Art Show – Friday 23 October

The Art Show will take place this Friday night. All students will view the artworks during the day on Friday. Having had a sneak peek at several artworks I can assure you that they are stunning! I look forward to appreciating the art with you on Friday night.

Visual Arts in Stage 2

Here are some artworks from Stage 2 students. Students have enjoyed using collage and paint to represent themes from HSIE such as British Colonisation, Aboriginal Dreamtime and native flora.
Welcome Kindy 2016

Yesterday we held the first of two orientation sessions for Kindy 2016. They keenly engaged in a lesson about the ‘Rainbow Fish’ and experienced ‘big school’. It was great to meet so many new mums and dads and we will see you next week for session 2.

HSC Wishes

Best wishes to all ex-Greenwich PS students currently sitting their HSC exams. Try your best and read the questions carefully! We are thinking of you!

Parking changes - Please note!

Lane Cove Council has notified me of changes to parking conditions on Kingslangley Rd, commencing on TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER.

The parking changes to be implemented include:

Current Bus Bay changes to ‘No Parking 8 – 9:30am and 2:30-4pm School Days’ at existing indented bus bay in front of Greenwich Primary School. This means that this will be a ‘Kiss and Drop’ Zone where you may pick up or set down passengers for a maximum of two minutes. You must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle.

‘No Stopping’ 2:30 - 4pm School Days on the northern side of Kingslangley Road from existing ‘No Stopping’ up to the existing bus stop. No stopping signs mean you must not stop here at any time. if times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

Notification of Absences, Lateness to School

Attendance at school is mandatory. If your child has been absent from school, please phone or send a note or email of explanation within 7 days (Education Act 1990) as this must be recorded on our attendance record. Lateness must be reported via the offices and the reason for lateness recorded. Consistent lateness may be reported to the Home School Liaison Officer as valuable instruction time is lost if a student is constantly late.

Interrelate – Monday 9 November – Years 3-6

A flyer is attached for the Interrelate program to be held in the School Hall on Monday 9 November from 6pm – 7pm ‘Where Did I Come from?’ (Years 3-6) and 7.15 -8.15pm ‘Preparing for Puberty’ (Years 5 and 6). The cost is $25 per family for one session and $30 per family for two sessions. Please ensure that you return the slip to the school even if you pay online as this information is needed for our presenters. Please enter ‘Interrelate’ into the Excursion box if you are making your payment online.

Year 5 for Selective High School entry in 2017

If you intend to apply for entry to Selective HS in 2017, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return it to the office ASAP. Applications can then be made online by 16 November.

Cybersafety and Social Media

Teaching children about the internet and social media is vitally important in today’s world. Many parents have sought advice and had to deal with a range of issues including cyberbullying, viewing inappropriate content and use of social media. I have attached some resources that may be useful.
www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources  Take a look at ‘Chatterbox’, Tots, Teens and In-betweenes – technology and growing up.

Internet Safety & Security Tips for Parents

The internet is a wonderful place for learning and entertainment, but like the world around us, it can pose dangers if precautions are not taken. Allowing free access puts your child, your computer and your personal data at risk. Help to instill good judgment in your children by encouraging them to take some common sense steps.

Keep a Clean Machine.

- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest operating system, software, web browsers, apps and antivirus protection on all devices is one of the best defenses against malware and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that’s an available option.
- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Computers, smartphones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices all need protection from viruses and malware.

Protect Your Child’s Personal Information.

- **Help your kids own their online presence:** When available, set their privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. Remind them that it’s OK to limit how and with whom they share information.

Connect with Care.

- **When in doubt, throw it out:** Remind your children that links in emails, tweets, posts and online advertising are often how cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it’s best to delete or, if appropriate, mark as junk.

Be Web Wise.

- **Stay current.** Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online. Check trusted websites for the latest information, share with your children and encourage them to be web wise.

Be a Good Online Citizen.

- **Safer for me, more secure for all:** What you and your kids do online has the potential to affect everyone – at home, at work and around the world. Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community.

Megan Lockery
Principal
Stage 2 and 2NP History of Greenwich Public School (GPS) and Surrounding Area Workshop

On Tuesday 20 October our Years 3, 4 and 2NP students participated in a workshop on the History of Greenwich Public School and our surrounding area. This was an integral part of a unit of work on ‘Effects of Growth and Change’. We would like to thank Ms Cassandra Gray-Spencer, our school horticulturalist, who presented the session. Ms Gray-Spencer was instrumental in researching the history of our school through State Archives, Lane Cove Library and school records. This school history was presented at the centenary celebrations in 2008 commemorating the opening of the building at our Greenwich Road campus in 1908.

