NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who are approaching NAPLAN Assessments in a mature and calm manner this week.

Students have now completed the Language Conventions, Writing and Reading components of the tests. They will complete the Numeration aspect of NAPLAN tomorrow. A reminder there will be a supervised make up session on Friday morning for those students who have been absent and missed one of the scheduled NAPLAN tests.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. It is one means of reporting students’ achievements in basic skills compared to those of the state based on how the student completed that test on the day. Nonetheless, it provides valuable information for both parents and schools. Schools use the data collected from NAPLAN to gauge the effectiveness of programs and plan future directions in both teacher professional development and student learning.

NAPLAN is only one of many tools used to assess each student’s progress at school. General class work, grade based assessment tasks and teacher observations are important and equally considered when reporting on your child’s achievements at school.

Exploring Maths Concepts through Art in 4RR

A reminder that both these documents are now on our school website under ‘Our School’ and were emailed out last week.

The 2014 Annual School Report celebrates Greenwich Public School’s achievements and its progress in meeting targets previously set to improve practices and student learning.

The School Plan 2015 – 2017 identifies future directions, a shared vision and priorities for the school. This plan has been formulated in consultation with all key stakeholders - the students, the staff and the community.

At its core is the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (2008). There are two educational goals at the centre of this declaration:

Goal 1 - Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

Goal 2 - All young Australians become:

- successful learners
- confident and creative individuals
- active and informed citizens

Achieving these educational goals is the collective responsibility of governments, school sectors and individual schools as well as parents and carers, young Australians, families, other education and training providers, business and the broader community. (p7)

Greenwich Public School will meet these goals through our three strategic directions:

1. Connecting quality learning for all students in a challenging, engaging and inclusive environment
2. Excellence in teaching, leadership and management through collaborative practices
3. Developing authentic, sustainable local and global partnerships

I encourage you to read both documents, if you have not already done so.

No Parking on School Premises

Parking at both Kingslangley and Greenwich Road campuses is strictly for staff and deliveries only. Cars are not to enter or park on the school premises at any time. This includes the oval area situated at Kingslangley Road campus, backing onto River Road. Parents who have students attending training on the school oval or pick up students from GOOSH must park their cars in nearby streets. We appreciate your support in this regard.
School Fees

Sincere appreciation is extended to families who have paid the following fees and family contributions:

- Annual School Fees 2015
- P&C Contribution 2015
- Term 1 fees 2015

These fees and contributions help provide extra student programs and opportunities, resources for student learning, enhanced technology and improved grounds for students’ learning at Greenwich Public School.

Reminder letters will be issued this week for those families who may have overlooked the payment of fees or contributions. If you are experiencing difficulty meeting your financial commitments to the school, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

Lollipop Lady Returns at Greenwich Road

We would like to welcome Lai back to her duties as Lollipop Lady after absence at Greenwich Road Crossing. We appreciate the valuable service she provides in supporting Road Safety with our students and community.

SRC Raising Money for Nepal Earthquake Appeal

On Thursday 4 June the Years 2-6 SRC will be having a morning tea to raise money for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. This is promoted through ‘SchoolAid’ which is the national hub of kids helping kids. SchoolAid’s purpose is ‘to instil in children the values of care, kindness and compassionate action so that our future generations are resilient, outward looking, optimistic and community-minded global citizens.’

The following classes are asked to provide food to sell at the Nepal Earthquake Appeal fundraising morning tea:

- 2MS
- 2/3NP
- 3OB
- 4RR
- 5LV
- 6RC

Students can consider bringing along healthy options such as sushi, fruit skewers or fruit jellies. Cakes and slices will need to list ingredients to support students with allergies.

Drinks by the Harbour

This not to be missed school community event is fast approaching. Have you purchased your tickets yet?

Anna Parrella
Relieving Principal
Application for Year 5 Entry into Opportunity Class in 2016 Closing this Friday 15 May

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/opplacement.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

Scienza Viva

This is a reminder for students in 6RC, 5CR, 5LV and 4/5/6/AH

For Week 5, (next week) students may bring smart phones to school if they have one.

