very memorable by their good behaviour. Ice skating, the War Memorial and Questacon seem to have been the highlights but I'm sure a lot of incidental learning also took place. Our school is very proud of the excellent children we have and they are a credit to their parents.

My condolences are with Mrs Miller and her family as they farewell a very special great great grandmother, great grandmother, grandmother and mother tomorrow. Merle Howlett of Brundee aged 97.

Our school concert is shaping up to be a lot of fun. We will need to commence organising costumes shortly. If you are a sewer and would like to help please let me know. Also if you have scrap material you want need, we would be very grateful for the donation. Many thanks to Jodie Searl who donated wool and buttons last week. If you already have costumes that we could borrow I would love to hear from you just in case we could use them. We hope to keep the cost of the costumes very low, with your help.

Sadly I have to ask that **all children stay out of the school grounds after school hours**. Over this weekend our vegetable garden has been damaged by children picking the peas and pulling out the plants. The tap at the tank has been left running on numerous occasions, resulting in the loss of all our water which is used to water the garden. This is very disheartening when the garden is used as a teaching tool and cherished by all the children who keenly await the ripening of the vegetables.

Parents are reminded to ask anyone they see in the school playground to leave and to call the police. The vandalism is always very disruptive to the school and as a taxpayer you should ensure your public property is not being abused.

Yours in Education
Kate Murphy

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

The Small Schools have organised a leadership training day for all Year 5 to be held on Thursday 15th November. Leadership is as much about growing up and being responsible as it is about being a school captain. All costs will be met by the school. Permission notes went home separately today and are to be returned as soon as possible.

PLAYGROUP FOR KINDER 2013

The last session of our Playgroup for will commence this Thursday 15th November at 9:30am to 11am in the school hall. The following week will be the Kinder Orientation Day with the new kinder students participating in the classroom while the parents listen to an information session. The orientation will commence at 10am to 11am.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will run as usual this week.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:
Anabella Pinkard turns 7 today

YEAR 5/6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Hiscox are extremely proud of all the students and their behaviour on their recent trip to Canberra. All students loved the trip with the highlights being ice skating and Questacon. Next year's excursion for 5/6 will be Berry Sport & Rec. A huge thankyou also goes to Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Hiscox as they do not get paid for all the extra hours.

STUDENT BANKING

Many families have forgotten about our school banking program. Please send your child in with their banking on Monday's and watch their account grow.

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government of their support of this program.



Year 5/6 and Mr Wilkinson
enjoying Canberra last week.