Welcome Back!

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing break and have survived the wet weather! We have already begun our teaching and learning programs and are looking forward to an exciting term. Our Staff Development Day included training in Child Protection, the new Performance and Development Framework, School Planning, Committee Meetings and Stage planning time. It was a busy but worthwhile day of professional learning.

Parents are learners too! Maths Parent Information Session

Last night 45 brave souls headed out in the storm to attend a parent workshop about multiplication and division. We were unable to reschedule this event as our presenter comes from Adelaide. Anita Chin, a dynamic Maths Consultant, presented the deep understandings underlying the concept of multiplication and how dot arrays, dice and other materials can be used to reinforce these.

Take-home packages are available. These contain the blank templates Anita used in her presentation. Anita’s facebook page has ideas and photos www.facebook.com/achinmaths.
Staff Professional Learning in Maths

All staff have had the opportunity to see our Maths Consultant Anita Chin demonstrate and discuss the teaching of the new syllabus and how to use a range of mathematical equipment. She has shown how the teaching of fractions can be integrated with the teaching of 2D Shapes. Anita also engaged the staff in a range of activities utilising the swipe and wipe boards as assessment tools.

Years 2-6 Cross Country Postponed – now Monday 27 April 11am – 1.30pm

Due to the recent storms and heavy rain, we are postponing our school cross country carnival to MONDAY 27 April from 11am – 1.30pm. This will be held on our oval and will commence with the 7 year olds. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. The Zone Carnival will be held on Wednesday 6 May at Artarmon Reserve.

What an Easter treat!

Our Kindergarten and Year 1 students delighted us with their creative Easter Hats and wonderful singing during the Easter Assembly last term. The students from the Semester 1 Student Representative Council led the assembly and all students sang a song in Mandarin. The Easter Bunny even made a surprise visit and joined in the Chicken Dance. Many thanks to Mrs Hesford (coordinator), Miss Smith (SRC teacher), Miss Guo (Mandarin teacher) and all the K/1 teachers for putting on such a great school community event.

Thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends for taking the opportunity to join the students in Open Classrooms and a picnic lunch. Our children love sharing their work and school with you!
Staffing News Term 2

This term we welcome Miss Georgie Clinch as she commences team teaching with Mrs McStraw on KSM. Miss Clinch will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs McStraw will teach KSM on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Joy Abela, School Administration Manager, will be on leave for the first six weeks of Term 2. Thanks to Mrs Christine Fraser who will be relieving.

Stage 3 Environmentally Friendly Houses

All students in Years 5 and 6 and 4AH designed and constructed houses with environmentally friendly features such as water tanks, solar panels and insulation. There were a great many variations in houses but all had to have a working light in at least one room. The students were very proud of their houses and keen to share them with me. Well done Mrs Imlay and students!

Term 2 Uniform

In Term 2 students may return in winter uniform or if the weather warms up, may continue to wear summer uniform. We will have a two week period of phasing in the winter uniform and all students should be in winter uniform by Monday 4 May (Week 3). This is to take into account weather variations. This is the last year of our transition to the new uniform, therefore the last year for girls to wear the green tunic. From 2016, all girls must wear the blue and gold tunic and white blouse, royal blue pants or the unisex uniform.

Years 2-6 Crazy Hair Day

On the last day of term, the Years 2-6 SRC (Student Representative Council) ran a crazy hair day for Vanuatu. The hairstyles ranged from colourful to creative artworks! Over $800 was raised to support those affected by the cyclone. Further donations will be accepted until next Monday. Thanks to everyone who contributed to help those in need.
Anzac Day Assembly – Thursday 23 April

Years 2-6 will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing at a special assembly on Thursday 23 April at 11.30am. Students are encouraged to wear rosemary or a poppy and may bring flowers to lay under our flagpole if they wish.

