



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'

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Term 1 Week 3

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 11 P&C Meeting at 5 pm in the library—TODAY
- 15 Book Club due back
- 15 StEPS eyesight screening for all Kindergarten students
- 20 Small School's Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Cherry and her family for the safe arrival of their baby girl, last week. We'll look forward to having a cuddle.

Congratulations also to Mr Cunningham's class. They entered the Scarecrow making competition at the Nowra Show and received a ribbon for Runners Up. Well done everyone.



Thank you to the parents who have already paid for their children's text books. The text books make sure every aspect of the curriculum has been covered and ensures your child is completing work to their ability. Classes have commenced using the books. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for the books perhaps you could buy one each week, for the next few weeks.

We have had a very positive return to school and most of the children are following school rules and remembering to do their best. Mrs Spelta has been teaching the Kindergarten children the Bully Steps, we encourage all children to use if they feel uncomfortable with another child. Please remind your child to use these steps and to remain calm and not feel a victim. The steps are simple but empower a child to feel confident and to know they are in control.

Step 1. If you are being annoyed by another child say – STOP I DON'T LIKE IT.

Step 2. If they continue annoying you – STOP I DON'T LIKE IT AND I'LL TELL THE TEACHER IF YOU CONTINUE.

Step 3. If they continue -TELL THE TEACHER.

Children are not allowed to hurt, tease or bully another child. We ask them to report to a teacher so we can monitor the situation and put steps in place, to help the bully and the victim. Bullying is usually an indication that there is some other issue happening in the child's life and they need support.

Kate Murphy

A happy principal with very clever students!

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS

The whole school from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be paying the same price for text books.

Homework—\$14.50, Handwriting—\$12.50, Maths—\$16.50, Total of \$43.50 to be paid at the office. As soon as we receive your money we will allocate your child their books. As soon as everyone pays the students will begin using them. If you do not wish your child to complete homework you may reduce the amount by \$14.50. However I would strongly recommend homework be completed in small amounts each night. If presented without becoming a battle it encourages good study practise for the future. It also offers an alternative to the television and supports the work we are doing at school.



StEPS SCREENING FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY

If you have not already done so then please return the StEPS (Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening) permission notes that was sent home last Friday. For your child's eyes to be tested FREE of charge the school has to have your child's permission note and returned to the office.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Congratulations and Best Wishes to:
Isabel Miners turns 11 on the 11th February (today)

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting will be held TODAY, Monday 11th February at 5pm in the school library. All new families are encouraged and welcome to attend.

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEET

Please return the current pupil information sheet if you have not already done so, so we can up-date your details for 2013. This is an important requirement, especially if there is an emergency.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture lessons will begin this week and will remain on Thursdays.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please write lunch orders on brown paper bags for both breaks. The slushies are STILL unavailable at the moment. If you are available to work in the canteen then please see Mrs Miller in the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms orders can be left at the office. The Uniform Shop is still waiting on a new shirt order and We are due to receive them this week, we apologise for this inconvenience.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back at school on the 15th February, 2013. Clearly marked with your child's name, details and money inside on envelope. Thank you.

SPORT

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

All students in Years 3-6 and those turning 8 this year in Year 2 will be attending the swimming carnival next week. A permission note will be going out with all details regarding this carnival and is to be returned to school with the money as soon as possible. Students should already be practising their swimming strokes.

MOZZIES

Unfortunately that time of the year has come back, yes the mozzies have invaded us again therefore please make sure your child is protected when they come to school by applying insect repellent in the morning. Also please remember to have in your child's back pack a roll-on insect repellent for later in the day if needed so that they are protected at all times as the school does not supply repellent. Thanking you!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANGLICARE WORKSHOPS

If you are interested the school has information on free workshops within the Shoalhaven such as: Poppy play-group, Keeping Kids in Mind, Lift for Teens, 123 Magic & Emotion coaching, Turbulent Tweens, Grassroots Parenting, Kids and Bullying, My Kids and Me and Rollercoasters then please see Mrs Miller or ring Anglicare on 44 218248.

CULBURRA COUGARS FOOTBALL CLUB

The football club are holding their junior and senior registration days on the 16th and 23rd February, 2013 at the Culburra soccer fields from 9am to 11am.