

Greenwell Point Public School



NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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15th March, 2022

Term 1 Week 8

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

- 15 P & C Meeting 6pm
- 18 Return Expression of Interest Year 6 forms
- 21 Mufti Day for Harmony Day
- 21 Book Club due
- 30 Cross Country

APRIL

- 1 STEPS Eyesight Screening (Kinders only)
School Assembly
- 6 School Photos
- 8 Last day of Term 1
- 25 Anzac Day
- 26 Staff development day
- 27 Students return Term 2

NO HAT NO PLAY

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

IMPORTANT REQUEST

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

What a week last week was! Thank you to all our parents and families for supporting us during this time. It certainly was challenging for many. We hope none of our families were too heavily impacted.

On top of this we also had a few COVID positive cases recorded. I ask that you please remain vigilant in testing your children with the RAT's sent home should your child experience any flu like symptoms. If you require more testing kits, please contact the school.

COVID Restrictions Continue to Ease

Mask wearing for staff is no longer mandatory. Here is the latest, key information:

- Staff and students will use rapid antigen tests (RATs) for symptomatic testing only. Tests do not need to be conducted regularly but can be used at your discretion such as if your child has symptoms or there are cases in their class. The remaining RATs have been distributed. Everyone can access PCR tests at local testing sites, or buy their own rapid antigen tests, as these are now readily available and accessible in the community.
- Students no longer have to enter via different school gates or play in different areas of the playground. You may now choose which gate you drop off and collect your children from. Please notify us if you plan on changing these points however.

· We can allow students of different ages to participate in programs and classrooms for special purposes. Scripture will resume this week. The use of the library during play times will resume, wellbeing programs and peer support activities will be reinstated and very soon we will organise some community assemblies in the Hall.

· Visitors will be invited onto school sites for COVID-safe meetings and events. Our school will organise assemblies, meetings and other gatherings. Please keep an eye out for these upcoming dates in our newsletters.

· All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

· All current arrangements for drop-off and pick-up times will continue. The whole school will finish their day at 3.00pm. Please try to socially distance at the front of our school and arrange collection points away from the gates, where possible.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 6pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to these quietly supportive, community-minded, wonder-people! We appreciate you all so very much.

School Assemblies Are Back!

We are thrilled to be able to invite families back for gatherings and assemblies in the hall. Our next school assembly is planned for Friday 1st April. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for additional information regarding the assembly and for start times.

We are endeavouring to combine our assembly with our Easter Hat Parade.

Cross Country Carnival

Please keep an eye out for the Cross-Country note which came home yesterday. The school will be covering all costs associated with buses and students are only required to pay the \$5 Willandra entry fee.

Have a great week,
Catherine Secombe

BOAT AWARDS

Congratulations

K/1 Charlotte & Cody
1/2 Yuvi & Chase
2/3 Sarah & Summer
3/4/5 Jaicii & Ella
5/6 Mikaela & Taylor



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday



Shayla in 2/3 turned 8 last Saturday
Ella in 3/4/5 turns 9 on Thursday
Ryan in 1/2 turns 8 on Friday
Cody in K/1 turns 6 on Friday
Brax in 1/2 turns 10 on Saturday
Sarah in 2/3 turns 9 on Monday
Anna in 3/4/5 turns 9 on Monday

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day gold coin donation.

On Monday March 21st we are having a mufti day to raise money for communities that have been impacted by the floods.

Harmony day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Please wear **ORANGE**. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Wear **ORANGE** to
celebrate
Harmony Day

P & C NEWS

The P & C general meeting is being held tonight in the school library at 6pm. All are welcome.

YEAR 6

Reminder to all Year 6 students that the Expression of Interest forms for High school 2023 are due back to the office NO LATER than FRIDAY 18th March.

WONDER RECYCLING REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS.

Turn bread bags into play equipment, our school is teaming up with Wonder Soft Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in the environment. By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, ocean and wildlife - and earn new sports equipment for our school! We are asking all families to get collecting! There are 3 simple steps to helping our school keep soft plastic waste out of the environment and earning new sports equipment for our kids to enjoy! **Scrunch**: Do the scrunch test! If its plastic and you can scrunch it into a ball, its soft plastic and we can recycle it. **Collect**: Drop your soft plastic waste into the Wonder Recycling Rewards Collection Box at school. **Play**: Earn Wonder Recycling Rewards points to receive new sports equipment for your school!

Visit wonder.com.au to find out more. To help get you started, here's a list of items you can and cannot collect to recycle.

YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too)	Plastic bottles Plastic containers Glass Paper Cardboard Tin Cans Food Waste.



BOOK CLUB:

Is due back by Monday the 22nd March. Please remember preferred payment is via LOOP.

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The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
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