



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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Term 4 Week 11

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

- 17 School Presentation in the hall—all welcome 1pm start
- 18 Last day for students
- 20 Last day for staff

JANUARY 2014

- 28 Staff return
- 29 Students in Years 1-6 return



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents/carers,

We have three new initiatives for 2014 that will require your thoughts about over the summer holidays.

1. Our school would like to run the Active After School's program one day a week. Numbers will be limited and to commence the year it will only include children from stages 2 and 3. Stage 1 will be included later in the year. The program encourages children to be active and runs from the completion of school for one hour. The children have a coach/facilitator and are given some afternoon tea. The program subject to final approvable will commence week 4 and run for 7 weeks each term. This activity is free of charge.

2. We have the offer of running keyboard classes each week during school hours. This is especially helpful to local children who need to travel to Nowra for lessons. The lesson is designed for all abilities. The lady has music qualifications and is willing to charge less than the normal rate. Her price is \$27 for a half hour individual lesson. Children will need a key board at home to practise on.

Notes will go home at the commencement of next year but I would be interested in hearing this week if any family is interested in the music lessons for their child.

3. P&C would like to introduce dresses for the girls as part of the summer uniform. The style, colour and supplier has not been finalised. As in the past, parents will need to respond to any correspondence in this matter so we can gauge the level of interest. This change will be fazed in and optional. The current uniform will be the official uniform for school photographs etc., until we have a 100% acceptance of wearing dresses.

Mr Bourke has announced his retirement. He will officially retire in January. We are unsure who will replace him or if we will be using the merit selection process to appoint someone. Our classes for next year look like being a K/1, 2/3 and a 4/5/6. This is the combination we would prefer but from time to time things change and we need to organise things differently. So although this is my preference, if we were to have a sudden influx of students, we may need to change things.

Best wishes to our Year 6 students commencing their secondary education in 2014 and to Tyson, Nickolas, Brock and Bryce for your new school. Special thanks to your parents who have helped the school in any way during your time at this school.

Have a safe and happy Christmas period and enjoy the change of routine with your children.

Best Wishes
Kate Murphy
Principal

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PRESENTATION

The whole school will be attending our annual end of year presentation on Tuesday 17th December (tomorrow) commencing at 1pm sharp. All families are welcome to attend the presentation.



OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Library books are an expensive part of any school. I would prefer to reduce the cost to you for something else rather than pay to replace lost books sitting in your house. Please look and return them before tomorrow. The children have been given letters to take home. They know what books to look for. This message is also for our Year 6 students.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Year 6 students will be attending Buffet Fusion family restaurant at the Shoalhaven Ex-Serviceman's Club on Tuesday 17th December, 2013. The celebrations will start at 6pm. Please meet out the front of the club and pick-up will be at 8pm in front of the club. Dress is neat casual and will cost \$17 per child for dinner and a few dollars for drinks. Year 6 students have been given permission notes and need to return them to school by tomorrow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best wishes and Happy Birthday to:

Connor Winters who turns 7 on Sunday

Travis McKay who turns 8 on the 27th December and

Chloe Sanders who turns 9 on the 27th December



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will still be held on Wednesday. If you would like to order lunch then please write your order on a brown paper bag for both first and second break and place your money inside the bag and leave it at the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GREENWELL POINT WOMEN'S BOWLS

The Greenwell Point women's bowls would like to invite all ladies along every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am for an hour to learn lawn bowls. A cup of tea will be served after bowls. If you have a spare hour and would like to join these ladies for some fun then please call the club on 44 471111 or call down to visit during this time.

NOWRA LIONS CLUB

The Nowra Lions Club are hosting "Kids Day Out" on Sunday 19th January, 2014 at the Nowra Showgrounds at 10am to 2:30pm. Admission is \$5 per child and it covers all activities including: unlimited amusement rides for 2-13 year olds, entry stamps for rides, face painting, free eye testing for 6-12 year olds and a free sausage sandwich and drink. Other stalls at a cost.

THE GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS

The Great Moscow Circus will be performing in Nowra adjacent Stocklands on the 1st to 12th January, 2014. Please see the flyer for further information.

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy new year