Kindergarten Literacy Workshop for Parents

Forty parents of students in Kindergarten attended a literacy workshop, run by Ms Johnson and Ms Smith, in the Kindergarten classrooms on Tuesday. Parents learnt about how guided reading works in the classroom. They were also taken through some of the theory underpinning classroom practices. Parents were shown strategies to support their child in reading at home. Parents were also shown how best to support their child in developing a good pencil grip and were shown how to best support their child in presenting news items.

Some of the key messages to come out of the workshop were:

- Home reading books are supposed to be easy! Let the teachers do the hard work. Home readers are for building confidence and fluency.
- Learning sight words is very important. Students with a large bank of sight words become fluent readers at a faster rate.
- Ask students questions about the books they read at home. Comprehension is very important.
- Develop a consistent home reading/sight words routine. Students learn more effectively in consistent environment.
- News is not about reading – it’s about speaking. 3 key points, discussed with mum and dad and a little bit of practise of the presentation is more than sufficient for Kindergarten News. Students don’t need palm cards with large amounts of content.
- Developing a good pencil grip and forming letters correctly is very important so that students can access cursive writing in Stage 2.
- Students learn in different ways. We try to cater for all learning styles. Think about how your child learns best.

Thank you to Ms Smith and Ms Johnson for running this informative event.
Zone Cross Country

On Tuesday 19 May 2015 students from Greenwich Public school participated in the North Shore Zone Cross country carnival. All students competed exceptionally well and are to be commended for their behaviour at the carnival. Well done to all students who placed in the top 6 on the day: Kurtis P - 6th, Samantha H - 1st, Ryan A - 3rd and Bo B - 6th. These students will now represent the North Shore Zone at the Sydney North Cross country carnival on Thursday 13 June 2013 at Gosford Race Course. We wish you all the best of luck. Thank you to Mrs Ranieri and Ms Myers for all their hard work in organising the Zone Team.

Sydney North Girls Soccer

Congratulations to Bo B on her selection in the Sydney North Regional Girls Soccer team. Bo will travel with the team to Camden NSW to participate in the State PSSA carnival for 4 days from June 2 – 4 2015. We wish Bo the best of luck.

North Shore Zone PSSA Netball

On Thursday 7 May three students from Greenwich Public School were selected to attend the North Shore Zone Netball trials. Mia C, Jasmine C and Kara S all played exceptionally well during the trials. Congratulations to Kara S who was selected to go on and trial for the Sydney North Netball Team.

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.

Year 1 Excursion to Narrabeen Environmental Education Centre

This week students from Year 1 went on an excursion to Environmental Education Centre at Narrabeen lagoon. This excursion supported their HSIE unit ‘Coastal Environments’. Students observed water birds, learnt about storm water run-off, combed the beach for sea treasures and looked in rock pools for marine animals. Students had a wonderful time and learnt a great deal about how to keep coastal areas clean and healthy so that future
generations can enjoy the environment we have today. Year 2 will attend the Coastal Environment Centre next week.

**Term 2 Fees**

Attached to this Newsletter are the Term 2 Fees for each grade. These cover the activities students have or will be undertaking this term.

**Drinks by the Harbour**

It is not too late to ensure you enjoy the fun that is all part of the Drinks by the Harbour event. Have you purchased your tickets yet?

**Parent and Citizens Meeting**

The next Parents and Citizens meeting will be held on Wednesday 3 May from 7.30pm in the library. Please come along. New P and C members are always welcome.

**Young Achiever Award**

Tristin P in 4AR has been presented with a Young Achiever Award by Lane Cove Council. Tristin was awarded the honour for his work raising money for sick children. Tristin was moved by the situation a schoolmate found himself in when he was diagnosed with cancer and was determined to raise money to help. Tristin ran the City to Surf last year and this year participated in the World’s greatest Shave. Tristin has managed to raise over $5000 for the Sydney Children’s Hospital. This is an amazing effort. We are all very proud of you Tristin.

**No Parking on School Premises**

A reminder that parking at both Kingslangley and Greenwich Road campuses is strictly for staff and deliveries only. There have been incidents with parents parking their cars in staff car parks and toddlers dashing away towards teachers reversing their cars. 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. Let’s keep all children safe around cars, particularly on school premises.

**Specialty Photos**

Photographs for School Leaders, House Captains, Year 6 Muck-up, Kindergarten Whole Grade and Year 1 Whole Grade are now available to view at the School Offices. These photographs should be ordered online. Photograph ordering codes and ordering details are also available at the office.

**Professional Development at GPS**

This Friday 22 May GPS will host a workshop for teachers from across the area called Supporting Students Reading and Writing in the K-2 Classroom. It will focus on differentiating the curriculum for all students, with a particular focus on helping students who have made limited progress in reading and writing. We are very lucky to have the Best Start Literacy consultant Natalie McKeown run this event. The Greenwich Rd campus will look very different on Friday as all K-1 teachers will be attending this event. Each class teacher will leave work for the casual taking their class.

