Greenwich SRC Students Shine

Last Thursday, the Kindergarten and Year 1 SRC members proudly represented Greenwich Public School at the Lane Cove Children’s Voices for Reconciliation. The event, which is run in National Reconciliation week by Lane Cove council each year, celebrates the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. This year, Miss Smith and the K-1 SRC students entertained the audience with the Dreamtime story - ‘The Echidna and the Shade Tree’. The students’ respectful and mature behaviour was noticed and commented upon by many members of the public. Well done to Miss Smith and the students and thank you to all of the parents who helped to transport them to the event.

Early in the week, the SRC students from Years 2-6 attended the playground concept design workshop run by Michael and Melba. They keenly participated in talks about the design of the new 2-6 playground. The students identified areas, activities and equipment that would be good for ‘passive’ play and ‘active’ play and had the opportunity to share ideas from their class wish lists. Popular ideas included a maze, monkey bars, cubby house, exercise equipment, slides and ropes. It was a great brainstorming session and it was excellent to see the students so enthused about this school project.
Student Leadership Camp

Last week, Jasmine C, Archie D, Joseph R and Lilian J attended a Student Leadership Camp. The students had the opportunity to participate in various activities, such as rock climbing, archery and laser tag with other student leaders from the local area. They were involved in trust exercises and team building challenges. They worked in teams to complete tasks and reflected on the importance of effective communication and taking initiative. Overall the students commented that they had a great experience and enjoyed learning about how to improve their problem solving skills and develop their resilience. Well done leaders!

Drinks by the Harbour

A fabulous and fun night was had by all at the Greenwich P&C fundraising evening on Saturday night. The food was delicious and the atmosphere was electric. Greenwich PS parents let their hair down, climbed into interesting ‘Around the World’ costumes, danced the night away and bid on priceless auction items. Many thanks go to the DBTH committee led by Penny Williams, for a magical evening.

Remember...what happens at Drinks by the Harbour – stays at Drinks by the Harbour!

Cold and Flu Time

Please help to minimise sickness at school by keeping your child at home when they are unwell. A few days to recover at home from illness is better than spreading germs to classmates and teachers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parent Volunteers

I would like to take the opportunity to give a heartfelt thanks to the many mums and dads who take time out of their day to support our students. We regularly see parents and carers assisting Literacy Groups, Maths Groups, excursions, special events and school programs. Your time and effort is highly valued and appreciated. Thank you!!!

Kristy Johnson
Relieving Principal

Paul Kelly Cup

Our senior girls covered themselves in glory at the Regional AFL Finals last Thursday. The team of 16 Year 6 players competed at Centennial Park under the auspices of the Sydney Swans. We played and defeated Coogee, Coogee South, Elanora Heights and then La Perouse Public in a tough semi-final. Ultimately we were narrowly defeated by Cherrybrook Public in the Grand Final. Battered and bruised, the girls represented their school superbly.

Many thanks to the parents who acted as supporters and drivers on the day.

Richard Clark
Assistant Principal
ICAS Writing

Notice for participants:

ICAS Writing for Years 3-6, will take place in class time on Monday 15th June. You do not need to arrive at school early for the ICAS Writing test.

Liz Imlay
Organising Teacher

Year 2 Wild About Water

Last Thursday, Year 2 went on an excursion to the Coastal Environment Centre in Narrabeen. This excursion supported our unit of work on Coastal Environments and the students had a great day exploring the different areas of the beach and lagoon. We took advantage of the low tide at the beginning of the day to explore the micro world of the rock pools and discovered some amazing creatures and facts. We even found a Blue Ringed Octopus! Did you know it is one of the most dangerous marine creatures? Next was a treasure hunt on the beach to discover fossils and evidence of animals that live in the ocean.

After lunch, the students were involved in some bird watching and had the opportunity to experience what it would be like hunting for food with different types of beaks. A final look at the damaging ways humans interfere with coastlines resulted in some thought provoking discussions on pollution and a cohort of students determined to make positive changes to the treatment of waterways in the future. It was a very enjoyable and informative day and the students represented Greenwich wonderfully!

