It is hard to believe that students have only been at school for 10 days. It has been a busy time establishing routines and getting exciting learning programs on the way.

Gymnastics is up and running at both campuses. It is great to see how students are enjoying the variety of equipment used to foster skills in balance, strength and coordination. Please ensure that your child returns the gymnastics permission note, if not already done so, to their class teacher in order for him or her to continue to participate in the program.

I trust you will enjoy these photos of senior students training to be Peer Support Leaders. Our Peer Support sessions will begin on 4 March 2016. Details will follow in next week’s Newsletter.

Parent Information Evenings – Meet the Teacher Evenings 6:30 – 7:30pm

Each year teachers enjoy the opportunity to meet the parents/carer of students in their class and explain the routines and learning programs for the year. Parent Information Evenings will be held on different days for different sections of the school to allow parents the possibility of getting to each child’s teacher.

These sessions will be held:

**Kindergarten and Year 1** – Tuesday 16 February at 6:30 pm commencing in the K-1 Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) then moving to classrooms

**Years 2, 3 and 4** – Thursday 18 February at 6:30pm in the hall and then in classrooms

**Years 5 and 6** – Monday 22 February commencing at 6:30pm in the hall and then in classrooms

Please note, teachers will not be able to speak to parents about their child specifically at these sessions. If you require a dedicated time with the class teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment.
Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews K-6

This term Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place in the week beginning 7 March. Parents will be able to make a time to speak to their child’s teacher on how their child has settled into the class routines. More information will be distributed to parents closer to the time.

Morning Routines

To expand upon information distributed last week, it is important students arrive at school between 8:45am and 9:10am. No supervision is available for students who arrive prior to 8:45am. A warning bell goes at 9:10am so that students can line up at their class designated area and be ready for class at 9:15am. It is best for students if parents farewell their child prior to the warning bell. Students may feel embarrassed when they arrive late into class and will miss the important instructional time when routines are discussed for the day. It is imperative that classrooms located near the school offices are not disturbed by parents and visitors making inquiries at the office school. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

School Photographs – Monday 22 February

Our school photographs have been booked for Monday 22 February. Students will need to wear their full summer uniform on this day. Girls may wear summer tunics or the royal blue shorts and plain blue polo. Boys will wear the royal blue shorts and plain blue polo. All students will wear navy socks and black shoes.

265 Morning Bus

Both Sydney Buses and Transport for NSW have been notified of the problems regarding the 8:30am 265 bus being too full and students being left behind at bus stops as they endeavour to make their way to school.

Upon investigation it appears that only 25 students have Opal Cards to travel to and from Greenwich Public School. We have been advised that all students who use a bus at any time to travel to school or between GOOSH and Kingslangley Road campus should apply for a bus pass or Opal Card if they qualify. This will provide the necessary data to help facilitate the introduction of a school bus for this run.

All students in Kindergarten through to Year 2 are entitled to a free opal card/bus pass irrespective of how far they travel to and from school. Students from Year 3 onwards must either be located more than 1.67km in a straight line to the school or more than 2.3km walking distance to the school. In order to apply for a free bus pass/opal card please do so at the following link:

http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500.

Brochures are also available at the school offices.

The school has made a request to Transport for NSW for the introduction of a designated School Special Bus. We are awaiting their response.

Thank you to the parents who have also contacted Sydney Buses and Transport for NSW with their concerns and feedback.