*Megan Lockery*

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**Date:** Monday 27 April 2015
**Time:** 11.00am – 1.30pm, morning tea 10.30 – 10.50
**Who:** all students in Years 2-6
**Venue:** Kingslangley Road Campus
**Need:** sports uniform, joggers, water bottle, hat, sunscreen

Program: 11am – 1.30pm: 7 year olds, 8/9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds, 12 year olds

1.30 – 2pm: Lunch

Carnival Coordinator – Mrs Corrine Ranieri

We do require assistance on the day if you are able to help with the races can you please return this slip to the office.

I __________________________ (name) am able to assist at the Cross Country Carnival on Monday 27 April 2015 at the following times__________________

My contact number is __________________________

My child/children is/are in class __________
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Recorders

Welcome back everyone. It was wonderful seeing so many Year 2 students on Tuesday on such a dreadful morning.

Opera House Ensemble

All of a sudden the time to our concert is closing in. Our first group rehearsal is 24 June. We need to know all our music by then! Could everyone be diligent with attendance and start doing regular practice.

Bev De Luis
bev.deluis@hotmail.com

STRING ENSEMBLES AND CLASSES AT GPS

GPS has a number of different string ensembles for children who already play a string instrument or are interested in learning. We have a new string ensemble conductor, Anita Crawford, a dynamic and experienced violinist and conductor who is working magic with our young musicians!

The Primary String Ensemble meets on Wednesday mornings at 8 am in the hall. It is open to any primary student who is already learning violin, viola, cello or double bass.

The K/1 String Ensemble meets on Monday mornings at 8 am in the Infants library. It is open to any Kindergarten or year 1 child who is already learning violin, viola, cello or double bass. Infant Ensemble will commence in Term 2.

Violin Starters is a group violin lesson for children (primary or infants) who wish to try the violin. It is a great way for kids to get a taste of learning violin in a relaxed and fun group environment. Violin Starters will commence in Term 3.

Please feel free to contact Collette Carroll on 0418 450 591 if you have any enquiries.
P&C NEWS

DRINKS BY THE HARBOUR

Around the World Greenwich Public School’s major social and fundraising function to be held this term on Saturday 30 May. Tickets now available via Flexischools - don’t miss out on the earlybird price of $55 per person until 8 May ($65 per person thereafter).

MUFTI DAY is next Thursday 30 April! Attached is the information flyer and donations form, also available on the P&C Website. Children are encouraged to dress up in the Around the World theme for the day at school and bring donations for collection at the gates of both campuses before school.
PICTURE PLATES

Attached is the flyer and order form for our Picture Plates fundraiser, raising funds for the Kingslangley Campus playground. Templates for picture plates are available now at both campus offices and payment is ideally via Flexischools website, or via the order form attached to this newsletter.
UNIFORM SHOP

New stock of handmade hair bows (on clips or elastic) and ribbon covered headbands are available at the uniform shop and at ticket sale tables for DBTH. Cost $10 each. All proceeds go directly to the playground fundraising. Email Fiona to order directly.

the_ells@yahoo.com.au

We are looking for a new shop manager and treasurer and would love to talk to anyone who is interested in learning about these roles. It takes volunteers to keep the proceeds of the uniform shop within P and C hands, please come have a chat (or email) if you want to know more about these rewarding roles.

GOOSH REPORT

Goosh would like to thank all families with their patience and understanding over Term 1, getting familiar with the online system and the sign in/out touchscreen. It has been a wonderful first term meeting all of the new kindergarten families and welcoming back the existing families to the service. Even though the Government funded active after school sports program has finished, the Goosh educators have been teaching the children lot of new games, such as kolap and shuttle ball.

The Goosh April Vacation Care program was very successful with lots of exciting activities, including Easter egg hunts and ten pin bowling. If you would like to know more about Goosh please go online to www.greenwichoshc.com.au

Have a happy Term 2!

Emily Fleming
Director of Greenwich OOSH

Bushland Ridge Project

The ridge area of land between the upper primary campus and the school oval, known as ‘The Bushland Ridge’ was identified last year as a priority area that needed significant improvement due to overgrowth and invasion of non-native plants and significant erosion occurring due to water run-off.