Siobhan Harburg and Nicole Poynter
Year 2 Teachers
Playground Concept Design Kids Workshop

Last Monday 1 June, our SRC children took part in a workshop to design our new playground. After remote sensing to map our school, they conducted a site analysis to work out what the usable areas were and what might go where. They discussed opportunities and constraints and interestingly, they said some of the constraints could be overcome with implementing rules for play. They talked about what was unique about our school which would make it the best place to play in.

The children then looked at pictures of other playgrounds and nominated their 3 favourite ones with stickers. These picture boards are on display in the foyer of the primary campus admin building if you’d like to take a look.

Over the next couple of weeks, the concept design will be developed and discussed with the Principal. Following that, the concept design will be presented at a special P&C meeting later this month. All interested parents/carers are encouraged to attend to have further input. To keep up to date on the playground’s progress, visit the P&C website [http://www.greenwichpandc.org.au/projects/primary-campus-playground-upgrade.html](http://www.greenwichpandc.org.au/projects/primary-campus-playground-upgrade.html)

Lastly, thanks also to Ms Walker and Miss Johnson for assisting with the workshop and Ms Parrella’s assistance with organising it.

Anne-Marie Sirca

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.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Recorders

Information for Recorder Groups

All students involved in the recorder groups will be performing in the Performing Arts Concert at GPS on Monday 22 June.

The students involved in the Opera House Ensemble will have their first rehearsal on Wednesday 24 June and a final rehearsal on Wednesday 5 August (the same night as the concert). A note regarding these matters will be coming home soon.

Tomorrow (Thursday 4 June) at 1:15pm, I will need the Year 3 students who missed today’s rehearsal to have an extra practice. More practice sessions may be required for this event.

Thank you.

Bev De Luis
Recorder Teacher
P&C NEWS

Drinks by the Harbour

What a night! Thank you to everyone who supported DBTH and made it such a success. Special thanks to Jo Cooke and Pip Meachin and the entire DBTH team. Many thanks also to Penny Williams and Kylie Dark who do such a great job with all P&C fundraising events.

Don’t forget the P&C meeting is on tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30pm in the Kingslangley Road campus library. Everyone is welcome.

Finally, we are still on the hunt for a couple of volunteers to take over managing the uniform shop. By having parents running it we can keep the cost of uniforms low for everyone with any margins contributing to P&C initiatives such as extra teaching and equipment. If anyone is keen and would like more information please drop us a line.

Thanks

Adam and Dave

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

We are still looking for a new team to run the uniform shop. Fiona and Julie would like to step away by the end of 2015 and would love to talk to anyone who is interested in hearing what is involved in our roles as shop manager and treasurer.

It is a very rewarding way to support the community by keeping prices down, meet parents and kids from all over the school and help fund the work of the P and C. Volunteers in these roles keep the profits in our school. Please consider these roles, we have a number of ideas on how roles can be restructured and would love to talk to anyone who is interested. Ideally parents with current or next year Kindy kids should consider getting involved, but all welcome.

Our new Uniform transition period is coming to an end. All students should be in the new uniform by the start of 2016. Secondhand donations are always welcome at the shop, please keep donations to ongoing garments as our charity drive has come to an end.

Note: shop open hours remain Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30pm.

Fiona Ell
the_ells@yahoo.com.au
MERIT AWARDS

K/1 Week 7 Merit Awards

2-6 Week 7 Merit awards

K/1 Bronze Awards

2-6 Bronze Awards

2-6 Bronze Awards
K/1 Silver Awards

2-6 Silver Awards

2-6 Silver Awards

DIARY DATES
2015 TERM 2

WEEK 7
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
Friday 12 June
- Kindergarten excursion Aquarium
Sunday 14 June
- String Intensive 2.30-4.30pm

WEEK 9
Monday 15 June
- ICAS writing
Tuesday 16 June
- K-6 Recognition Assembly 9.30-10.15am
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
Nil

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