**Luke Richmond**

Relieving Principal
Scienza Viva

This week all students from Years 2-6 will participate in a 'hands on' Science workshop with our scientists in residence, Chris and Effie Howe. Our children are privileged to be able to use equipment not normally available in a primary school classroom such as high powered microscopes. Please enjoy the photos.

Liz Imlay
2-6 Science

Performing Arts Concert

The first Performing Arts Concert for the year will be held in Week 10 on Monday 22 June from 6.30pm in the Kingslangley Rd hall. This is an exciting opportunity for students and ensemble teachers to showcase their hard work over the past two terms. Further information for performers will be provided in the coming weeks.

Ms Amelia Rutherford
Performing Arts Coordinator

Student Representative Council

Walk Safely to School Day

A reminder that this Friday is Walk To School Day. Please make an effort to walk to school if you can. Stickers will be handed out at both entrances to the school from 8:20am for those who have walked at least part of the way to school. We encourage parents to walk to school with younger students.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to practise healthy active lifestyle choices and for parents and the school to revise Road and Pedestrian Safety with our students.

Students at the Greenwich Rd Campus can participate in a walking bus. Mr Fitzgerald will meet students at The Great Wall of Greenwich on the corner of River Rd and Greenwich Rd at 8.30am. The bus will depart at 8.35am. Students will walk to school accompanied by teachers and parent helpers. Students may join the walking bus anywhere between River Rd and the Greenwich Rd campus as the bus makes its way down the hill.

For more information on Walk Safely to School Day please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Discarded Phones

Please make sure any discarded phones are handed in by the end of this month, as they will be collected then.
PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Recorders

Opera House Ensemble

This week the concert ticket booking information will come home with your child. These tickets always sell out quickly. The date to purchase tickets for our concert is Wednesday 24 June at 9am. If you are going to be away that day please organise someone else to do it for you. There is a limit of 4 tickets per booking.

Once again here are the dates:

| Rehearsal 1 | 24 June 9.15am – 1pm |
| Ticket Office open: | 24 June 9am |
| Rehearsal 2: | Wednesday 5 August 1-3pm |
| Concert: | Wednesday 5 August 7-9.30pm |

*Happy Practising Musicians!*

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P&C NEWS

Next P&C meeting 3 June 2015, 7:30pm in the library at the Kinglangley campus.

Our major GPS fundraising and social event is fast approaching (and almost sold out!) on 30 May. Now is the time to remind you to book in the babysitter and make sure to bring plenty of cash to purchase mystery prize bags on entry (valued at $20, $50 or $100 each), as well as gold coins for the fabulous photo booth on the night. Credit cards may also be used for auction item purchases.

Did you know that Greenwich Public School P&C have a website and a Facebook page?


https://www.facebook.com/greenwichpandc

Whether you’re going to DBTH or not, it’s worthwhile to “like” the P&C Facebook page so that you’ll be easily kept up to date on school P&C discussions. You’ll also see samples of DBTH auction items as they’re added! Then if you can’t attend you could still get a friend to bid on your behalf. If you are going, you’ll know in advance which items to keep your eye on... If you’re not on Facebook, the same items are added to the P&C website – bookmark it!
Scholastic Bookclub 2015

Issue 4 brochures sent home this week and are due back by Tuesday 2 June.

Online Orders
- Use Scholastic online LOOP system for all orders (see info below or on forms).
- Do not send in paper order as well as this is not required for online orders.
- Please make sure you pick the correct school - Greenwich Infants OR Greenwich Primary

Paper Orders
- Complete the order form and please don’t forget child’s name and class on the top of the form.
- Place order with correct money (cash or cheque) in a envelope or sealed bag, and put in the bookclub box in school office.

MERIT AWARDS

2-6 Week 5 Merit Awards

2-6 Bronze Awards
DIARY DATES
2015 TERM 2

WEEK 5
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)
Wednesday 27 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
Tuesday 2 June
- Bookclub Issue 4 orders are due
Wednesday 3 June
- ICAS Science
- P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 4 June
- Morning Tea for Nepal. The following to bring food Years 2-6 2MS, 2/3NP, 3OB, 4RR, 5LV, 6RC

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
- Dance Ensemble performance 7.30pm Glen Street Theatre
Friday 19 June
- Winter PSSA Term 2 finishes
Saturday 20 June
- Dance Ensemble performance 7.30pm Glen Street Theatre

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
- 2015 Term 2 Account Kindergarten
- 2015 Term 2 Account Year 1
- 2015 Term 2 Account 2FS, 2MS, 2SH
- 2015 Term 2 Account 2NP
- 2015 Term 2 Account 3NP, 4AH, Years 3 and 4
- 2015 Term 2 Account 5AH, 6AH and Years 5 and 6
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2015

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safety to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safety to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au