



Greenwell Point Public School

NEWSLETTER

'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'

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Term 1 Week 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 11 P&C Meeting at 5 pm in the library
- 15 Book Club due back
- 20 Small School's Swimming Carnival

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for having our children looking so smart in their uniforms. We are very proud of our appearance and value the image we give to each other. If you are ever experiencing difficulty in providing clothing or books for your child, you may ask for student assistance. We keep some second-hand clothing and a very small amount of emergency funds to offer if the need arises. To make sure the process is fairly distributed there is a form to be filled in and the request is processed on merit.

It is lovely to see so many new faces around the school. Please make sure you introduce yourself to each other so friendships can be formed. We will have opportunities for the parents to meet on formal occasions throughout the year but a friendly hello is great for now.

A big thank you to Billy Gibson (Tyson and Lachlan's grandfather) who polished and sealed our stage floor. Wow! What a difference it makes to have a shiny floor at last. If you are needing someone to polish your floors etc. please remember to support our local company.

The new health program GO4FUN sounds wonderful. If you are needing some activity outside the house that doesn't cost money, then read the information on the next page.

The children will start bringing home value reward cards-RAINBOW AWARDS. For each five collected they receive a larger reward— one colour. The rewards follow the colours of the rainbow. At the end of the year they are given a trophy if they can gain every colour. These are awarded for children who display good virtues. Virtues include such things as courtesy, respect, kindness, honesty, diligence, courage etc. They may also talk about BOAT AWARDS. These awards are given as free and frequent awards and the children place the award in a class box for a lucky draw each week. All entries are rewarded at the end of the year by a whole school outing (subject to appropriate behaviour).

Sadly today the Greenwell Point Community farewelled Mrs Margaret McGuire. Margaret was a life member of our school P&C and I remember her fondly for her Christmas carols each year. She enjoyed playing the piano and would make everyone smile with her sense of fun. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Kate Murphy

The luckiest principal around with the best children ever!



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:
Reece Christian turns 11 on Tuesday

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting will be held next 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.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will begin this Friday 8th February, 2013. Please write lunch orders on brown paper bags for both breaks. The slushies are 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 will not receive this order until the 12th February and 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.

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

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/>.

ANGLICARE WORKSHOPS

If you are interested the school has information on free workshops within the Shoalhaven such as: Poppy playgroup, 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.