Recorder Concert

Our recorder ensembles entertained their parents and friends at the concert last week. Each ensemble performed a number of items and then played a combined rendition of ‘Ode to Joy’. Their skill and enthusiasm is to be commended.

Thanks to the parents for their support of this program and to Mrs De Luis for conducting the group.

Math Olympiad Triumph

Congratulations to Mr Clark’s maths group who have placed in the top 10% of teams in the 2015 Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. This is an amazing achievement as this is a very difficult competition. Thanks to Mr Clark for his excellent tuition. Special congratulations go to Bo B who achieved a perfect score 25/25 - well done Bo!
Best wishes Mrs Halls

We wish Mrs Halls a relaxing break as she begins her maternity leave. We thank her for her hard work on 4/5/6AH and look forward to hearing about her new addition to the family. Mrs Loretta McKee will teach 4/5/6AH for the remainder of the year.

Remembrance Day – 11 November, Gold Coin donation

Greenwich Public School students in Years 2-6 will pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our soldiers during war and peacekeeping missions on Wednesday 11 November. This year, students will commemorate Remembrance Day in an assembly run by the SRC (Student Representative Council). Students may wear rosemary or poppies and may bring flowers to place at the base of the flagpole.

In addition, the SRC has decided to support ‘The Pozieres French- Australian School Project’. This initiative is being organised by the Camp Gallipoli Foundation, a not for profit organisation established to educate Australian children about particular moments during World War 1. To help mark Remembrance Day, school children across Australia will be asked to bring in a gold coin donation to help rebuild a school in the village of Pozieres in France, where thousands of Australian troops died in fierce fighting in 2016. The campaign proposes to build seven classrooms, a teachers’ common room, a small library, toilets, an assembly hall and some accommodation, commencing July next year.

Camp Gallipoli’s CEO Chris Fox states, ‘We want to reinforce the memory of Australian casualties of the battle, to provide an enduring legacy in the village and understand the great sacrifice this village represents.’ All schools participating will be acknowledged on the website and on a plaque at the school. For more information: www.campgallipoli.com.au

Please bring in a gold coin donation on Wednesday 11 November to support this cause.

Term 4 Accounts

The Term 4 accounts were distributed in class and emailed out last week. Your prompt attention to these would be appreciated. Thank you.

School Spectacular Tickets

Please pay for your ticket as soon as possible so that unwanted tickets may be reissued as we have a waiting list.

Megan Lockery
Principal
New Parking and Bus Arrangements on Kingslangley Road begin this week

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.

The new bus stop is located on the school side of Kingslangley Road outside 42 Kingslangley Road. Please discuss this with your child if they catch the bus to Lane Cove in the afternoon. Remind them that they need to signal the driver in case the driver is unaware of this change.

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and 2NP Excursion to Lane Cove Bushland Park

On Monday 16 November, teachers from the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre will guide our Stage 2 and 2NP students and class teachers on a bushwalk through nearby Lane Cove Bushland Park. This supports our unit of work on ‘Effects of Growth and Change’ and students will investigate the enquiry question, ‘How have people changed Lane Cove Bushland Park?’ Students will observe negative human impacts on the park, such as, litter, storm water, nutrient runoff and the incidence of weeds, habitat loss and human movement through the park that can have a negative impact on flora. Positive human impact, such as, signs, education, bush regeneration and the creation of protected sites will also be explored. They will investigate how traditional Aboriginal people and current park managers use scientific knowledge to understand and manage the natural environment and the survival of living things. Considerations of the importance of protecting this local place will be discussed.

This excursion is proudly sponsored and partially funded by Lane Cove Council’s ‘Every Student a Bush Experience’ program.

Parents/Carers of Stage 2 and 2NP are required to complete the permission note distributed today and also attached to this newsletter and return it to their child’s class teacher by next Wednesday 11 November.
From the Office

For 2016 School Student Transport Scheme Passes:

For the 2016 School year students who already have a school travel (SSTS) pass will automatically receive their own Opal card (sent to school) at the beginning of the 2016 school year. However this does not include children entering Year 3 or 7 who will need to re-apply.