Effie and Chris Howe from Scienza Viva will be visiting GPS to conduct science workshops with all students in Years 2-6. It’s very much ‘Learning by Doing’, with real scientists combining genuine learning with first-hand experience of the scientific method.

Senior students and Year 4 from 4/5/6/AH will need to bring their smart phones to their science lesson if they have one. Phones will be collected at the beginning of the day by class teachers and returned at the end of the day. They will not be used without teacher supervision. This request has been approved by the principal. Students work their way around a series of stations which use microscopy and other methods of magnification to examine micro-organisms and place them in the context of other living things. Finally, the students assemble a simplified model of the van Leeuwenhoek microscope, which they keep. Students are able to take photos using their phones of objects they magnify.

There is a clash with the rescheduling of the Cross Country but we have juggled the timetable so that all students can attend one of the workshops run next week.

Scienza Viva received Frater Awards from the Performances for Schools program of the Department of Education and Training, for consistent performance excellence so it should be a valuable learning experience.

Liz Imlay Science Coordinator Years 2-6

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

RECORDER

Year 2

We have our first public performance this term at the Performing Arts Concert at school on 22 June so that will be exciting to work for.
Opera House Ensemble Years 3-6

The first whole United Schools Ensemble rehearsal is on Wednesday 24 June which is only 6 weeks away. This means that the Year 3 group only has 5 more lessons and the Years 4-6 recorder group has only 6 more lessons.

Most of the practising needs to be done at home. To have a paying audience watching and listening to students in one of the most famous buildings in the world and to be representing New South Wales in their most important instrumental concerts of the year is an honour and a responsibility. It requires an effort from every single student. Students need to take responsibility and attend all lessons and practise, practise, practise. Students will no doubt be very proud to be contributing to such an auspicious event.

Bev De Luis

P&C NEWS

DRINKS BY THE HARBOUR

Tickets are almost sold out, the earlybird price has now closed but tickets may be purchased for $65 each via Flexischools website.

For anyone considering hiring a costume, Fancy That Costumes (Pacific Highway, Crows Nest - http://www.fancythatcostumes.com.au/costume-hire/around-the-world-international.aspx) are offering a deal for “Drinks By The Harbour”, where 15% of the costume hire cost is donated to the school if you tell them that you’re attending our function. Make sure you quote "Greenwich Public School" when ordering. They even have an "Around the World" costume category!

Would your child like to try out being school principal for a day? At “Drinks By The Harbour” this year there will only be one exciting live auction - the opportunity for your child to be PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY! Principal Megan Lockery has once again agreed to give up her role of school principal to a GPS student for one day, one of our most popular annual auction items. Your child could spend a day walking in Mrs Lockery’s shoes, making her announcements, assisting with her decisions, ringing the bell, morning tea in the staffroom and so on... This is open to students from either campus, and is a priceless experience for your child.


PICTURE PLATES

Thank you to everyone who returned their picture plates and made their orders by the deadline on Monday. We sold over 300 plates, a fantastic result and very popular fundraiser! The templates have approximately a 9 week turnaround time so should be returned to the school for distribution in term 3. Thank you to everyone who has helped out with the classroom and behind-the-scenes logistics.
MERIT AWARDS

K/1 Week 4 Merit Awards

2-6 Week 4 Merit Awards

K/1 Bronze Awards

2-6 Bronze Awards

K/1 Silver Awards

2-6 Silver Awards
DIARY DATES

2015 TERM 2

WEEK 4
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
• Year 1 excursion Pittwater Coastal Education Centre
• North Shore Zone Cross Country at Artarmon Reserve
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
Tuesday 26 May
• Student Leadership Camp (new date)
Thursday 28 May
• Year 2 excursion Pittwater Coastal Education Centre
• Voices for Reconciliation K/1 SRC to Lane Cove Plaza for morning performance 10.00am-1.00pm.

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
• Nil