Welcome Back!

The students and staff have returned from holidays looking refreshed and relaxed after a hectic Term 3. Students look neat and tidy in their summer uniform and are ready for the final term for 2015. The teachers are eager to commence the teaching and learning program to wrap up the year.

‘Aladdin Trouble’

Years 2-6 certainly shone in the performances of ‘Aladdin Trouble’ in the last week of term. Thanks to all the parents/carers and friends who attended and ensured that the students were dropped off and collected for each performance. Ms Rutherford did an outstanding job in directing the musical – she is a very talented lady! Thanks to the teachers who prepared the students, assisted with staging and supervised the evening performances. Thanks also to the administration staff who handled the ticketing.
K-6 Recognition Assembly

Achievements and efforts in Science, Mandarin and Technology were acknowledged in our K-6 Recognition Assembly last term. Our specialist programs give students the opportunity to learn another language, experience science first-hand and engage with the digital world. At this assembly we presented the first of our Gold awards for our PBEL program – congratulations to the 11 students who were recognised for their demonstration of our values of Respect, Responsibility and Success. We were entertained at this assembly by our Training Band and Recorder Ensemble. Both items were of a high standard and showcased performing arts talents in the school. Thanks to Miss Tracey Foster and Mrs Bev de Luis for conducting.
ICAS English Competition

72 students participated in the 2015 ICAS English Competition. We were awarded 2 High Distinctions, 3 Distinctions, 31 Credits, 10 Merits and 26 Participations. Congratulations to all participants.

High Distinctions – Josie C (Year 4) and Bella J (Year 3)

Distinctions – Year 4 – Keira B; Year 5 – Harry H; Year 6 – Lily J

ICAS Mathematics Competition

78 students participated in the 2015 ICAS Maths Competition. We were awarded 1 High Distinction, 14 Distinctions, 32 Credits, 10 Merits and 21 Participations. Congratulations to all participants.

High Distinction – Noah R (Year 4)


Thanks to Mrs Imlay for coordinating the ICAS Competition series at Greenwich PS and to the teachers who supervised these before school assessments.

Senior Debating

Greenwich PS entered two senior teams in a friendly debating series involving other local schools. Debates have been conducted via video conference and have challenged students to prepare arguments on set topics such as ‘Public transport should be free’, ‘All students should learn a musical instrument’ and ‘We should change the Australian flag’.

Thanks to Mrs Braude and Ms Stephenson for preparing the teams and adjudicating the debates. This has been a worthwhile and new experience for these teams.

All other senior students have been engaged in class debates
and practising the skills of rebuttal, brainstorming arguments and listing supporting reasons for their case lines. This is part of the English curriculum.

Road Safety Poster Competition – Lane Cove Council

Lane Cove Council is conducting a Road Safety poster competition for all students K-6 in the area. The poster must be completed on the official entry form available at both offices and is due at Lane Cove Council by 23 October. Posters must be completed using pencils, pens, crayons, paints, pastels etc but no clip art or photographs are allowed.

Interrelate – Monday 9 November

Flyers will be distributed tomorrow giving details of 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 7.15-8.15 ‘Preparing for Puberty’ (Years 5 and 6). This flyer is also attached to the newsletter. 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.

Megan Lockery
Principal

Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2016

If you have a child who will be turning 5 before 31 July 2016 and will be joining Kindergarten next year, please contact the office as soon as possible on either campus or go to the school website to get an enrolment form. Once the form is completed, it may be returned to Jann at the K/1 Greenwich Road Office. Please tell your friends and neighbours that they should begin the enrolment process now for Kindergarten 2016, in order to fully participate in our transition to school program. Only students with a completed enrolment form will be able to participate in our Kindergarten Orientation mornings next term on October 20 & 27. Enquiries: Jann 9436 3731
Years 2-6 Book Character Parade

To celebrate Book Week this year the Years 2-6 Student Representative Council is organising a book character parade to be held on Thursday 8 October at 12.15pm on the Tennis Courts. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The parade will take place on the tennis court, weather permitting. The names of the characters will be read out by a representative from each class. We look forward to seeing a great range of costumes on this day.

