

Greenwell Point Public School



NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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Term 1 Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 9 Shoalhaven High information evening for Year 7 2022
- 12 Book Club return
- 16 P&C Meeting 6.00pm
- 18 Big Veggie Crunch
- 19 Year 7 2022 forms MUST be returned to the office
- 19 Ride to school day
- 24 X Country (Year 3 –6)
- 31 School Photos (Return envelopes on the day)

APRIL

- 2-19 School Holidays
- 20 Students return

COVID RULES

If you need to enter the school grounds please scan the QR code and sign in at the office.

NO HAT NO PLAY

No hat will be given to any student who forget their hat. They will play under the cola.

Hat—\$12 Uniform Shop

IMPORTANT REQUEST

Please **DO NOT** bring peanuts or use peanut butter at school.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

Greenwell Point Public School is now part of a new student attendance trial being run in the South Coast region of schools. Our daily attendance is being monitored and compared across several schools in an attempt to gauge the major reasons for student absences and the impact absences have on student achievement. On any given day we are currently averaging 11% of students being away. This is relatively high for such a small school.

Everyone has a role supporting positive school attendance. Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options

Every day counts. Missing just one day a fortnight can amount to four weeks of lost learning over a year. Over their school life, this can equal one year of missed learning.

Days missed = years lost

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

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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Let's work together to improve student attendance at Greenwell Point Public School. Together we can improve our statistics and the opportunities for our children.

Have a great week
Ms Catherine Secombe

BOAT AWARDS

K/1 — Lila & Emmett
1/2 — Izabel & Ava
2/3 — Anna & Nixon
3/4/5—Lilly & Tamika
5/6 — Jade & Max L



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday



Shayla in 2/3 turns 7 on Friday

Big Veggie Crunch

On Thursday 18th March 2021 our school will be joining hundreds of schools across NSW to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables.

But we need your help to make it a success! Here are some ideas for your child's lunchbox.

- carrot, celery, cucumber – cut into sticks or left whole
- capsicum – cut into sticks or wedges
- corn – raw baby corn spears or a cooked corn cob
- broccoli or cauliflower florets - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- tomatoes – small cherry tomatoes or a large tomato that can be eaten like an apple
- beans or snow peas - raw or lightly cooked to keep their crunch
- mushrooms – sliced or left whole
- if fresh veg isn't possible, try canned or frozen vegetables instead

SHOALHAVEN HIGH INFORMATION NIGHT

A reminder for Shoalhaven High information night for 2022 YEAR 7 students is on **tonight Tuesday 9th March** at 5.30pm until 7.30pm **Information night has been extended to 7.30 with changes to COVID regulations.**

BOOK CLUB

Book club is due back the 12th March. A reminder that preferred payment is via Scholastic Book Club LOOP app.



YEAR 6 EOI HIGH SCHOOL 2022

All Year 6 students will be receiving an expression of interest form for high school in 2022. If you are wanting your child to attend a Catholic or private school you still need to return this form if with your intention is to enrol elsewhere. All forms need to be returned by the 19th March 2021. The zoned school is Shoalhaven High.

CROSS COUNTRY

FISST Cross Country notes were handed out yesterday. This event will be held at Willandra and is for all children in our school 8-13 years. We encourage students to attend and to pay their \$5 for the excursion to the office. The school has lowered the cost to families by paying for the bus. It is a great day out for our students and a fantastic opportunity for us to compete against the other five small schools in our area. Notes are to be returned by 19th March 2021.

SRC

Congratulations to this term's SRC

K/1 Emmett & Reuben
1/2 Jaicii & Adam
2/3 Ivy & Cale
3/4/5 Ella & Zac
5/6 Jade & Michael



This year our rubbish collection was much lower than previous years for our Clean Up Australia Day event. Well done to the students who collected this rubbish around our school grounds on Friday. Let's aim for zero waste next year!



OPEN DAY INVITATION

When: Saturday Afternoon 13th March from 2.30pm

Where: Willandra Cross Country Venue, 101 Browns Mtn. Rd. Tapitallee.

Who are invited: Families and individuals interested in Running or Walking Cross Country for Fun and Fitness or enjoy the challenge to achieve goals. ~ All ages ~ All abilities ~ The afternoon is **FREE** offering Coaching tips, Sausage Sizzle and Lucky Draws. Distances from 1k to 8k. ~ Info: victoryrunners.com.au

Voluntary Contributions

At our last P & C Meeting we discussed voluntary contributions for students.

Voluntary contributions were set at the following:

One child - \$25.00 a year

Two children - \$40.00 a year

Three or more children - \$50.00 a year

The money from voluntary contributions goes towards purchasing resources for your child's classroom.

Please remember there is no expectation on families to pay.