



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'

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Term 1 Week 1

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 1 Kindergarten students start school
- 20 Small School's Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Greenwell Point Public School if this is your first week with us and welcome back to all our wonderful children and their families. I trust you had a safe and happy holiday or at least enjoyed the change in routine.

New parents please remember to look in your child's bag each Monday afternoon for the newsletter. It is sent home every week and the day only changes if the children have been away from school. The newsletter is the major way of communicating with parents. A copy is also placed on the school web page.

Mrs Spelta will be testing Kindergarten children this Wednesday and Thursday. I will be taking the class while this important task is completed. My role will continue as a support for learning, librarian and teaching the classes for the classroom teachers 2 hour release from face to face teaching each week. Mr Bourke has taken leave for 2 terms and will be replaced by Mr Ian Cunningham. Mr Wilkinson will again be with us this year replacing Mrs Baker who is enjoying raising her 3 sons.

I mentioned last year that our numbers are on the growth again and although the boom isn't expected until 2016-17 (all the new siblings born last year) we still have an imbalance in the lower end. What we really need right now is a boost of about 10 children and then we would qualify for a 4th teacher. But until such time we have put a lot of time into organising the classes for this year based on needs and ability. I will be working closely with Mr Wilkinson and Mr Cunningham to make sure we gain the best for ever child's learning. As it stands we will have a Kinder Year 1 class, a Year 1, 2, 3 class and a 3,4,5,6 class. There are many benefits for the combinations and we hope you will agree that we have made good choices for the combinations based on our knowledge of you child. However please bring any concerns to me ASAP so we can discuss them and help make the right adjustments if required.

All parents have received the back to school payment, so please help the teachers and students by purchasing the text books as soon as possible. This payment by the government, is given in good faith that the parents will support their children to have all the necessary equipment to learn. A good education is a gift for life please help.

All Aboard the bus for learning in 2013!

Kate Murphy
Principal



SCHOOL WORKBOOKS

The whole school from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be paying the same prices on workbooks. 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Cody Denny turned 6 on 5th January

Faith Vanteunenbroek turned 6 on the 17th January

Curtis McKay turned 6 on the 22nd January

Jackson Williams turned 9 on the 23rd January

PUPIL INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete the current pupil information sheet so we can up-date your details for 2013.

CANTEEN NEWS

There will be NO CANTEEN this Friday. Canteen will begin on Friday 8th February, 2013. Please find attached to the newsletter a copy of the canteen price list. 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 will not receive this order until the 12th February and we apologise for this inconvenience and we are currently working on helping our new kindies out.

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

BOMADERRY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

Bomaderry Junior Rugby League football club registration days for 2013 will be held on Saturday 2nd & 3rd February 2013 at Bomaderry Sporting Complex 10am to 1pm. The club will be entering teams from the Under 7's to Under 16's and also the newly formed Girls League tag team from 12-14 years of age. Cost is \$85 which includes shorts, socks and a training shirt. All new players must bring an original birth certificate. For more information contact the President Steve McConville on 0403 591014.

GO4FUN

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight. Go4Fun runs during school term for children and their parents and includes games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes, cooking classes, a supermarket tour plus much more. Each participant will receive a goody bag including two t-shirts, a bouncy ball, a water bottle and a folder full of great resources. This program is FREE and will be held in Nowra. Please phone 1 800 780 900, SMS for call back 0409 745 645 or visit <http://au.mendcentral.org/>.