Years 2-6 SRC

Class of 2009

Greenwich Public’s Class of 2009 got together down at the point on Sunday to celebrate the end of their secondary schooling. Parents provided food and drink as well as 12 years of funny and friendly recollection. What a fantastic group of young people they’ve become – as the photo well illustrates. Oh, and yes, Mr C dropped in to join the happy reunion.

Senior Trip - Great Aussie Bush Camp

Last term’s Great Aussie Bush Camp proved to be a tremendous experience for all Stage three students. Many were the trepidations as boys and girls psyched themselves before attempting the giant swing, the rock wall, high ropes and the fabulous flying fox. Every whole-school and group activity was tackled with enthusiasm, camaraderie and brave-hearts. The teachers who endured and survived, namely Nicole Poynter, Marian Walker, Loulou Virgona and Mr C, all enjoyed overseeing this unique excursion.
Stage 2 Confucius Classroom Program

Last term students in Years 3 and 4 focused on Asian perspectives through the Confucius Classroom Program taught by Mr Jerry Xia. Mr Xia is a qualified teacher in China and was selected by the Chinese government to work with the Department of Education in NSW to support Chinese language and cultural education. Mr Xia is based at Chatswood Public School and works with schools in the local area. In this program students had fun exploring traditional Chinese culture including ceremonies, beliefs, legends, significant figures and heroes, symbolism, paper cutting and folding, music, Beijing opera and masks and complements the language lessons taught by Ms Guo, our Mandarin teacher.

2015 Chinese Spectacular

2015 Sydney Chinese Spectacular (汉语之光) is a joint event of CLTANSW and Confucius institute UNSW.

This annual event debuted last year and was a milestone in the development of Chinese language teaching and learning, bringing together talented students from NSW schools and universities to showcase the fruits of their studies in Chinese culture. Please find a collection of photos and videos of last year's Chinese Spectacular in Town Hall from the link:


This year there will be about 50 schools participating in this showcase of Chinese culture fostering understanding between Australia and China.

If you are interested in attending go to:

Ticketing link ($10 per person)

http://www.trybooking.com/156307
**Time**

Wednesday 14 October 2015, 6pm

**Venue**

Sydney Town Hall, 483 George St

Sydney, NSW 2000

**Enquiry:**

Tel: 02-85690315, Email: office@cltansw.org

Rebeca Guo
Mandarin Teacher

**PERFORMING ARTS NEWS**

**Recorders**

Classes started again yesterday.

Parents of recorder students are invited to a recorder music evening on Wednesday 28 October at school at 6.30pm

Bev De Luis

**P&C NEWS**

***MEGA RAFFLE***

A MEGA RAFFLE has been organised to raise money for the playground equipment, drawn 4 November 2015.

There are awesome prizes on offer:

1st Prize: 3 nights luxury accommodation at the Reef View Hotel on Hamilton Island 2 Adults & 2 Children
2nd Prize: Zielger & Brown Twin BBQ + Summer Cooking Party Pack
3rd Prize: Abstract Canvas Artwork by Erin Ashley
4th Prize: Rattan Outdoor Patio Gas Heater


Students from classes in years 3-6 to will be asked to sell tickets on weekends at local festivals, stalls and markets in school uniform throughout October & Nov by class. Lookout for emails sent out via the class parent network. Please volunteer if you can. Another local school sold tickets at local markets etc and raised $17,000! So let’s give it a go for Greenwich!

Books of tickets will be sent home with students next week asking parents to sell tickets and return the butts and money to the school office. The raffle is open to anyone including your friends, work colleagues and neighbours. Please help support our school by selling a few tickets – the prizes are great!

**Sell your home commission free and save $1000’s – P&C Fundraiser**

Are you thinking of selling your home or investment property in 2015/2016? Bid at our online action to sell your home commission free, and save $1000’s. Yes this is real! The amount you save is the commission normally paid to the selling agent, less the amount you bid online! Bidding can be anonymous if you don’t want everyone else to know you wish to sell. It’s a bit like eBay where you bid online via your phone or internet, and the highest bidder
wins! The auction ends at 8pm Friday 23rd October. You have until 31st October 2016 to list your property and the prize is transferrable if you change your mind.