Through a slide show of old photographs and handling artefacts students learnt that:

- GPS has been located at 4 separate sites within Greenwich
- GPS opened with 16 students in 1876
- Originally students did not wear uniforms
- Leeman Reserve is named after the second principal of GPS
- Students travelled by ferry to GPS from Birchgrove, Woolwich and Cockatoo Island
- An air raid shelter was built into the ground at Greenwich Road campus
- The building at Kingslangley Road campus was a private boarding school for girls
- The school kept a pig to recycle its vegetable waste
- Year 6 boys collected the rubbish and then set it on fire in incinerators each day
- Students used chalk to write on framed slate tablets (not the electronic kind!)
- Maypole dancing was traditionally performed by students at the school
- Names of students issued the cane were kept in a Punishment Book
- The school was surrounded by dairy farms
- Greenwich Road was once a large dirt road

Students were both engaged and motivated to learn more about our local history by this workshop.

A record of our school history is available for our whole school community to enjoy within the information boards along our Heritage Pathway at our Kingslangley Road.

Anna Parrella
Assistant Principal

PERFORMING ARTS

Recorder

A reminder to parents of our concert for you next Wednesday night at 6.30pm in the school hall. This includes all recorder players.

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Band

Message from the Band Captain

On the 20 October during an amazing electrical storm, many interested children and parents attended the Band Information night which was held in the School Hall. Mrs Lockery welcomed the attendees and the training band played *Ode to Joy* really well. Then Ms Foster (Tracey) gave some background to the band and how important it is to choose the right instrument (see below) so that a student can really enjoy it. Some of the training band played solos and demonstrated their particular instruments, they were great. Ms Rutherford told the audience about how good music is for children and adults (she is still a musician and loves it). Fiona MacKay told the parents how they can be involved. She also provided some of the nitty gritty information like cost etc. and that parents don’t need to be musical to help out.

If you would like your child to be in the training band for 2016 what do you need to do next?

Well, you need to complete the Permission to attend Band Try Outs form (attached) and get it back to school by **30 October, 2015** or your child will not be able to join the band in 2016.

The instrument try outs will be conducted in class time with skilled tutors. Children can try the instruments and see which ones are best suited to them. Finding the right instrument for the child is really important to ensure that he/she are able to use it and enjoy playing. If he/she gets an instrument that he/she struggles to hold or get a sound out of they might give it up.

But don’t just take my word for it, here are some things that the current band members have said about why they enjoy in band:

- ‘We work as a team and get to wake up early!’ - Anuj G.
- ‘Band is a great experience.’ - Maddy T.
- ‘We get to perform at concerts and festivals’ - Jesse C.
- ‘Playing an instrument is a good life skill……Working in a band helps you work as a team and cooperate’ - Archer H.
- ‘I love playing the flute because I can play higher than I can sing.’ - Hannah M.
- ‘I love my instrument because in a band it sounds like a big blare of beautiful sounds. It’s my favourite thing to do. I love MUSIC!’ - Nikki L.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email the band committee at bandgps@gmail.com

GARDENING BEE

Saturday 24 October. 8.30am-12.30pm. Greenwich Rd Campus.

We are running a gardening bee at the Greenwich Rd Campus on **Saturday 24 October from 8.30am to 12.30pm**.

Cass has done a great job clearing the garden beds near the Greenwich Rd entrance so they’re ready to plant out and beautify. We’d love your help if you would like to bring your green thumbs and muscles this weekend.

Please be aware that you have already made a generous contribution to the day through the annual P & C Gardening Levy so please do not feel obligated to volunteer.

**Things to bring:** Hat, sunscreen & water. Gardening gloves, sensible gardening shoes, shovel, rake, trowel, wheelbarrow.

Feel free to contact me at angusmunro75@gmail.com with any questions.
We hope to see you there!

Angus Munro
Greenwich Road Campus Grounds Coordinator

P&C NEWS

GPS P&C ART SHOW - THIS FRIDAY, 7PM IN THE KINGSLANGLEY CAMPUS HALL

Only two more days until the last social event on the P&C calendar for this year! Come and view the amazing artworks created by your children with the assistance of our very talented parent helpers. The Art Show is a relaxed evening where you can catch up with other parents whilst enjoying a welcome glass of sparkling and delicious nibbles provided by our fabulous parent catering team. Tickets are still available via Flexischools up to 5pm Thursday night or complete the attached order form & drop off at either site. The Art Show only comes round every two years so don't miss out on your chance to purchase a memory that will last forever!

Online auction to win a commission-free house sale ends this Friday night 8pm

If you are thinking of selling in 2015 or 2016, you could save tens of thousands of dollars. The winning bid in our online becomes a donation, and when you sell your home you pay NO COMMISSION to the agent.

