

Greenwell Point Public School



NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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Term 1 Week 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 21 P & C Meeting 6pm
- 21 Meet & Greet
K/1 1/2 4/5 5/6
- 22 Meet & Greet
3/4F
- 23 District Swimming Carnival
- 24 Assembly 2.20pm

MARCH

- 15-27 Naplan Testing

APRIL

- 28 School Photos

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 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,

Meet and Greet: Next week we will hold our meet the teacher information sessions. These will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday depending on the class your child is in. Please see the attached flyer for session times. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to find out more about what your child will be learning this year and to find out ways to support them. We look forward to seeing you.

Morning Drop Off: Morning drop offs can be a stressful time for both parent and child. To encourage great habits, we suggest the following. Drop your child at school at least 10 minutes before the 9:10 bell. Either drop your child off and leave straight away or walk them in and settle them onto the playground. As soon as they start to play, leave with only a quick goodbye. This helps both the child as they become less worked up and emotional, particularly if they do not separate well, and assists the teacher with getting children into classes quickly so that lessons may commence.

Afternoon Pick-ups: Please remember to wait at the gate for collection. When your child sees you out of the classroom window in the afternoon, they lose focus on the messages the teacher is trying to give them. Thank you for assisting us in this area.

No Standing/Parking Areas: Please note that the small section in front of the crossing on Greenwell Point Road is a no parking/stopping area. Parents have been fined in the past by police and parking officers for using this area. The safest drop off/ pick up areas are in Jervis Street and Church Street.

Covid and Stomach Bugs: At present we have several Covid cases present in the school. We have also been sending home children with stomach bugs. Please keep your child home if they are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of both and/or complaining of feeling unwell. Please also contact the school to notify them your child is sick. Let's contain the outbreaks early by working together. If you require any Covid testing kits, please contact the office and we can arrange for some to be sent home. Please note that remote home learning packages are no longer sent home. If you require work for your child while they are home, then please refer to the NSW Dept of Education Remote/Home learning website.

Swimming Carnival: On Tuesday, 14 students represented our school in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Bomaderry Aquatic Centre. Students were selected to compete at the carnival through timed trials which took place last year at our In-school Swimming Carnival. It was a pleasure to see students competing in multiple events throughout the day as well as team relay events. Many of our students placed in the top three for their race and received ribbons on the day for their efforts. We are very proud of you.

But (insert drum roll.....) a massive congratulations must go to **Joshua Grieve** and **Christopher James** who took out the Junior and Senior Boys Championship

titles for the 5 small schools. An absolutely monumental effort.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents and carers for bringing their children on the day and being there to support our school.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPRESENTATIVES: A super congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate at the district carnival. Only students who qualified under a certain time have been selected to go.



Our district representatives are **Joshua Grieve, Braxton Innes, Christopher James and Ella Butler**. More information regarding the District Carnival and official results will be distributed in the coming weeks.

ASSEMBLY: We will hold our first assembly for the year next Friday 24th at 2:20pm. Please come along and see our choir perform as well as to see our SRC representatives receive their badges. We look forward to seeing you.

2023 SCHOOL LEADERS: Please welcome this year's school Captains and Prefects.

Congratulations again on being elected to such a prestigious position.

We know you will all represent our school to the highest standard.

P&C NEWS: Actions always speak louder than words when it comes to valuing your child's learning. Joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education and how interested you are in what they do.

By joining the P&C, you are showing your children how committed you are to helping students and your school community. Participating in P&C activities can also help you to form friendships with other parents/carers and feel a part of your school community. A lot can and has been achieved through the P&C and school working together towards common goals. To continue this important work, P&Cs need people from all walks of life and with a range of talents who are committed to delivering great outcomes for their children and school. Everybody has a role to play, and your ideas will be heard. The more people involved, the more exciting and successful it will be. And research shows that children perform better at school when their parents are involved in their education.



Our first P&C meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday 21st February at 6pm in the school's library.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS VISIT: Last week the St George Illawarra Dragons visited our school to speak to students about "The Best You Can Be" program. Students from 3-6 participated in a range of activities which focused on supporting their health and wellbeing. "The Best You Can Be" program is aimed at building skills such as resilience, communication, healthy eating and exercise which students can adopt into their daily lives at school and at home. Teachers will be continuing the program in classes throughout Semester 1. We are looking forward to the class challenges and fun activities the program offers. We would like to thank the Dragons for coming to visit our school and look forward to their return.



Have a great week,
Catherine Secombe

COMMUNITY

Culburra Dolphins RLFC Registrations: 2023 are now open! Are you aged between 5 and 16? Do you want to play Tackle Football or League Tag. Register with the Culburra Dolphins or come along to our "Come & Try Day" on Monday 20th February 4pm at Crookhaven Oval. Register at www.playrugbyleague.com and follow the links. Registration Costs: \$140.00 (\$40 with Active Kids Voucher) Registration Includes: Shorts and Socks. For more information on registering message us on our Culburra Dolphins Junior Facebook page.



Bomaderry Swamp Rats Registrations: Come join Bomaderry Swamp Rats. For Boys 5-16 years, Girls League Tag Girls 6-16, Girls Tackle 12-16. Register on line now at www.playrugbyleague.com or Bomaderry Swamp Rats Facebook page.



Stewart House: Envelopes are being sent home today, please return to school office, you may win a \$4000 holiday/gift voucher.

BOAT AWARDS

Congratulations

K/1: Gurleen & Kane

1/2: Jett & Sam 3/4: Trent & Nate

4/5: Eli B & Cale 5/6: Hugh & David