**How much can you save?** If you sold a $2 million property you would normally pay a commission of approx. $30,000. If your winning bid at our auction was $10,000, you would save approx. $20,000! Likewise, if you sold a $3 million property you would pay a commission of approx. $45,000. If your winning bid was $20,000, you would save approx. $25,000! The winning bid amount is paid as a donation to the GPS P&C Association. Then, when you sell your property, you pay NO COMMISSION to the selling agent. Yes, really!


**Cuckoo Clock Craft Kits – with Working Clock!**

Decorate your own cuckoo clock and hang it on the wall! These craft kits are great for kids who enjoy some colouring in or craft, and they have a real working clock! $20 each.

These are available via Flexischools – order yours now! Kits can be delivered to your kids’ classroom, else if you want to make it a surprise for birthdays or Christmas, you can pickup from 7 Kingslangley Rd Greenwich. Great for birthdays, and for Xmas presents for cousins, nieces & nephews. These are so much fun – see samples on the P&C website: [http://www.greenwichpandc.org.au/fundraising/cuckoo-clock-craft-kits.html](http://www.greenwichpandc.org.au/fundraising/cuckoo-clock-craft-kits.html)

**GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL ART SHOW FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER – School Hall 7pm**

Tickets for the Art Show are available on Flexischools website www.flexischools.com.au or via the order form attached to the newsletter, they’re currently $35 Early Bird until this Friday 9 October, after which they go up to $45 each. Here is some information about the Art Show for those who haven’t been before. Book in the babysitter and book your tickets this week!

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We wanted to inform you a little more about what happens at the P&C Art Show.

The evening starts at 7pm with complimentary drinks and a chance to view all the amazing pieces that the students of the school have made. It’s a wonderful way to see all the different ideas that each class has created with the help of their parent volunteers. This is a social evening to be enjoyed with other class parents while partaking of the delicious nibbles provided by our Greenwich moms catering team. The majority of the artwork will be available for bidding by silent auction and there will be several short live auctions throughout the evening. This will give people the opportunity to sit back and catch up with other parents over the course of the evening.

This year the P&C are also hosting a wine-tasting table with the opportunity to purchase wine in the lead-up to Christmas – more details will follow.

Please note this is strictly an adult only event. Partners, grand parents and friends are more than welcome. Tickets are not being issued but names will be marked off on the night.

It really is a fun evening and the more people there the more fun it will be, so let’s work together and get our classes well represented to support our children and their school!!
MERIT AWARDS

Years 2-6
Bronze Awards
Silver Awards
## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

#### WEEK 1

**Monday 5 October**
- Public Holiday

**Tuesday 6 October**
- Students return.

**Wednesday 7 October**
- Science Show “Light” for National Science Week

**Thursday 8 October**
- Years 2-6 Book Character Parade at 12.15pm

**Friday 9 October**
- 3-6 Flip Dance commences

#### WEEK 2

**Monday 12 October**
- Training Band to play at Assembly

**Tuesday 13 October**
- Valid Online Science Readiness test Year 6

#### WEEK 3

**Monday 19 October**
- Training Band to train with Forest Lodge PS

**Tuesday 20 October**
- Kindergarten 2016 orientation
- Kindergarten and Year 1 – Giggalees Circus show
- Band information night

#### WEEK 4

**Monday 26 October**
- Senior excursion – 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 – Claymation

**Thursday 29 October**
- Year 4 – Claymation

#### WEEK 5

**Wednesday 4 November**
- 7.30pm P&C Meeting

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**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

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

**Thursday 12 November**
- 1MR and KSM Robotics excursion

#### WEEK 7

**Wednesday 18 November**
- 2FS and KNH Robotics excursion

#### WEEK 8

**Wednesday 25 November**
- 1OF and KKJ Robotics excursion

#### WEEK 9

**Thursday 3 December**
- Public Schools High School Orientation Day

#### WEEK 10

**Monday 14 December**
- Stage 3 Disco 5.30 – 7.30pm

**Wednesday 16 December**
- Last day of Term 4 for students

### HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
- Interrelate Years 3-6
- Mega Raffle flyer
- Not returning/late return to school 2016

### SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION
- Nil

### EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK
- Interrelate Years 3-6
- Art Show flyer
- Art Show Order Form
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**ChiFUNese**

Play and Learn Mandarin Chinese.