Kindergarten 2016

As from next Monday 15 February all Kindergarten students will continue lessons in their classrooms until 3:10pm. They will finish their school day at the same time as the rest of the school.
School Support Staff – Administration Staff and School Learning Support Officers

Our teaching staff and parent community are very ably supported by our administration staff and School Learning Support Officers who look after the phones, sick bay, notes, fees, office matters and grounds or assist students in the school. This year we have:

Mrs Joy Abela – School Administration Manager – Kingslangley Road campus (M and T)

Mrs Christine Fraser - School Administration Manager – Kingslangley Road campus, (W, Th, F) and School Administration Officer (M and T)

Mrs Jann Muir – School Administration Officer (M, T, W, Th, F)

Mrs Liz Growden - School Administration Officer (W, Th, F)

Mr Gerry Fitzpatrick – General Assistant (M and T)

Ms Cass Gray-Spencer – General Assistant and P&C Garden Assistant (T and Th)

Mrs Stephanie Lainey – Library Assistant (Th)

Mrs Amanda MacDonald, Mrs Sarah McMahon, Mrs Sue de Kock, Mrs Lynne O’Halloran, Mr Thomas Skelly – School Learning Support Officers

Swimming Carnival – Thursday 24 February

Notes regarding the Swimming Carnival have been distributed to students this week. All students in Year 3-6 will go to the carnival which will be held at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. Competent 8 year old swimmers in Year 2 who can swim 50 metres confidently and unaided may also participate in the carnival. Please read these notes carefully for more information.

Gymnastics and Sport

Students will need to wear their sport uniform on the following days:

- Kindergarten Mondays
- Year 1 Mondays Thursday
- 2SH, 2FS and 2Ms Thursdays
- 2/3NP, 3TO and 3NH Wednesdays and Fridays
- 3/4AR, 4AP, 4RR and 4RR Mondays and Wednesdays
- Years 5 and 6 Wednesdays and Fridays

Volunteer Ethics Teachers Wanted

Primary Ethics is seeking volunteers to be trained as Ethics Teachers for the K-1 campus. Ethics Teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, which consists of a two day workshop and short online modules. Working with Children Check procedures are undertaken. The process takes 3-4 weeks. Curriculum and access to teaching resources is provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children’s education and developing their critical thinking skills and must be available each Tuesday 9.30am-10am.
In Ethics classes, children learn how to think logically, disagree respectfully and support their arguments with evidence, rather than act according to blind habit or peer pressure.

Children discuss topics such as:

- Imagining how others feel
- How we should treat living things
- What is laziness?
- How do we disagree in a respectful way?
- Fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school as an Ethics teacher, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au and/or contact Sharlene Henderson (Ethics Coordinator) via 0479 183 092 or ethics.greenwich@gmail.com for further details.

**House Captain and Vice-Captain Positions 2016**

House meetings will be held on Friday for students to elect their new house captain and vice captains for 2016. These positions are offered to Year 6 students. They may nominate themselves for a position. Each student will deliver a short speech to their house detailing why they would make an excellent house/vice-captain. In the case where there are not enough Year 6 students, these positions will be open to the Year 5 students. Interested Year 5 students should prepare a speech in case positions become available.

**Lost Property**

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name. It is advisable to periodically check the ink in the labelling has not worn off or become illegible. Both campuses have a lost property location where students can look for lost items.

**P&C Class List Information**

A P&C Class List information form has been sent home with students today. Parents have been asked whether they would like their details included on the P&C class list to be distributed to all families within their child’s class. This information would be used for parents to contact other parents to organise play dates and for the P&C to distribute information via class parents. Inclusion on this list is voluntary.

**Anna Pavella**
Relieving Principal
Scholastic Book Clubs

Welcome to another year of Scholastic book clubs. We offer two book clubs per term and all clubs are now included in the one catalogue. There is a great selection of stories, Make and do, craft and science books for all ages- many of these make terrific birthday presents for all those parties children attend each year. Why not start a collection now?

Please return the orders by due date (or a $10 postage fee to your home may apply) either by ordering and paying by credit card online or returning your order with a cheque (payable to Scholastic Australia) or cash to either school office. All orders come to the school for distribution to your child's class. You may request that your orders be picked up from the office if they are to be a surprise.

