

Greenwell Point Public School



NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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Term 4 Week 7

DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

20th-24th Water Safety Program

27th Swim Carnival Year 2– Year 6

28th Shoalhaven High Orientation Year 6

29th UOW Year 6

DECEMBER

8th Presentation Day

8th SRC food drive due

11th Year 6 Funday Farewell

13th Year 6 Presentation

14th Rewards Day

15th Student last day

15th NO CANTEEN



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,

Water Safety Program

This week saw the commencement of our annual water safety program. So far, all students attending have been participating in water safety and confidence lessons with Mr Tucker and Mr Jones. The students are having a wonderful time, and it is wonderful to see them building these life skills.

On completion of the program, we will be running our school swimming carnival. From this we are able to determine the students that we will send to the small schools swimming carnival in February of 2024.

DEL Visit

Next week also sees a visit from the School Education Director, Mr Greg McDonald. Mr McDonald has chosen Greenwell Point as his 'staying connected' with schools, school. He will be working in classes alongside the teachers and finding out more about what we do here at Greenwell Point.

Attendance

Today I was delighted by the news that Greenwell Point Public School students are above the state, Network and similar schools' groups percentages for attendance. Our current attendance rate sits at 90.5%, with almost 70% of our students attending more than 90% of the time. Keep it up Greenwell Point!

St George Dragons

Some of our Greenwell Point Students were selected to be the face of the 'Best you can be' booklet, published by the NRL and the St George Dragons and yesterday participated in a photo shoot for their publications. These publications are set to be used statewide in 2024. The booklet is a resource which aims to assist teachers in encouraging children to make positive choices around health and wellbeing.

Focus topics within the resource include the importance of being active, tolerance, respect and inclusiveness, the importance of sleep, screen time management, hydration, and nutrition.

We are very much looking forward to getting copies of the photos and the published materials.

Upcoming events

With only three and a bit weeks to go before the end of the term, please ensure you have the dates for the Presentation, Year 6 Farewell Assembly and Rewards Day saved into your calendars.

Cathie Secombe
Principal

BOAT AWARDS

Congratulations

K/1: Nixon, Wylie, Mariah & Isla

1/2: Isaac, Ava & Finley x 2

3/4: Emmett, Ryan, Ruby & Miila

4/5: Airlie, Edward, Patrick & Adam

5/6: Chris, Poppy, Destiny & Massey

SRC:

The school SRC have decided to run a food drive to provide support for some families this Christmas. Students can bring in non-perishable pantry items that are unopened, in their original packaging with full ingredient and allergen listings, and within their best before date.

Some examples are:

- * Good quality tinned food and meals (with ring pulls)
- * Noodles, pasta and rice
- * Long life milk
- * Muesli bars and snacks

These can be given to class teachers or taken to the school office. Thank you for helping us to support people in need this Christmas. The last day for

donations will be the **8th of December (Friday Week 9).**

3/4F - Persuasive Writing

Cockatoos Make the Best Pets

First of all cockatoos make the best pets because they are the best squawkers ever! When they squawk they are so loud that they can make a good tune. For example, cockatoos can make one of the best squawks in the world. It is clear that cockatoos are the best squawkers ever.

Secondly cockatoos can fly so amazingly. They like to fly on rooves, balconies and more. For example, when I went to Sydney for swimming, I saw twenty seven cockatoos on the balcony and my Mum and I fed them all. Because of this, cockatoos are my favourite animal because they can fly.

Another point is that cockatoos have a cool mohawk and it's yellow. This can be seen at the back of their heads and it can be spread out. This means when they shake their heads it's all spread out.

In conclusion, it is clear that cockatoos are the best pets!!

By Josh 3/4



Should People Travel in Australia or Overseas?

By Shayla

Travelling is a wonderful way to explore new places, make incredible memories and learn about different cultures. When it comes to choosing between travelling in Australia or going overseas, there are some important things to consider. Let's look at some reasons for each side of the argument to help us decide which option is best.

To begin with, Australia has beautiful places. It also has beautiful beaches like the ones in Huskisson, Sydney, Queensland and other places like that. One great thing about Australia is that you won't have to go far to see these amazing places ... Australia has it all!

In addition Australia has very interesting and adorable animals like kangaroos, echidnas and more. Did you know that there is nowhere else in the world where all these wonderful animals are? That makes Australia special!

On the other hand... travelling in other countries is very different to staying in Australia. Countries overseas have new and improved technology, new foods, special people, languages, better theme parks and more. If you travel in Australia, you're just staying in one country but when you're overseas you get to experience new things.

Furthermore overseas has got great places to go to like the Eiffel tower in Paris, the land of love, and spectacular Disneyland in the great place called America. Wow going overseas sounds like a real adventure and you get to see it in real life!

I love all of these reasons ... but I really think going overseas is best. One day I think I want to go to America.