# **Greenwell Point Public School**



# EWSLET



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### School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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RELIEVING PRINCIPAL: Mr Gordon Parrish 7th December, 2015 Term 4 Week 10

# DATES TO REMEMBER **DECEMBER**

- 9 School Fun Day
- Year 6 Dinner 10
- 14 **Helpers Morning Tea** Library at 12 noon
- **School Presentation** 14 1pm—school hall
- 16 Students Last Day
- Staff Last Day 18

#### **JANUARY 2016**

- Staff Return SDD 27
- 28 Students Return
- 28 Kinder Best Start
- Kinder Best Start 29

#### **FEBRUARY**

- Kinder Best Start
- Kinder Starts School

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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents.

Well it's week 10, only 8 days of school left for students in 2015.

Attendance has been a very big issue for us this year with a number of students dropping below the 90% attendance mark, some by guite a significant level. While many families send in their notes promptly and provide us with requests for leave prior to the event, one of the concerning trends is that of unjustified leave. Anytime a student is away and an explanation is not given it is recorded as unjustified, providing an explanation of absences is vital and parents are required to do so by law. Please make sure you are doing so in writing, via our App or over the phone. I know many families have been hit hard by illness this year, and if your child is sick then you should keep them at home. Otherwise all students should be encouraged to attend school every

# ERY DAY COUNTS

day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...



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day, it does make a difference.

Last Friday our students headed down to the Boat Ramp Park to participate in our Charity Walkathon. It was a great day with all students very brightly dressed in the Loud Shirt or Footy Colours and they were very well supported by our school community, a big thanks goes to all the mums and dads who joined in on the day! To date we have raised in excess of \$800 to be shared between the Shepherd Centre and Cancer Research, if you still have money to come in can you please send it in ASAP. Kharma and Isaiah of 1/2 both raised in excess of \$100 each, an awesome effort! Thanks Mrs Miller for organising

such a top day!

This Wednesday is the School Fun Day. Students will be travelling in to Nowra to attend the Nowra Gymnastics Centre, and then return to Greenwell Point to have a BBQ lunch at the Boat Ramp Park. The children will be provided with a sausage sizzle, drink and ice block for lunch. We will be going swimming at the pool after lunch. The day will be a Mufti Day but please remember clothing will need to be suitable for Gymnastics and the students will need to bring swimmers and a towel. The day is free of charge for all students. Please make sure you complete the electronic permission note on our Facebook page or via our School App in the updates section! Click here to access the note – Fun Day permission. A paper version is attached to this newsletter, but the electronic version is preferred.

This coming Thursday evening is set aside for our Year 6 Farewell Dinner. All students in year 6 and year 5 have received an invitation to the dinner at the Greenwell Point Bowling Club. Parents can drop the children off, or if you would like to stay for the evening you are most welcome to do so, but you will need to make your own booking.

Presentation Day is fast approaching on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1:00pm, our Thank You Morning Tea for all our Helpers and Supporters will be held on the same day at 12:00pm. Reports will also go out on this day. In the evening of the 14th there will be "Carols in the Church" at 7:00 pm. The 2016 School Calendar will be previewed here and will then be available for sale at IGA and the Butchers.

Kind regards Gordon Parrish Relieving Principal



# BIRTHDAYS

## Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Chloe B in 3/4/5/6 turns 10 on Sunday

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN THIS WEEK.

#### LIBRARY BOOKS

Could all families please return their library books this week. We will be doing a library stocktake at the beginning of December. Please search all hiding holes for your books.



Students, staff and parents enjoying themselves at the Charity Day on the foreshores of Greenwell Point. A great day was had by all.





