Principal’s Message
Megan Lockery

Lest We Forget – Anzac Day 2015

Students in Years 2-6 paused to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli last Thursday. The SRC led an inspiring assembly outlining the meaning of ANZAC and commending the bravery of those who served. Simon S played a moving rendition of the ‘Last Post’ on the saxophone and Meg F-M proudly spoke about her great grandfather who went to war in 1917. She brought some fascinating memorabilia including her great grandfather’s diary, a belt covered in badges that had been swapped for food and a letter from King George 5th. Mrs Barbara Bagot (mother of Madeleine and Margot) shared the story of her grandmother who served as a nurse from 1917 in a British military hospital in Salonica, Greece. The poor conditions she suffered were recounted. Thanks to Meg and Barbara for your presentations. Congratulations to the SRC for your assembly and to Simon for playing the ‘Last Post’. Many thanks to Mrs Walker and Miss Poynter for organising the assembly and to everyone who wore rosemary or brought flowers.
Remembrance Garden

The Hon Joe Hockey, Federal Member for North Sydney, kindly organised the donation of a Lone Pine Tree for schools in our area. This has been planted in the top playground near the COLA on the 2-6 campus. It commemorates the battle at Lone Pine Ridge. In three days of fighting in August 1915, the ANZACs lost 2 000 men.

In this garden, we have also planted some rosemary which has been produced from cuttings originally brought back from Gallipoli by a wounded digger.

Thank you Rebel supporters

As a result of the loyalty program at Rebel sports, we received over $500 credit to purchase sports supplies for our school. This has been used to support our sports programs with the purchase of balls, bibs and soccer gloves. To further support sport at our school, sign up at any Rebel Sports store and request Greenwich PS as your designated beneficiary. Every purchase earns us credit.

Storm Damage

At Greenwich PS we had some damage as a result of the storms but compared to many schools on the Central Coast and northern beaches, we were fortunate. Some schools remain closed due to lack of power and water. We had a tree come down on staff cars in the carpark on the K/1 campus (it has since been removed) and one tree come through the neighbour’s fence onto school grounds on the 2-6 campus. No one was hurt and safety measures have been put in place to avoid these areas.
K/1 Lollipop Lady

Unfortunately, our lollipop lady at the Greenwich Rd crossing has taken ill and will not be able to work for a while. We wish her a speedy recovery. The RMS is currently trying to find us a replacement lollipop person. In the meantime, please remind your children to take care at the crossing and to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK when crossing the road.

School Cross Country Carnival

Our postponed cross country carnival took place on Monday. The students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and high levels of participation. Congratulations to all placegetters and to all who participated. Mrs Ranieri will publish a list of placegetters and zone competitors. Best wishes to the Zone team who will race next Wednesday 6 May at Artarmon Reserve. Notes will be issued shortly.

These are our new ‘teardrop’ house flags – don’t they look great!
Winter Uniform

Students should be in winter uniform as of Monday 4 May.

Principal takes leave!

This will be my last newsletter for around a month as I will be taking long service leave from next Wednesday 6 May until 11 June. During this time I will be overseas in Singapore, Italy, London and Hong Kong. I am leaving the school in capable hands as my Assistant Principals will be sharing the role. The Relieving Principal roster is as follows:

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Feel free to contact these staff members if you require assistance in my absence. Miss Nicole Langbart will teach the Relieving Principals’ classes whilst they are in this position.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent your kind wishes. I am looking forward to catching up with my daughter, eating Italian food and enjoying new sights and wonders. It will be a time of refreshment and reunion.

Take care of yourselves and the school until I return!

Megan Lockery

Application for Year 5 Entry into Opportunity Class in 2016 Now Open

Opportunity Classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Students are grouped with other gifted and talented students and taught in specialised ways. Further details are available online at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement.php .

If your child is currently in Year 4, and you would like your child to be considered for a placement in an Opportunity Class, you will need to apply online.

Applications are now being accepted and will close on 15 May. There are no paper application forms and no late applications will be accepted.

Year 4 students have been issued with a school ‘Intention to Apply’ form which needs to be returned to the school office if you plan to apply for an Opportunity Class placement for your child in 2016.