Please take a few moments to look through the brochure and you will see a great variety of products, all cheaper than the usual retail price. Some books are even under $5! Participation in the book club helps to encourage children's reading. The school also receives reward points from your purchases with which we can choose teaching and classroom resources and books for our libraries.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Holmes - K/1 orders
Anne Haron - 2-6 orders

K/1 Assembly

K/1 sitting beautifully in assembly

1AK Presenting their artwork

KINDERGARTEN FAMILY PICNIC

THIS FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2016, 4.30 - 6.30pm

BERRY ISLAND RESERVE (end of Shirley Road, Wollstonecraft)

All Kindergarten families are invited to join the Greenwich Public School P&C for a Kindergarten family picnic afternoon this Friday 12 February, after school 4.30 - 6.30pm. It is a chance to meet other parents and children from all Kindy classes in a social friendly setting. BYO picnic rug, food and drinks. All parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend. Berry Island Reserve has a fenced playground, toilets, water facilities and sprawling grass for picnic rugs. We look forward to seeing you all there! Any questions, email events@greenwichpandc.org.au.
Happy Chinese New Year!

This year, Chinese New Year - The Year of the Monkey - begins on February 8. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were excited to celebrate this Chinese grandest festival in Mandarin lessons. Students have been learning how to greet in Mandarin during this festival and making crafts such as red envelopes, fish and New Year scrolls. To acknowledge the tradition of handing red envelopes to children during Chinese New Year, Greenwich wings which are handed out in Mandarin lessons during Chinese New Year will be put inside a red envelope. Happy Chinese New Year celebrations (xīn nián kuài le)!

Chinese New Year Events in Sydney:


Miss Guo
Mandarin Teacher

From the Office

Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2016

Stewart House received $18,399 from collections in 2015 which constitutes an important part of their annual income, so your commitment is very much appreciated. Bags have been sent home with students this week. If you have any clothing to donate please return the bag by Tuesday 1 March.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Recorder Ensembles

All recorder classes are in progress this week.

- Year 2   Tuesday and Friday 8.30 – 9.00am
- Years 4-6 Sunday 8.00 – 9.00am
- Year 3   Thursday 8.00 – 9.00am

It would be appreciated if you could be on time to ensure lessons begin promptly. Year 2 start their lessons at 8.30am.

*Year 4-6

Next Wednesday 17 February there is no lesson as I will be at an all-day meeting of recorder teachers at the Conservatorium.

Bev De Luis
Recorder Coordinator
Uniform Shop

Summer Uniform

Greenwich Public School Uniforms

**GIRLS Summer Uniform**
- Pinstripe dress
- Navy socks
- Black shoes (of your choice)

**GIRLS Summer Sport Uniform**
- Blue & gold polo shirt with crest
- Skort
- White socks
- Sneakers (of your choice)

**BOYS Summer Uniform**
- Blue Polo with school crest
- Blue gabardine shorts
- Navy socks
- Black shoes (of your choice)

**BOYS Summer Sport Uniform**
- Blue & gold polo shirt with crest
- Microfiber embroidered shorts
- White socks
- Sneakers (of your choice)

The Greenwich Uniform Shop

The Greenwich Uniform shop stocks all uniform pieces (except shoes) and has a good selection of second-hand items. If you are unable to visit the shop please order online at flexischools or contact us to organise a suitable time.

**LOCATION:**
Greenwich K-1 Campus  
72 Greenwich Road,  
Greenwich,  
NSW 2066

**OPEN:**
Wednesdays  
2:45pm-3:45pm

**ONLINE:**
Order online using flexischools and have items delivered to The School Office or Uniform Shop for pick up - or delivered to your child’s classroom or GOOSH.  

**CONTACT:**
Please contact us directly - not flexischools or the school office. Thank you!  
uniforms@greenwichpandc.org.au

P&C NEWS

**Class Parents**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be Class Parents this year. We are still looking to fill the role for the following classes:

1AK  1KB  2SH  3NH  4RR

Please email Hannah@communications@greenwichpandc.org.au if you are keen!


**P&C Meeting**

The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm, in the library at the Kingslangley Road campus. Everyone is welcome.

