

Greenwell Point Public School



NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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Term 1 Week 2

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 8 Dragons visit
Canteen
- 10 Kinder Vision Screening
Canteen
- Last day to return Pupil Information Sheet 2023 (Orange)
- 14 FISST Swimming Carnival
- 23 District Swimming Carnival

MARCH

APRIL

- 29 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,

I am very pleased to welcome all families back to a new and exciting year of learning. A special welcome to new students, families, and Kindergarten!

It is at this time that our thoughts are with our Year 6 students of 2022 – we send them all the very best as they settle in with their new routines of high school.

Our classes this year are as follows:

- K/1S – Mrs Scott
- 1/2B – Mrs Baker (Assistant Principal)
- 3/4F – Mrs Fulginiti
- 4/5J- Mr Jones
- 5/6T- Mr Tucker

Ms Nelson continues as our Digital Technology Coordinator and Curriculum Leader.

Mrs Best will be our RFF teacher for 2023.

Welcome to those new teachers joining us this year.

Our support staff include:

- Mrs Miller – School Office Manager
- Mrs Hiscox – School Office Assistant (Wednesday and Thursday)
- Mrs McMahon - School Counsellor (Wednesday fortnight)

Our School Learning Support Officers:

- Mrs Williams, Mrs Nathaniel, Ms Frew, Mrs Rooney and Mrs Buckpitt.
- Mr Shephard - General Assistant

Even though the children have settled in well, it's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

1. Consider this an opportunity to develop social skills.
2. Remember that teachers turn a 'bunch of kids' into a team every year.
3. There's still lunch and recess to play with their mates they are not in a class with.
4. Lots of their classmates are in the same boat.
5. Children learn different skills from different classmates.

If, after a couple of weeks, your child doesn't seem to be settling in or is still anxious about their new class, by all means drop a note to the teacher and make an appointment to chat. If you have any questions or need to have an issue resolved or clarified, please contact the school via phone or email and make an appointment to discuss with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

In Week 3 and 4 we will hold a meet the teacher afternoon. This is an opportunity to come along and find out more about your child's teacher and the expectations for the year.

Coming home this week will be your child's class newsletter, please keep an eye out for this as it gives you a guide to the resources and equipment your child will need throughout the term.

Swimming Carnival

The Small School Swimming Carnival is being held on Tuesday 14th February. Permission notes will come home this week for competitors only. This information was gathered from our swimming scheme held at the end of last year. We look forward to another successful carnival.

Digital Technologies

In the wake of the recent digital data breaches, the Department of Education is reviewing the platforms used in schools and the information provided to third parties. This will impact us on some platforms that we have previously used (SeeSaw). We are currently reviewing our processes and updating our policies. In the interim, we will not be using Seesaw but will continue to communicate with parents through our newsletters. These come home fortnightly on a Thursday.

Allergy Aware

We are an Allergy Aware School. Some students in our school have severe allergic reactions to some foods. To assist us in ensuring that all children are safe at school we ask that you do not send products with nuts and whole egg to school such as peanut butter, Nutella, whole nuts, mayonnaise or boiled eggs. We thank you for your help and support in this matter.

Voluntary Contributions

We will set our voluntary contribution amounts at the next P&C meeting. Please remember these are voluntary but any money will be used to support the classes and students.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

At GPPS we currently offer students the choice of attending Combined Scripture or Non-Scripture (for those that do not wish to participate in SRE).

Last year SRE teachers had difficulty providing volunteer to run these sessions. We will keep you informed if there are any changes. If you wish to change your child's preference, please send a note outlining your preference for 2023.

Local Area Walking Note (Pupil Information Sheet)

A Local Area walking note will be coming home this week. Each year we require a new note. Please fill out and return as soon as possible. This year all children that return their note before Friday 10th February will receive a Super Dooper as a thank you for returning the note promptly. Kinder students have already completed this form.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop will be open every Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 until 3:30. Uniform orders can still be filled online using the My School Connect App. Hats are available from the office \$12.00 cash. Please use the Services NSW vouchers before the 30th June 2023.

Canteen

Our Canteen will reopen on Wednesday 8th February. It will be open every Wednesday and Friday from then on. Order can be placed using the my school connect app, but need to be in **before 8:30am** in order to be processed. See attached menu.

Book Club

Our first edition of book club will come home this week. There are some great post-Christmas bargains in there. Don't miss out! Book Club is due back by the 15th February. Book Club can be ordered thru LOOP.

Have a great fortnight!

Catherine Secombe

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday





January Birthdays: Isabel, Olivia W, Deagan, Trent, Airlie, Izzy, Aleisha, Lily-Rose, Lisette, Henry.

February Birthdays: Hugh, Braxton, Korey, Myles, William S, Indi and Willow.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Three **Easy** Ways To Pay

- 1 CREDIT CARD** Your School is in the LOOP! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP OR download the app:  
- 2 CASH** If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.
- 3 CHEQUE OR CREDIT VOUCHER** If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.