Anna Parrella

Stage 2 Assistant Principal
Stage 3 Public Speaking

Senior students have recently presented their prepared speeches in preparation for the Lane Cove Rotary Public Speaking Competition. Twelve finalists from our four senior classes subsequently competed before the senior school. As a result Bella P and Amelia S have been selected to represent Greenwich Public School in the final on Wednesday 3 June at the Lane Cove Council Chambers. We congratulate both students and appreciate the efforts of all the Stage Three students who participated.

Stage 3 Teachers

Cross Country

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cross Country on Friday Monday 27 April 2015. It was a very successful day with Fraser winning on House points followed closely by Goolagong and Bradman.

A special mention to the students who finished in the top 5 of their race, they will be attending the Zone cross country carnival on Wednesday 6 May 2015. Please Note: 7 year olds don’t attend the zone cross country carnival.

Congratulations to the following students,

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Also a huge thank you to the wonderful parents that assisted on the day. Your contributions made the day such a success.

P&C NEWS

Reminder about Around the World Mufti Day tomorrow, all children should dress in "around the world" costumes, see attached flyer for further information and donation suggestions. Additionally - if you have a holiday house or boat that you would consider donating for a weekend or day out but it’s not set up as a rental option, perhaps you may consider taking some friends and asking them to donate $50-100 for the weekend/day-trip to put towards "Drinks by the Harbour" instead? This is a great way to make a valuable donation to the new school playground without having to actually offer the property/boat trip up for auction.
Also, now is the time to purchase your Early Bird tickets to "Drinks By The Harbour", Greenwich Public School's major social and fundraising event on Saturday 30 May, before the price increases from $55 per ticket to $65 per ticket on 8 May!! Tickets are available via Flexischools website (www.flexischools.com.au).

PICTURE PLATES

A reminder that Picture Plate templates are available at both campus offices. Kindergarten and Year 1 will all be drawing a plate this Friday afternoon 1 May in class art time - please send your child to school with some coloured textas if you have any at home. Some children are bringing in a photograph to stick on the plate and include in their drawing. All other students are welcome to draw picture plates at home, they're due back with payment by Monday 11 May. Each class (and some year groups) will be signing a memento "Signature Plate" as well. All plates can be purchased for $25 each via the Flexischools website. Happy drawing!

Scholastic Bookclub 2015

Issue 3 brochures will be given to students to take home this week. Orders for issue 3 are due by Friday 8th May.

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 seperate 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

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

This Sunday, 3 May, the band is holding their annual band intensive workshop on the theme of Cinco de Mayo (it means 5 May in Spanish and is the National Day of Mexico). To celebrate all things Mexican you can come dressed up and there will be prizes for best Mexican costume and for most improved musician. There will be Mexican games and Mexican food. Please arrive at 12:15pm. Your parents will have to come and sign you in and they can return at 4.30pm for a concert showing how much we’ve improved and followed by nachos and pizza (not quite
Mexican) dinner at 5pm. Every person is essential so please, please come. This is only once a year and to improve both independently so whatever you might have on Sunday it will have to give for this. I look forward to seeing each and every one of the training band and performing band members. Hasta Domingo! (See you on Sunday!)

Sincerely, Rory Keall Band Captain. (You can check the details on the colourful posters around school and in the newsletter)

Permission forms must be returned by Friday at the latest (to the office).
MERIT AWARDS

K/1 Week 2

2-6 Week 2

K/1 Bronze awards
DIARY DATES

2015 TERM 2

WEEK 2
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

WEEK 5
Tuesday 19 May
• Scienza Viva workshop 4RR, 6RC and 3OB
• 9 – 10am Kindergarten Parent Literacy Information Session
• Year 1 excursion Pittwater Coastal Education Centre
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
Sunday 24 May
• Band – Ryde East Festival

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
• K/1 Disco 12-2pm
Friday 19 June

• Winter PSSA Term 2 finishes

WEEK 10
Friday 26 June
• Last day of Term 2

HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION
• Nil

EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK
• Kindergarten Term 2 Overview
• Years 1 and 2 Term 2 Overview
• Drinks by the Harbour Mufti Day information
• Intention to apply: Year 5 Opportunity Class

Learn Music on the keyboard at Greenwich Public School

Great songs! Musical activities!

Cool music knowledge!

Enrol now for Term 2

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

Call 9411 3122 to enrol

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