Our P & C committee member, Sandra Murray was successful on behalf of the school in applying for a Lane Cove Council Sustainability Small Grant to help finance this important grounds work.

Over the last 8-9 months Cass Gray-Spencer, Mardi Jarrett and other helpers have been working hard on removing the non-native plant species, putting new erosion control measures in place and have added many new native plants throughout the area to re-establish native flora and reduce further erosion. The Lane Cove Council Grant has allowed coir logs to be placed along the upper area of the ridge to redirect the water flow away from
the more vulnerable eroded areas until new plantings can stabilise the soil. It has certainly worked well as we didn’t get washed away in the recent Sydney storms.

The school is working at sustaining our beautiful natural bushland setting for future students to enjoy. More photographs of the work are available on the P & C website.

This is ‘before’ the upgrade

These show the results of the project!

DIARY DATES

2015 TERM 2

WEEK 1
Wednesday 22 April
- Ryde Student Leadership Camp - postponed
Thursday 23 April
- ANZAC Assembly Years 2-6 11.30am
Friday 24 April
- School Cross Country Carnival - postponed

WEEK 2
Monday 27 April
- Normal School Day – there is no ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- School Cross Country 11.00am – 1.30pm

- 8 – 9am K/1 String Ensemble starts in Infants Library
Tuesday 28 April
- Stage 3 Public Speaking final
Wednesday 29 April
- 8 – 9am Primary String Ensemble resumes in school hall
Thursday 30 April
- Mufti Day for Drinks by the Harbour
Friday 1 May
- Winter PSSA and Years 3-6 sport commences
Sunday 3 May
- Band Intensive
**WEEK 3**
**Wednesday 6 May**
- North Shore Zone Cross Country at Artarmon Reserve

**WEEK 4**
**Tuesday 12 May**
- NAPLAN
**Wednesday 13 May**
- NAPLAN
**Thursday 14 May**
- NAPLAN

**WEEK 5**
**Tuesday 19 May**
- Scienza Viva workshop 4RR, 6RC and 3OB
- 9 – 10am Kindergarten Parent Literacy Information Session
**Wednesday 20 May**
- Scienza Viva workshop 5CR, 3AR and 4/5/6AH
**Thursday 21 May**
- 4pm School Council
- Scienza Viva workshop 2MS, 5LV and 2/3NP
**Friday 22 May**
- Scienza Viva workshop 4AP, 2FS and 2SH

**WEEK 6**
**Saturday 30 May**
- Drinks by the Harbour

**WEEK 7**
**Wednesday 3 June**
- ICAS Science
- P&C Meeting 7.30pm

**WEEK 8**
**Monday 8 June**
- Queen’s birthday
**Thursday 11 June**
- Sydney North Cross Country – Gosford

**WEEK 9**
**Wednesday 17 June**
- State Cross Country
**Thursday 18 June**
- 4pm School Council
**Friday 19 June**
- Winter PSSA Term 2 finishes

**WEEK 10**
**Friday 26 June**
- Last day of Term 2

**HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK**
- Drinks by the Harbour Mufti Day information

**SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**
- Nil

**EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK**
- ICAS permission note
- Picture Plate fundraiser information

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**Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation at St Michael’s Parish Lane Cove will be held on Sunday 21 June at 11.30am and 2.00pm. Candidates must be in Year 6 or older and have already received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. An information evening for the parents of candidates will be held on Tuesday 28 April at 7pm in the Church. More information and enrolment forms are available on the Parish website at [www.lanecoveparish.org.au](http://www.lanecoveparish.org.au) or contact Lisa Lee on 9418 3479 or lisa@lanecoveparish.org.au
TENNIS & GOLF COACHING

DURING TERM 2, TENNIS & GOLF LESSONS ARE ON OFFER FOR STUDENTS AT YOUR SCHOOL. A COMPLIMENTARY BUS SERVICE WILL RUN BEFORE AND AFTER THE LESSON BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE TENNIS CENTRE/GOLF COURSE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE PROSHOP ON 9428 3336 OR VISIT www.riverroadtenniscentre.com.au