

Greenwell Point Public School



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NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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RELIEVING PRINCIPAL: Mr Gordon Parrish

11th May, 2015

Term 2 Week 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 12 - NAPLAN testing
- 14
- 13 Responsible Pet Care
- 15 District Cross Country
- 20- Health Harold
- 21
- 22 Whole school assembly 2:30pm the hall. All welcome.
- 22 P&C AGM 1:30 Library



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

Congratulations and thanks to all our students that participated in the Small Schools Cross Country. Mrs Spelta reported excellent behaviour on the day, well done boys and girls.

This term, students in Kindergarten have Library on Wednesday, and while they are with me for Mrs Bowman's Release from Face to Face (RFF) time, they are engaging in a Healthy Habits unit of work. Last week we shared the story of the Magic Lunch Box and we will continue working on nutrition and healthy choices for a couple of weeks.

Students in 1/2 have Library on Tuesdays, and during their RFF time we are working on a History unit of work that focuses on:
How has family life changed or remained the same over time?
And how can we show that the present is different from or similar to the past?
The boys and girls are developing History Boxes, and are looking at significant events in their lives so far and are comparing them to those of previous generations.

Students in the 3,4,5,6 class have Library on Friday's, and during their RFF time with me they are engaged in Genius Hour, which is a movement that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time during school. In our case students in the 3,4,5,6 class have a structured 2 hours per week where they are guided through a self-determined research project with a goal of sharing their passion via a presentation to the rest of the school and parents. The sharing day will be set later in term 2.

It's worth noting that the basis for Genius Hour comes in part from the internet search-engine giant Google, they allow their engineers to spend 20% of their time to work on any pet project that they want. Ever heard of Gmail or Google News? These projects are creations by passionate developers that blossomed from their projects. I have been extremely impressed with the high level of engagement and the quality of work that all students have been delivering in class, keep it up!

Naplan commences tomorrow for students in years 3 and 5. These tests will provide important information to our school about what our students can do, and will be used along with other assessment data to support and guide teaching and learning programs. Attendance over the next 3 days is very important for students in years 3 and 5. On Tuesday students will sit the Language Conventions and Writing papers, on Wednesday the Reading paper, and on Thursday the Numeracy paper.

A big thank you to all the Parents who attended last Friday's P&C meeting, a very engaging meeting. Our AGM had to be carried over to the 22nd of May at 1:30pm. It would be great if the attendance was the same.

Kind regards
Gordon Parrish
Relieving Principal



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to:

Corey Fisher who turns 6 on Thursday

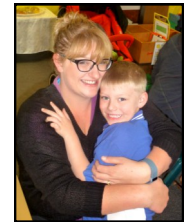
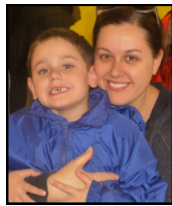
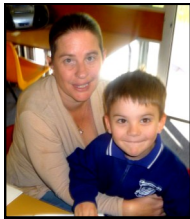
LIFE EDUCATION VAN—HEALTHY HAROLD

The Life Education Van will be visiting the school on the 20th and 21st May, 2015. The Life Education Van comes to the school and educates students in their stage groups.

A permission note has already been sent home and is to be returned to school with the cost of \$10 per child. Students will also receive a workbook that they will be using during class time. Families can include all children on the one permission note. Any student who has not paid by this date will not be able to attend.

KINDER MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

A big thank you to all the mothers that could attend our Kinder Mothers Day afternoon tea.



RESPONSIBLE PET HANDLING

Kinder, Years 1 and 2 will be shown how to handle pets properly by Gai Spears who will be visiting the school this Wednesday between 11:30am and 12:15pm. Gai will be bringing her trained dog along for the demonstration. If you have any concerns regarding this visit, then please contact the school.

SPORT

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

The Shoalhaven district cross country carnival will be held this Friday 15th May, 2015. All runners going to this carnival will be given a separate permission note. Good Luck and we know you will do the school proud.



GREENWELL POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—CANTEEN MEAL DEAL-Wednesday 13th May, 2015

I give permission for to receive a meal deal consisting of a Hot Dog, bag of popcorn and popper for \$5. All students need to provide recess. Muffins can be purchased for 50 cents.

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Parent Signature

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Date