

Greenwell Point Public School



NEWSLETTER

School Motto – Growing and Learning Together

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Term 2 Week 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

26th Sorry Day
29th District Cross Country
30th Assembly 2.20pm

JUNE

9th Kings Birthday holiday
12th Small Schools Athletics
Carnival Kiama



School
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NOTES

If you need to enter the school grounds please sign in at the office.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL
PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME.**

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 Families,

As we move through Term 2, we've had some wonderful learning opportunities and community events. Thank you to our families and staff for your continued support.

Aboriginal Dance Workshop at Shoalhaven Heads Public School

Last week, Aboriginal students from years 3-6 were invited to attend a special cultural dance workshop at Shoalhaven Heads. It was an inspiring and engaging experience for all involved, with students learning traditional dance, song, and the stories behind them. A huge thank you to **Mrs Hirschausen** for her organisation and facilitation of this opportunity – your efforts are truly appreciated!

Year 6 Visits Shoalhaven High School

Our Year 6 students enjoyed an exciting day at Shoalhaven High School as part of their Open Day experience. Students participated in a variety of high school classes and got a taste of what life will be like in Year 7. It was a great way to support the transition to high school and build confidence for the next step in their learning journey.

District Cross Country Postponed

Due to recent wet weather, the **District Cross Country Carnival** has been **postponed until next Thursday, May 29**. We appreciate your understanding and will keep families updated with any further changes if needed.

Dental Visits at School

Dental health is important, and we're pleased to support this through the dental check-ups currently being conducted at GPPS. These visits ensure our students are keeping their smiles healthy and strong. Thank you to the dental team for their continued care and support.

Meet Our New BOAT Award Mascots!

We are excited to introduce our **new BOAT Award mascots**! Each week, students who receive a BOAT award go into the draw to **take one of our special mascots home for the weekend**. This is a fun way to celebrate positive behaviour and student effort.

We've already received some fantastic photos of our mascots on their weekend adventures – thank you to families for getting involved and sharing the joy. We can't wait to see where our mascots head off to next! Please email your photos by Tuesday each week.

P&C AGM – Thank You & Welcome!

Thank you to our outgoing P&C committee for their dedication and hard work in supporting our school community. We are pleased to welcome our **new P&C Committee** following last week's AGM:

- **President** – Luke Bowden
- **Vice President 1** – Lana Bowden
- **Vice President 2** – Bridgette Sibley
- **Treasurer** – Rachael Smith
- **Secretary** – *Vacant*

We invite parents and carers to come along and join the next P&C meeting. It's a great way to get involved, meet other parents, and make a difference in our school community.

Reconciliation Week & National Sorry Day

Next week marks **Reconciliation Week**, with **National Sorry Day** recognised on **Monday, May 26**. These important dates are an opportunity to reflect, learn, and acknowledge the significance of our shared history with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. GPPS will be holding class discussions and activities to support student understanding and respect for our nation's journey toward reconciliation.

Great Attendance Matters!

We've seen some excellent attendance so far this term – thank you! A reminder to **contact the school** if your child is unwell or if you're planning any extended leave. Every day at school counts, and we appreciate your help in ensuring your child makes the most of every learning opportunity.

Upcoming Assembly

We look forward to seeing families at our next **whole-school assembly on Friday 30th May, Week 5**. Come along to celebrate student achievements and connect with our school community.

Athletics Carnival

Our **Athletics Carnival** on **Thursday 12th June**, is fast approaching, but only a small percentage of families have confirmed attendance so far. Please complete the online permission and payment. Contact the school office to let us know if your child will not be attending so we may make alternative arrangements for your child back at school. The carnival is however a great day of sport, fun, and school spirit – we don't want anyone to miss out!

Please take note that the bus will be leaving at 8am.

Warm regards,
Catherine Secombe
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Now Taking Applications for Year 7 Aspire Class 2026!

Shoalhaven High School is excited to invite Year 6 students to apply for our Aspire Class for Year 7, 2026.

Aspire is designed for students with strengths in areas like problem solving, creativity, leadership, academic achievement or the arts. It offers a supportive and stimulating environment where students are challenged through engaging, real-world learning experiences. If your child is ready to be inspired, extended and supported to reach their full potential, Aspire could be the perfect fit.

Applications are open now and close Friday 4 July 2025.

Please visit our website or contact the school for more information.

<https://shoalhaven-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/aspire.html>



BOAT AWARDS

Congratulations

K/1B: Xylia, Noah, Amber & Madelyn

1/2F: Madison J, Freya, Grace & Jaxson

3T: Kaden, Skylar, Isla & Wylie

4/5H: Chayse, Savy, Ryan & Miila

6 J: Patrick x 2, Airlie, & Vicky



Aboriginal cultural dance workshop.



Some of our mascots that went home last week.

