



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'

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Term 3 Week 9

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 15-16 Working Bee starting at 10am
- 20 School Assembly
- 21 Last Day of this term

OCTOBER

- 8 Students and Teachers all return for Term 4

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents

I've decided today to take a fresh look at our school. This morning I completed my Principal's Assessment Review meeting with the School Education Director and we discussed the school at length. Yesterday I attended a 125th celebration of another school where I once taught. On Saturday I sat selling raffle tickets outside the school hall for 3 hours. So I've have had a good long time to reflect about what makes this the school it is and I would like to share them with you.

By 2 pm on Saturday 200 people had voted so that means on average every voter gave us \$2.50 towards our efforts to raise funds for the school. Not all did but many people were very generous and we are very grateful. They also expressed their support for the school and were interested in knowing about it.

On Sunday I was able to reflect on Greenwell Point the community and the school holding a central part. Perhaps we need to network more within our community and use the local knowledge to give the school a greater profile. And today was the chance to explain why we have so many happy smiles of a morning and how the teachers work hard at making sure the education they are delivering is the best and meeting all standards. As a parent I know I would be happy that the teachers at this school, take the time to discuss your child's needs and work with you ever step along the way to offer help and support. Don't be shy we are here to help and value your help.

The P&C are currently working hard to erect some new playground equipment for your children. There is an open invitation this weekend to come on either days to help. No expertise is required and hardworking big brothers or sisters are also welcome. Help keep those smiles on our children and support the people supporting your school.

Yours in Education

Kate Murphy

P&C NEWS

- Congratulations to Ruth Thompson for winning the Election Raffle. P&C made a profit of \$533.15. A big thankyou to the following helpers; Stacey Gardiner, Jodie Searl, Tracey and Greg Barnett, Karen Kendall, Kerry Palmer, Louise Hiscox and Kate Murphy.
- P&C are having another Working Bee on the 15th & 16th September starting at 10am. If anyone has some spare time we would appreciate your help. Lunch will be supplied.
- Could the P&C have any unsold raffle tickets returned please, as they are running low on the printed tickets and need them for future raffles.



SPORT

INTENSIVE SWIMMING SCHEME

Thankyou to those families who have responded to our note regarding the upcoming swimming scheme. We currently have 22 students on our list. We have 30 places reserved and so 8 spaces are still available.

We **URGENTLY** need a response from every family whether YES your child will be attending or NO they will not be attending. Numbers need to be finalised ASAP.

The cost will be \$83.00 and covers ten days of intensive swimming lessons and travel to and from the pool. This is a very cost effective program and helps your child learn to swim or build their confidence for the upcoming Summer. All money is to be paid by Monday 17th September. Please see Mrs Miller if you do not have a permission note and you are interested. Please remember that all white notes have to be returned to the office.



BOAT AWARDS

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Rickie Aarons K/1

Kaya Morgan 2/3/4

Elouise Hindman 5/6



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Luke Maddock who turns 11 on Tuesday and

Kiarah Pieters who turns 11 on Friday

COMMUNITY NEWS

LYREBIRD PRESCHOOL

Enrolments are now being taken for 2013. Lyrebird preschool is a community based/nor for profit organisation and have limited vacancies. They offer:- highly trained and experienced childhood teachers, learning environments reflecting the children's interest, extended hours, we welcome children with additional needs, affordable fees, fees range from \$6 to \$28 per day. Please phone 44 214604 for further information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Power of a Simple Gift-National Collection Month October. It's easy to lose sight of what Christmas is all about. A real Christmas gift is one that says 'You are loved and you matter to God'. Children who receive Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes may have never received a gift before. When they realise the gift-filled shoe boxes are for them, they are delighted. Their faces show their excitement! If you would like to help put a smile on a young child's face you can help by finding an empty shoe box and determine if a boy or girl will receive your gift and fill the box with a variety of simple gifts eg: clothes, teddy bear, bangles, school supplies, balls, hair clips etc. You can go on-line to find out more details on www.operationchristmaschild.org.au or see Mrs Miller in the office for a flyer.