Please see the list below for further details.

2016 Passes can be applied for online at:

https://flows-prod-iac.pegasuscloud.com/ApplySSTS/ApplySSTS.html

When you've completed the online application, you'll need to print off a copy of your completed application and hand it in at your school for endorsement.

If you don't have a printer, you'll be able to save your application as pdf and print it later.

However, you will need to complete an application form if:

• applying for SSTS for the first time
• enrolling in kindergarten
• progressing from year 2 to year 3
• progressing from year 6 to year 7
• changing name, school and/or address
• requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Eligibility

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW and enrolled as:

• an infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school
• a primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1.9km (straight line distance) from school, or 2.3km or more by the most direct practical walking route
• a secondary student (Years 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line distance) from school, or 2.9km or more by the most direct practical walking route
• Students who live too close to school for a SSTS pass, may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass.

2016 Term Passes can be applied for online at:

https://flows-prod-iac.pegasuscloud.com/ApplyTRP/ApplyTRP.html

Interrelate – Monday 9 November

Please note the time for Interrelate is ‘Session 1’ 6.00pm – 7.00pm and ‘Session 2’ 7.15pm – 8.15pm

PERFORMING ARTS

Combined Schools Band Workshop

Last Monday, 19 October, the GPS Training Band students were invited to spend the day at Forest Lodge Public School (FLPS) to take part in a Combined Schools Band Workshop where the training bands from both schools joined forces to form one huge band of 63 children.

The musicians were quietly nervous at the beginning of the day but were a buzz at the end. They were supported by FLPS’s conductor Edward and tutors, Emily and Bruce as well as me, Tracey Foster (GPS conductor/tutor).

The children learnt to play two new pieces of music in one day, ‘The Spook’ (led by Tracey) and ‘Danza Africana’ (led by Edward).
The structure of the day included three full-band rehearsals and two ‘sectionals’ where the children were divided into smaller groups to work on the ‘nitty-gritty’ sections of the music. Emily rehearsed the flutes, Edward rehearsed the brass (and our tenor saxophones for one of the sectionals), Bruce rehearsed the percussion and I rehearsed the clarinets and saxophones.

The students’ musical talents, confidence and skills improved immensely over the course of the day. At 2.00pm they performed the pieces of music in a short concert with gusto and energy.

The impact of this day was immediately evident. Instrument tutors (at GPS and FLPS) noticed an immediate improvement in their students’ musical skills, abilities and understanding. Several GPS parents have commented on how much their children enjoyed the day and returned from it with a new found confidence and love of their instrument. I heard a new strong and rich sound being produced by the Training Band in rehearsal this week as the band members played the music in their folders with a noticeable improvement of confidence and accuracy.

We would like to thank Forest Lodge Public School for hosting the GPS Training Band and making us all feel so very welcome. I would like to congratulate the music teachers and the staff at both schools for their contribution in organising such a successful day and also the Training Band musicians for embracing the experience with a positive attitude. They represented our school demonstrating the utmost respect for other students, teachers, their school and the music teachers. They should be very proud of their achievements. Also, thank you to Ms Myers for supervising and supporting the students during the day.

Miss Tracey Foster
GPS Bands Conductor

Recorders

Thank you for coming to our concert last week. I thought it went really well.

Future performances:

- 30 November Performing Arts Concert
- 7 December Carols by Candlelight
- 8 December K-6 Presentation Assembly

Please note there has been a date change for the Carols by Candlelight to Monday 7 December. We play at 7pm.