Thanks
Adam & Dave

**Calling all 1st class Drinks By The Harbour volunteers!!**

We would appreciate your help; big or small. Please join us for the initial DBTH meeting on Thursday 11 February at 9:30am at GOOSH.

Any queries please contact Edwina and Tara on - dbth2016@greenwichpandc.org.au

**School Banking**

**School Banking - start date delayed to Week 4, 18 of February.**

Due to some changes in deposit processing we have to postpone the commencement of this year’s School Banking until Thursday 18 of February.

There will still be a CBA representative holding an account opening at the K-1 site on this date.

If you would like any further information about School Banking there are information packs available in the offices at both Greenwich Rd and Kingslangley Rd sites.

**Merit Awards**

**Term 1 Week 3 K/1**

**Merit Awards**

Bronze Awards
Silver Awards

DIARY DATES

TERM 1 2016
WEEK 3
Wednesday 10 February
- 2-6 Flip gym begins
Friday 12 February
- Kindergarten Picnic afternoon

WEEK 4
Tuesday 16 February
- K/1 Parent Information Evening 6.30 – 7.30pm
Wednesday 17 February
- P&C Meeting 7.30pm and AGM
- Issue 1 Bookclub orders due
Thursday 18 February
- School Banking begins
- 2-4 Parent Information Evening 6.30 - 7.30pm

WEEK 5
Monday 22 February
- Class Photo Day
- 5-6 Parent Information Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday 24 February
- School Swimming Carnival

Thursday 25 February
- 4pm School Council

WEEK 6
Monday 29 February
- Young Leadership Day
Tuesday 1 March
- Kindergarten Parent Information session on Literacy 9.00 – 9.50am KSM classroom

WEEK 7
Wednesday 9 March
- Zone Swimming North Sydney Pool
Thursday 10 March
- Selective High School

WEEK 8
Wednesday 16 March
- Sydney North Swimming Carnival Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

WEEK 9
Tuesday 22 March
- Kindergarten Parent Information session on Numeracy 9 – 9.50am in KSM room
Friday 25 March
- Good Friday

WEEK 10
Monday 28 March
- Easter Monday
Thursday 31 March
- 4pm School Council meeting
Friday 1 April
- Recognition Assembly 9.30 – 10.15am

WEEK 11
Wednesday 6 April
- State Swimming Carnival Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

Thursday 7 April
- State Swimming Carnival Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

Friday 8 April
- Last day of Term 1

HARDCOPY NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
- Nil
SURVEYS FOR YOUR ATTENTION
- Nil
EMAIL ATTACHMENTS HOME THIS WEEK
- Nil
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GREENWICH SPORTS CLUB
www.greenwichsportsclub.com.au
Football and Netball with your local club!

Greenwich Sports Club has been creating incredible moments of sporting achievement in your community for more than 75 years. 2016 will be no different.

Not only do we offer incredible value, you will also enjoy the support of a professional club coach and amazing club (and team) spirit.

Sausage sizzle and information night on 31st January 2016 at Bob Campbell Oval.

Registration open 1st February to 21st February 2016.
Register online www.greenwichsportsclub.com.au
Questions? Email registrar@greenwichsportsclub.com.au

FOOTBALL
JUNIOR Mixed, Boy's and Girl's: From Under 6 to Under 18
SENIOR TEAMS: All Age Men & Women • Womens Over 35
• Womens Over 45 • Mens Over 35 • Mens Over 45

NETBALL
NetSetGo: 8 - 9 year olds
Netball: 10 - 12 year olds
Senior: 16 years and over
Kids Karate at Greenwich PS

ENROLLING NOW
New students start on Tue 9th Feb

Tuesday Afternoons
3:30pm & 4:15pm
$15 per class for beginners
boys & girls 5 - 12 years old
beginner to black belt

balance & coordination
concentration & focus
confidence & self esteem

How to enroll?
by phone
in person
on your first day before class

Like your child to try it out for free?
Register for a Free Trial Class
at keymartialarts.com.au

1300 304 532  fb.com/keymartialarts.au