



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'

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Term 4 Week 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

31 Get Hooked fishing program

NOVEMBER

20-22 Berry Camp Years 5/6

30 Trivia Night

DECEMBER

17 School Presentation in the hall—all welcome

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents/carers,

I have just returned from a 3 day conference in Sydney where the future of education in NSW was keenly discussed. Every speaker had the clear message of making sure children remained front back and centre of everything we do. The future of this great nation depends on everyone getting it right for these children.

As I have pointed out before we are only a small part of your child's life. Commencing with the food you give them to eat to the families and experiences you expose them too, their lives are being shaped. We as educators see ourselves as an important part of their lives and take our role very seriously. Many hours of training and retraining is undertaken to make sure we deliver the best at Greenwell Point. A great example is the current Kindergarten class reading levels. Although I give full praise to Mrs Spelta for the dedication and effort she makes on a daily basis to have her lessons prepared and the training in L3 she has done I also recognise the excellent work parents have put in to support the program. Confidence in reading at a young age is so vital to everything else.

It is never too late to change an old habit and to 'raise the bar' for your children regardless of their age. If you would like to make a start, ask yourself these three questions.

Do I read with my children?

How long ago did I play a game with my children?

When was the last meaningful conversation I had with them?

Parenting is hard even when you get to my age but if you stop to celebrate from time to time, you'll enjoy the rewards.

Some helpful hints were suggested by the visiting Police Youth Liaison Officer in regards to children using social media. She suggested that children give their passwords to their parents; ask permission of parents and friends before publishing photographs and to block anything that doesn't seem right if they feel bullied and go and tell their parents. She also discussed younger children making sure they have discussed with their parents where they should meet them if they get lost. Remind them about stranger danger and remember to rehearse with them what they would do if they felt uncomfortable in a situation that may be unfamiliar or even familiar to them.

Kate Murphy

Principal

DAY FOR DANIEL

WOW what a great 'Day for Daniel' on Friday. Students were asked to come dressed in something red and all students were taken into the school library to watch a DVD on; raising awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children, educated children regarding their personal safety and empower them to 'recognise, react and report'. A big thank you to Senior Constable Kyriana van den Belt the Youth Liaison Officer in Shoalhaven for visiting the school and speaking to our students. The school would also like to thank Mrs Sharon Evans for providing each student with a red helium balloon to release to honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe. All students recognised the importance of this awareness day and loved releasing the balloons.

TRIVIA MEETINGS

All parents are welcome to attend the trivia meetings every Friday morning at approximately 9:15am in the school library. Please remember that many hands make a successful fundraising night. Tickets now selling at the office. Greenwell Point Public School and P&C would like to thank so far these business for donating: Coles, Woolworths Stockland, Shoalhaven City Lanes, Greenwell Point Chinese, Shoalhaven Zoo, The Good Guys, Roxy Cinema, Michel's Patisserie Nowra Mall, Bunnings, Unicorn Cheese, Centre Butchery, Creative Keepsakes and Dianne's Hair Design Bomaderry.

P & C CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

We are still asking parents and students to help us with the selling of chocolates. If you have not already taken a box then please see Mrs Miller in the office if you can help our school.

'GET HOOKED' FISHING PROGRAM

The 'Get Hooked' fishing program will take place this Thursday 31st October, 2013. A new permission note will be sent home

5/6 BERRY SPORT & RECREATION CAMP

Information has been sent home regarding information to parents, medical and consent forms and instalment payments for your child. **Please send this information in to the school as soon as possible so we can give Berry Sport & Rec official numbers attending our camp.**

CANTEEN NEWS

This Friday the P & C will be holding a meal deal consisting of: a ham salad sandwich/wrap, popper and fruit for \$5. Students are to bring their own recess.

APPLE FOR A TEACHER

Three of our teachers have been nominated by a parent in the Power FM promotion. Please visit the Power FM website and look in 'Whats Happening' and in competition and events vote for your favourite teacher. The winner will win a new laptop for the classroom plus every student in that class will win an Ipod shuffle. You can vote more than once, so lets support our small school and tell your friends.



Greenwell Point students and Senior Constable Kyriana van den Belt celebrating a 'Day with Daniel' on Friday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Best wishes and Happy Birthday to:

Andrew Rowley who turned 11 last Tuesday

Jayden Wright who turned 12 last Tuesday

Lilly Usher who turned 9 last Wednesday

Breanna Usher turns 10 today

Jordyn Sloane turns 12 on Tuesday and

Lachlan Barnett turns 12 on Wednesday

BOAT AWARDS

K/1 Megan Mank

1/2/3 Giorjet Pinkard

3/4/5/6 Reece Christian



GREENWELL POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN LUNCHTIME DEAL ORDER—1st NOVEMBER, 2013

I would like my child/ren to have a Lunchtime Deal consisting of: a ham salad sandwich/wrap, popper and fruit for \$5 and I will provide recess.

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Parent signature

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Date