E.g. if your home sells for $2mill, you could pay approx. $30K in commission. If you bid say, $8000, you could be saving $22K. That's a lot! The prize is also transferrable.

The online auction works like eBay where the highest bidder wins the prize. It closes at 8pm this Friday night 23 October, during our fabulous Art Show event! Bidding can be anonymous if you don’t want everyone to see your name, and can be conducted on your smart phone or via the internet.

To register now via SMS, text: gps firstname to 0458 678 678 (e.g. gps john)

To register via the internet go to: www.galabid.com/gps
Click register
Type in your firstname and mobile number like 614xxxxxxxx

To bid anonymously, once logged in, go to My Account → Edit My Information

For full details, visit www.greenwichpandc.org.au/commissionfree. Be quick!

This prize has been generously donated by Mary-Anne Fitzgerald of Century 21 Blunts Real Estate Lane Cove who is the selling agent for the prize.

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Scholastic Bookclub 2015
Issue 7 brochures sent home this week

Online Orders – open til **Tuesday 27 October 2015**
- Use Scholastic online LOOP system can be used for all orders pay by credit card
- Do not send in paper order as well as this is not required for online orders.
- Please make sure you **pick the correct school** - Greenwich Infants OR Greenwich Primary

Paper Orders – due back **by Friday 23 October 2015**
- Complete the order form and please **don’t forget child’s name and class** on the top of the form.
- Place order with correct money (cash or cheque) in a envelope or sealed bag, and put in the bookclub box in school office.

MERIT AWARDS Week 3

**Years K/1**

**Bronze Awards**

**Years 2-6**
Bronze Awards

Silver Awards

DIARY DATES

TERM 4

Friday 23 October
- 7pm Art Show
- Bookclub Issue 7 orders due

WEEK 4
Monday 26 October
- Senior incursion – Claymation

Tuesday 27 October
- Valid Online Science Readiness test Year 6
- Kindergarten 2016 orientation
- Kindergarten and Year 1 – Big Science Fun 2

Wednesday 28 October
- Year 3 and 2NP incursion – Claymation
- 6.30pm Recorder Concert in hall

Thursday 29 October
- Year 4 – incursion Claymation
- 4pm School Council meeting

WEEK 5
Wednesday 4 November
- 7.30pm P&C Meeting

Thursday 5 November
- Band Try-Outs 10.30 – 3pm in school hall

Friday 6 November
- Kindergarten farm excursion

WEEK 6
Monday 9 November
- Interrelate Family Evening program 6.30pm and 7.15pm
- 2SH and 2MS Robotics excursion
- Top of the Hill, Hunters Hill High School (15 senior students)

Tuesday 10 November
- Kindergarten 2016 information evening 6.30 – 7.30pm

Wednesday 11 November
- Top of the Hill, Hunters Hill High School (15 senior students)

Thursday 12 November
- 2MS, KNH Robotics excursion

WEEK 7
Monday 16 November
- Stage 2 Field of Mars incursion

Wednesday 18 November
- KJS, 1MR, 1LR Robotics excursion
WEEK 8
Tuesday 24 November
- Year 2 2016 Information Morning 9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 25 November
- 1OF and KSM Robotics excursion

Thursday 26 November
- 4pm School Council Meeting and AGM
- 1AK, KJK Robotics excursion

Friday 27 November
- School Spectacular

WEEK 9
Monday 30 November
- 6.30pm Performing Arts Concert

Thursday 3 December
- Public Schools High School Orientation Day
- Thank You Morning Tea 11am

WEEK 10
Monday 7 December
- Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 8 December
- Presentation Assembly at Hunters Hill High School 10am

WEEK 11
Monday 14 December
- Stage 3 Disco 5.30 – 7.30pm
- Stage 2 Picnic Day

Tuesday 15 December
- Stage 1 Picnic Day

Wednesday 16 December
- K/1 Christmas Concert
- Years 2-6 Talent Quest
- 2pm Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- Last day of Term 4 for students

Term Dates for 2016
- Term 1 January 28 – April 8
- Term 2 April 26 – 1 July
- Term 3 July 18 – 23 September
- Term 4 October 10 – 20 December

HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
- 2015 School Spectacular permission note
- Recorder note for performance 28 October

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION
- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK
- Year 5 for Selective High School entry in 2017
- Interrelate flyer
- Training Band 2016 permission note
- Art Show Order Form

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Classes at Greenwich P.S. are held on Tue 3.15-4.25pm. To enrol in the existing class, please go to www.chifunese.com/enrol. For enquiries or to express interest in a new class, please email admin@chifunese.com or call (02) 8006 8208.

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