



# Greenwell Point Public School

## NEWSLETTER

**'School Motto – Growing and Learning Together'**

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**16th September, 2013**

**Term 3 Week 10**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### SEPTEMBER

- 19 Talent quest and whole school assembly-**Thursday 1:30 PM**
- 20 Last day of term 3
- 20 P & C Meeting 9:15am

#### OCTOBER

- 8 Students and Staff return for term 4

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents/carers,

Parents of children in Year 3 and 5 will not be receiving their child's NAPLAN results until the end of week 1 or early week 2 next term. The Board of Studies has apologised but an error was identified in the placement of the national average markers on Year 5 and Year 7 student report in Language Conventions.

A reminder to all parents that we will be having a P&C meeting this Friday morning. Come along to show your support and to know what is planned for the future. Like all good organisations it will only be as good as the support it gets from its' members. We used the hall last week so young children could play together and babies could be pushed etc.

This Thursday we will have a short School assembly followed by the talent quest. Commencing at 1.30 pm. The word talent should be replaced with participation. All students are encouraged to have a go. If they would like to tell a joke, sing a song, dance, do a skit or act, the audience will be excited to cheer for them. Please encourage your child. We know not all children have the same opportunities in life but the chance to stand in front of an audience is a very important step and we want to encourage it. Cost is 20 cents per entry.

The Hon. Shelly Hancock MP has sent an opportunity for parents to have grandparents recognised with a congratulatory message for Grandparents Day on Sunday 27th October. All you need to do is fill in a form, copies of which we have in the office or go on line to [www.grandparentsday.org.au](http://www.grandparentsday.org.au) or contact her office.

School holidays commence this Friday. Please keep a look out for your school and report all trespassers to the police. The school playground is not a safe place for your child to play without adult supervision during the holidays. I'm looking for someone to baby sit the chooks. If you are not going away and would like some free eggs in return for checking food and water please speak to me and I'll organise you with a key.

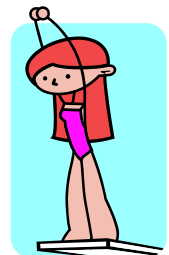
Have a safe and happy holiday with your children and although I realise some parents are not as lucky to be having a holiday at this time of the year but enjoy the change of pace and your beautiful children. Just remember that they are all special and the future of this wonderful country.

Thank you for another amazing term of learning, fun and laughs.

Kate Murphy  
Principal

### CANTEEN NEWS

SORRY THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK



## SPORT

### SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Years 2 to 6 students have been given information for the school swimming scheme commencing 14th October to 25th October, 2013. Cost for the swimming scheme is \$75 per student. Please return your permission notes that have been sent home as soon as possible as there are 15 positions left. **These positions will be given to Terara Public School at the end of this week.**



## BOAT AWARDS

K/1 Paige Lember  
1/2/3 Madison Innes  
3/4/5/6 Isobel Miners

## BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday & Congratulations to:  
Elisha Sanders who turned 6 last Friday and  
Kiarah Pieters who turned 12 last Saturday



### PARENTING IDEAS– Michael Grose

#### It's not okay to be away...nor to be late to school:

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

#### That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching tv; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event. This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences. Australian kids only spend 15% of the total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

#### Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10am the peak period for productivity.

#### It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as "it's not fair that I have to go to school today because Aunty is coming to visit". Nice try but the answers should be "No!". As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day. Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuine family circumstances. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm. It's reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NOWRA-CULBURRA SLSC

**Open Day:** Sunday 29th September, 2013 10am to 1pm. Come, have a look around and find out what Surf Life Saving is all about. IRB displays, registrations, BBQ, Information on nippers and training.

**Nippers Registration:** Bomaderry Pool Sunday 13th October and Saturday 19th October, 2013 at 10:30am—12:30pm. Cost \$65 (cash/chq only). For further information please contact  
nowrculb@bigpond.net.au

HAVE A HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY

