Principal’s Message
Megan Lockery

Commonwealth Day Ambassadors – Year 5

Our Year 5 students proudly provided a guard of honour for the Commonwealth Day lunch at NSW Parliament House on Monday. Over 57 countries were represented by dignitaries. Students had researched their allocated country and could recognise its flag. Many guests commented on the students’ behaviour and it was such a thrill to have the Governor of NSW, His Excellency David Hurley, walk through the guard of honour with his wife and speak to some of our students. The officials (including our very own Ms Bittar from The Arts Unit) were so impressed, stating that we have been the best school that they have had. We have been invited to participate again next year. Well done Greenwich Year 5!
‘The ANZAC Story’ Show

Yesterday students from Years 3-6 witnessed an inspiring presentation of the Anzac story. They entered the hall through a specially created ‘tunnel’ to build the atmosphere. Students were transported to the trenches at Gallipoli four months after the landing following the Battle of Lone Pine. They then were taken into the action through the eyes of a nurse, a young soldier and a Company Sergeant Major. Light and sound effects added to the drama and some of our students played the parts of nurses, soldiers and stretcher bearers. Students heard about the conditions in the trenches and hospitals and heard letters from home read. The importance of a gift of a gum leaf was explained. Eleven of our Year 6 students respectfully read ‘Voices of the Fallen’ which was followed by The Ode and National Anthems (old and new) to conclude the show. The message from the show was to never forget the sacrifices made by our soldiers who fought in a war a long way from home to secure our freedom. The students were beautifully behaved throughout the show and respectfully participated in the drama.

The depth of understanding shown by the students was amazing. Some comments from students include:

‘I thought that the people who went in the war had a lifetime scar in their heart.’

‘This made you recognise the feelings, the pain and the emotions that young soldiers were going through.’

‘Imagine having to fight for four years, every single day!’

‘I am very grateful for what the soldiers did.’

‘My great grandfather went to war and was really, really lucky to make it out. I feel sad but at the same time very thankful for what they did.’

‘It made me a bit sad to think that young men were faking their age because they thought that war would be an adventure but then they never returned to their families.’

‘When I went through the tunnel I felt like I was a soldier in a trench crawling on the ground for safety.’

‘The ANZAC Show was very meaningful. It made me think about how the soldiers put their life on the line for us.’
Swimming Carnivals

The results from our school swimming carnival have been published in this week’s newsletter. The winning house on the day was Fraser (296 points), followed by Goolagong (294 points) then Bradman (273 points). There were only 2 points separating first and second place.

At the Zone Carnival we placed 5th out of 14 schools – well done Greenwich! Many thanks to Ms Rutherford, Miss Poyter and Julie Morgan (our team manager) for all your efforts on the day. A zone report features later in this newsletter.

NAPLAN Parent Information Session – 25 March 7pm

Ms Parrella will join me in presenting a session about NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. The session will be on Wednesday 25 March from 7pm to 8.30pm in the School Hall and will cover the 2014 results and an explanation of the 2015 program. It will detail what is tested and provide examples of past questions and writing tasks. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The session is open to all parents and carers in the community regardless of what year your child is in.

Do you have an ANZAC history?

For our commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli, we are having an ANZAC Assembly on Thursday 23 April at 11.30am. We would like to have some people share some stories of relatives who were involved in War World 1 and give the students a real oral history of a soldier. If you would be willing to share the story of your relative, please leave your contact details with Christine in the office 9436 3217 or greenwich-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will get in touch.

Greenwich PS Acknowledged

Last year, Mrs Imlay and Mrs MacDonald trialled a new Science Primary Connections unit. It was entitled ‘Magnetic Moves’ and our contributions have been acknowledged in print in the final document. Congratulations teachers and Year 4 2014!

Buddy Groups Week 2

Last Friday we had a dry start to Buddy groups and students quickly found their groups and began work. The theme of the lesson was ‘Being Friendly’ – what makes a good friend, working cooperatively and what qualities does a friend have.
Paul Kelly AFL Cup

Our seniors competed in the Paul Kelly Cup last Thursday and increased their skills as they played several games at ELS Hall, North Ryde. All students played well and our Greenwich 1 girls team will progress to the next level. Well done and thanks to Mr Clark, Miss Virgona and Mrs Halls for taking the students.

K/1 Heritage Building

The restoration work on the K/1 campus is coming to a close. With most of the scaffolding and green cloth removed, we can now see the beautiful new sandstone work and new slate roofing. It is expected that the work will finish up in the next school holidays. The archway is yet to be repointed and some further restoration work will be done. There is still cleaning of the old stone and general clean-up work to be done.

Parent Teacher Interviews K-6

I would like to invite you to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss academic and social progress. Formal parent teacher interviews will take place from 30 March to 2 April for most classes. A separate note detailing online book-in procedures will be issued shortly. 3OB interviews will be held on Monday 23 March and 2MS interviews will be held on Friday 27 March. Notes for these two classes will be issued tomorrow.

Badging Assemblies

Next week we will badge our student leaders. On Monday 16 March at 2.15pm in the School Hall, we will badge our Years 2-6 Student Representative Council (SRC) members, House and Vice Captains and Captains of various programs. On Tuesday 17 March, we will badge our K/1 SRC members for Semester 1. This will take place in the K/1 COLA at 2pm. All parents and carers of students to be badged are welcome at both assemblies.

It’s A Girl! Congratulations Mr and Mrs Richmond!

Mr and Mrs Luke Richmond are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Darcy Sophia, who was born on 5 March. She weighed in at 2.95kg and measured 50cm long. She was voted ‘best looking baby at Royal North Shore Hospital’ by her father!!! Best wishes to the whole family.

Megan Lockery
A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Easter Hat Parade for Kindergarten and Year 1 students

It’s at the Greenwich Road campus on Thursday April 2 at 9:30am. We will have an Easter hat parade, concert, activity in the classroom and picnic.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Years 3 to 6 took part in Clean Up Australia Day last Friday. Each class got part of the school to clean up. The playground looked a lot cleaner after we had finished. Each student got one glove and a bag to share between 3. We hope to have our own Clean up Australia Day each term to keep the school grounds looking clean and tidy.

Student Representative Council Kingslangley Rd Campus

Zone Swimming Carnival Results

On Tuesday, 36 students represented Greenwich Public School at the North Shore PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at North Sydney Pool. All of our students competed well and they should be commended on their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the day. Overall, Greenwich finished 5th out of 14 schools with Sammy H and Jordan M both coming runner-up age champions. Congratulations to Sammy H, Jordan M and Lucinda W who have all qualified for the Regional Carnival.

Some highlights from the day’s results include:

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Amelia Rutherford and Nicole Poynter
Zone Swimming Teachers
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P&C NEWS

Message from the P&C Presidents

A “BIG THANK YOU” to the following people who volunteered for Class Parent: Regan, Catherine, Vivien, Maria, Rebecca, Penny, Catherine M, Barbara, Amy, Trudy, Anne- Marie, Dan, Ros, Danni, Wendy, Lynette, Sophie, Louise, Katie, Anne, Barbara B, Wendy M, Hannah, Jo, Julie, Michelle and Fiona.

We really appreciate your help and hope you have a great year with your class.

Kingslangley Playground Project

A quick reminder that the Building Fund has been temporarily suspended this year and replaced with a Voluntary Playground Contribution, in the hope that we can replace the Kingslangley equipment and give all the children a great space to play. Donations can be made on the Annual School Fees form which were sent out last week.

Please see the Drinks By The Harbour “Save the Date” flyer below
GARDENING BEE & SCARECROW CLINIC

Saturday 21 March. 9am-1pm. Greenwich Rd Campus.

Gardening Bee

We are running a gardening bee at the Greenwich Rd Campus on Saturday 21 March from 9am to 1pm. No doubt you’ve seen the fabulous new astro-turf and with the scaffolding around the heritage buildings now gone, we’re turning our attention to the garden beds along Greenwich Rd. The main goal for this bee is to give the existing garden/veggie patches a new home in a sunnier position where they’ll be seen and enjoyed. This will take a team effort. If you want to lend us your muscle and green thumb, we’d love your help for an hour or two.

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.
Scarecrow Clinic

The best veggie patches need a couple of scarecrows to keep the pests away, so we’re running a scarecrow workshop to make Mr and Mrs Scarecrow. Parents and kids are welcome!

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

It would be good to get a show of hands to help with planning so if you’d like to volunteer can you please email gusmunro75@yahoo.com.au. Feel free to ask any questions about the day.

We hope to see you there!

Angus & Lucinda Munro
Greenwich Road Campus Grounds Coordinator

**Scholastic Bookclub 2015**

**Issue 2 brochures** will be given to students to take home this week.
Orders for issue 1 are due **by Monday 16th March**.

**Ordering is easy**- Use Scholastic online LOOP system for all orders
or completed order forms and together with money, place in box in office at school

Please see the separate letter and flyer attached with his newsletter for further instructions on how to use online ordering.

Please make sure you pick the correct school Greenwich Infants or Greenwich Primary
Merit Awards
K/1 Week 6

2-6 Week 6

K-1 Week 6 Bronze Awards

K/1 Week 6 Silver Awards

K/1 Week 7
K/1 Week 7 Bronze Award Winners

K/1 Week 7 Silver Award Winners

2-6 Week 7 Bronze Award Winners

2-6 Week 7 Silver Award Winners

DIARY DATES

2015 TERM 1

WEEK 7

Wednesday 11 March
- Years 3-6 ANZAC show 11.30-1pm Iconic Performers

Thursday 12 March
- Selective High School test

Friday 13 March
- K-6 Buddy Groups
- Hands On Science at Hunters Hill High School for 6 seniors

WEEK 8

Monday 16 March
- 2.15pm Badging Assembly for leaders Years 2-6
- Bookclub orders due

Tuesday 17 March
- Sydney North Swimming Carnival
- K/1 SRC Badging in Assembly 2pm

Thursday 19 March
- Year 2 Taronga Zoo excursion
- 4pm School Council

Friday 20 March
- K-6 Buddy Groups
- High School Application due back

Saturday 21 March
- K/1 Working Bee

WEEK 9

Monday 23 March
- Training Band to play at assembly
- Young Leaders Day
- 3OB Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 24 March
- Year 1 Taronga Zoo excursion

Wednesday 25 March
- State Swimming Carnival
- NAPLAN Information for Parents 7pm in Hall
Thursday 26 March
- State Swimming Carnival

Friday 27 March
- Recognition Assembly
- K-6 Buddy Groups
- 2MS Parent/Teacher interviews

WEEK 10
Monday 30 March
- Parent/Teacher Interview week

Tuesday 31 March
- Parent/Teacher Interview week

Wednesday 1 April
- Parent/Teacher Interview week

Thursday 2 April
- 7.30pm P&C meeting

Thursday 2 April
- Parent/Teacher Interview week
- 9.30am Easter Hat Parade and Assembly
- LAST DAY OF TERM 1

HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
- Nil

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION
- Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK
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**KIDS KLUB APRIL 2015**

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The advertised activity is in the morning session only (with the exception of the Wet 'n' Wild days).

**GYMNASTICS**

The Moving Bodies team will teach you to do cartwheels and handstands, jump off trampolines and swing and hang on a variety of bars. Try balancing on beams, using hoops, balls, playing team games and more! After lunch we will then be jumping in the pool for some games and the inflatable!

**MULTI SPORTS**

A fun day of multi sport activities including cricket, T-ball, soccer, basketball and lots of fun games and activities! A great day for kids to sample a wide variety of sports. After the session, kids will spend the afternoon in the pool with the inflatable and fun games.

**SKATER HQ**

Whether your kids are into skateboarding, scooting or blading the experienced coaches from Manly Blades will ensure that they have a blast! All the equipment is provided for you (except a mouthguard) but if you have your own gear, feel free to bring it. Protective gear must be worn for your safety. After lunch we will be jumping in the pool for some games and the inflatable!

**ART STUDIO (NEW TO KIDS KLUB)**

A fun & creative day of art & craft! The kids will enjoy 2 different workshops. The first is the Art Studio's signature workshop - the Group Painting Workshop. In groups, they will choose a theme and colours, and then together paint a masterpiece on a giant canvas! Next is a T-shirt Painting Workshop. Each child will design their own t-shirt with fabric paints, and get to take home their finished product. T-shirts supplied. After lunch we will then be jumping in the pool for some games and the inflatable!

**BRICKS 4 KIDZ**

Let the Kids get creative! With specially designed project kits and theme-based models to build. Kids work in groups to complete models and the entire group works to complete a large scale project. A session where kids can develop their curiosity and creativity, while also having fun and socialising in a non-competitive environment. After lunch we will then be jumping in the pool for some games and the inflatable!

**WET 'N' WILD**

Make a splash or two! Start the day with organised games and activities, then off to the pool! Spend the day climbing through the inflatable, noodle races, pick up games, snorkelling and more! A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch so you only need to bring your morning tea and snacks.

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Each week *Single with Children* provides fun and exciting social activities for single parents and their children.

(Many activities are subsidised or free)

It's a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar

Call 1300 300 496

or check out our web site: www.singlewithchildren.com.au
Scouting is for boys and girls and is a great opportunity for kids to get outdoors and participate in activities like camping, canoeing and hiking. Weekly meetings are held during term where bushcraft, first aid, safety and how to react in emergencies is taught through structured activities and games:

- Joey Mob meet Wednesdays 5.45-6.45pm — 6 - 8 years of age
- Cub Scout Pack meet Wednesdays 7.00-8.30pm — 8 - 11 years of age
- Scout Troop meet Fridays 7.30-9.30pm — 11 - 15 years of age
- Venturer Unit meet Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm — 15 - 18 years of age

It’s a great time to get involved, we will be moving to the NEW HALL on Blackman Park in 2015

Calling parents, grandparents and volunteers from the community......

Join as a leader

We are looking for adults to train to become leaders in 2015! Training and uniform expenses are covered and most of the training is now on-line. Scouts Australia is an accredited training organization so you get a Cert III (business) qualification on completion. A great opportunity to do something fun with your children or grandchildren! Please contact Paul McGregor for more information: scouts@nmac.com.au or 0415 448 804