Are you preparing your child for success in the ‘Asian Century’ by learning Mandarin Chinese? ChiFUNese is one of the most innovative and popular Chinese language programs held at 25+ schools. 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](http://www.chifunese.com/enrol). For enquiries, please email admin@chifunese.com or call (02) 8006 8208.

Why learn Mandarin Chinese:

- **Gain competitive advantage in the ‘Asian Century’.** China is now the world’s second largest economy and Mandarin is the world’s most spoken language.
- **Develop cognitive skills** through learning the tones and the spatial written characters, which strengthens the link between the left and right brain sides.
- **Develop inter-cultural social and communication skills** and appreciation of diversity through learning the Chinese history and culture.

The ChiFUNese difference: **PLAY = LEARN!**

- **Student-centric** and **game-based approach** with customised lessons focused on students’ interests and needs within a small class environment.
- **Multi-media learning resources** developed by leading educators.
- **Cultural enrichment** through fun stories and traditional arts and craft.
- **Regular feedback to parents** through homework, reports and online resources.
- Team of **professional teachers** who are passionate, experienced and qualified.

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The Lane Cove Village Fair

The Lane Cove Village Fair organised by the Rotary Club of Lane Cove is on this Sunday 11th October. This year we have all the usual stalls and entertainment in Longueville Road, Burns Bay Road and the Plaza plus a new addition which is an exciting area on Pottery Green Oval transformed into a fun and interactive Showground. Kindi Farm will be there from 10am to 2pm and many other displays as well. Some of the activities in the arena are listed below.

9:40am Fun Paw Print Walk Competition
Meet us outside the Post office on Burns Bay Road for a fun competition walk down to Pottery Green Showground with great prizes for best dressed humans and dogs alike!

10:15am Rally O dog competition in the Arena
11:00am Sheep Shearing and Whip Cracking in the Arena
11:15am Dog Adoption Parade in the Arena
12:15pm Karate and Ninjutsu Demonstration in the Arena
12:20pm Dog and Cat Nutrition Made Easy in the Eukanuba Tent
12:45pm Pet Adoptions 101 Talk in the Eukanuba Tent
1:15pm Dog Agility Demonstration in the Arena
Music classes on the keyboard at Greenwich Public School

GREAT SONGS  MUSICAL GAMES  MUSIC THEORY

- Convenient after-school venue
- Small group - 45 min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate - $27 per session
(SST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office)
- Instrument not required initially
- Music material provided

START NOW OR ENROL FOR 2016

Call 9411 3122 or go online to enrol before Fri 30 Oct


Guiding Gifted Children: A seminar for Parents

This one day seminar for parents is filled with practical information, with a solid research base, presented by experts in the field with real life experience, to help you better understand giftedness and how to help your gifted child thrive.

Sessions parents with children in primary and preschool include:
- Identification and psychometric (IQ) testing: why, how and when
- Parenting sensitive gifted children
- Motivating gifted children to develop their abilities
- Gifted children’s friendships and relationships
- Gifted children with learning and other disabilities
- Advocating for your child in the school system

Sessions for parents of high school children include:
- Understanding the gifted adolescent
- Maintaining motivation in the secondary years
- Mental health, resilience and emotional well being
- Developing academic and study skills
- Computing, gaming, social media and the gifted adolescent
- Against the odds: learning and other disabilities
- Making a successful transition to university and career

Sunday 25th October, 2015 – 9am - 4pm

Presenters

Michelle Zunzunegui is Director of Clearing Skies, provides coaching for gifted children, has worked in and introduced programs to support gifted students in schools. At the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales, Michelle taught in parent courses, lectured teachers in a postgraduate course in Gifted Education, developed programs for students and conducted research. Michelle was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the needs of gifted children.

Dr Rosalind Walsh is a trained high school teacher who holds a PhD from Monash University Institute of Early Childhood. She was the manager of the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales for 10 years. Rosalind has worked with teachers across Australia at both primary and secondary levels. Her doctoral research on young gifted children won a Vice-Chancellor’s Commendation.