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P&C NEWS

MEGA RAFFLE Winners Announced

Congratulations to the prize winners of the P&C MEGA RAFFLE:

1st Prize: Mardi Jarret - 3 nights luxury accommodation on Hamilton Island thanks to Hamilton Island

2nd Prize: Brian Fitzgerald - Gas BBQ and Summer Cooking Party Pack from BBQs Galore Artarmon

3rd Prize: Sean Tieck - Abstract Canvas Artwork from GreatBIGCanvas

4th Prize: Peter Staveley - Outdoor Gas Patio Heater from Bunnings Artarmon

Thank you to our generous sponsors Hamilton Island, BBQs Galore Artarmon, GreatBIGCanvas and Bunnings Artarmon for donating the prizes. Gross ticket sales exceeded $5,500 with profits going towards purchase of our new playground equipment. This would not have been possible without the help of many volunteer students selling tickets, their families and the school community.

Special thanks to the following students who received certificates of appreciation for their efforts: Eloise B, Matilde B, Geneva B, Grace B,


Also thank you to these local businesses who helped sell tickets: IGA Greenwich, Greenwich Pharmacy, Greenwich Village Espresso Bar and Bunnings Artarmon.

Anne-Marie Sirca

MERIT AWARDS Week 5

Years K/1

Years 2-6
Bronze Awards

Silver Awards

Silver Awards
DIARY DATES

TERM 4

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 6.00pm - 7.00pm and 7.15 – 8.15pm
- 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, 1LR and KSM Robotics excursion
Thursday 26 November
- 4pm School Council Meeting and AGM
- 1AK, KIJ, 1LR 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
- Greenwich Carols by Candlelight
- Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 8 December
- Presentation Assembly at Hunters Hill High School 10am
Wednesday 9 December
- Year 6 Graduation dinner
Thursday 10 December
- Stage 3 Strike Bowling, Chatswood

WEEK 11
Monday 14 December
- Stage 3 Disco 5.30 – 7.30pm
- Stage 2 Picnic Day
Tuesday 15 December
- K-2 Picnic Day
- Stage 1 Picnic Movie 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
- Stage 2 and 2NP Lane Cove Bushland Park excursion

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION
- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK
- Stage 2 and 2NP Lane Cove Bushland Park excursion
- MacIct Excursion 2SH/2FS
- MacIct Excursion KJS/1MR/1LR
- MacIct Excursion KNH/2MS
- MacIct Excursion KSM/1OF/1LR
- MacIct Excursion KIJ/1AK/1LR
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SIDE BY SIDE:
BRINGING FUN BACK TO FAMILY!

Do you feel like you have run out of answers for parenting your child? Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed?

The Health Psychology Unit, UTS is offering a free treatment research program for families who have children with behavioural problems.

Clinical psychologists from the Unit located near Royal North Shore Hospital will see families with children aged 7–14 for up to 14 sessions.

For more information please contact Dr Rachael Murrihy on 9514 4077 or at Rachael.murrihy@uts.edu.au.
Website: www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/our-research/health-psychology-unit

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11 - 22 January 2016
Monday - Friday 9am - 3.30pm

WEEK 1
ages 7 - 10

WEEK 2
ages 10 - 12

Week 1
CAPT’N JACK & HIS PIRATE CREW
Music, Mayhem & Mischief!

Week 2
THERE & BACK AGAIN
Tales of Discovery from Near & Far

The Wharf, Pier 4 Hickson Road, Millers Point
For more information, pricing & enrolments: GONDWANA.ORG.AU
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- Gain skills to retrain or enter the workforce
- Develop communication skills for work
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- Gain work experience (optional)

Career Opportunities:

When you complete this qualification you will have access to enhanced employment opportunities and career choices as well as skills and knowledge to access further education in a range of vocational qualifications.

Includes:

- Job seeking skills, resumes, application letters, interviews
- Interpersonal communication
- Computing skills
- Language & study skills
- Maths for everyday purposes
- Confidence building activities

Where: Ultimo TAFE campus

When:
9 Feb – 26 May 2016
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
15 hours per week; 14 weeks
10:30-3pm (with flexibility)

Come to our information session:

Wednesday 2 December 2015
10:30am
Building D, Level 5, Room D5.13
Maryann St, Ultimo

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