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Term 1 Week 2

4th February 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 11 th Feb	AGM P&C Meeting at 9.15am in the staffroom – all welcome
Fri 14 th Feb	Swimming Carnival - Competitors only (payment by 10 th February)
Tues 18 th Feb	Meet the Teacher Information Evening (note to follow)
Tues 25 th Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
Tues 11 th March	Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 2020 will be sent home with Year 6 students (these MUST be completed and returned by 20 th March)
Tues 17 th March	School Photos (details to follow)
Thurs 9 th April	LAST DAY TERM 1
	TERM 2
Mon 27 th April	School Development Day
Tues 28 th April	Students return to school

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....

Cherie Bradwell Principal

WELCOME BACK

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome back all of our parents, students and teachers to a brand new year at Greenway Park Public School. To all of our returning families it is so lovely to see you back, and to our new families we would like to express a very warm welcome. I look forward to an exciting and productive term working with our wider school community.



KINDERGARTEN



Yesterday 82 kindergarten students began their learning journey at Greenway Park Public School. The children were extremely settled from the first day and have already established positive routines and friendships. As soon as Ms Mainwaring feels that the children are ready, they will join our morning line and the rest of school in the playground. In the meantime, we encourage older siblings and friends to stay away from the kindergarten area and allow the children to continue forming friendships with their peers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder that all students are expected to wear full school uniform to school each day, this includes the wearing of school shoes and a school hat. I would love to see an increase in students wearing full school uniform, however, I can only do this with the full support and backing of our community. Parents are being requested to stand strong and ensure students leave each morning in the correct uniform and not bow to student pressure about expensive runners or wearing colourful attire that does not meet our uniform policy.

STUDENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION

The office has requested that parents inform the front office of any changes to contact details which may have occurred over the holiday period. This includes home and mobile numbers. If there have been any changes with family situations including custody arrangements we request that you notify the school as soon as possible. It is imperative the school is able to contact a carer in an emergency at all times.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that the staff car park is not an area to drop off students in the morning or collect students in the afternoon. Our car park has limited space considering the large number of staff we have here at Greenway Park Public School. We are requesting that parents do not drive into the school in the morning or the afternoon. The safety of our students is our number one priority. Parents driving in and out of the car park pose a significant risk to both students and parents using the pedestrian access.

FORMATION OF CLASSES

Today we were able to form our 2020 permanent classes. Students were very excited as they moved off to meet their new teacher and classmates. As previously mentioned, our teachers have taken maximum time and care when making decisions about student placements. As much information as possible is taken into account to help ensure that students are in the best place for them and their individual needs.

P & C MEETING

We will be holding the first P&C general meeting for 2020 on Tuesday 11th February 2020. The meeting will take place in the staffroom and we encourage all parents to come along. Whether or not you are a parent who is new to the school or a parent who has been here for several years but have never made it to a meeting, we would love to see you on Tuesday. The P&C is a great way to meet other parents and community members and to become authentic partners in the education process.

Provided we have a quorum (not less than 5 members), we will move directly from the general meeting to the AGM (Annual General Meeting). At this meeting all positions will be become vacant and then filled by nomination. Please note that in order to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member of the P&C. You may pay your membership at the office (\$2) prior to or at the general meeting on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 11th February 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS MR SHEARER



On behalf of all the teachers, staff and community I'd like to extend a very warm congratulations to Mr Shearer on the birth of his beautiful baby girl. Paige Louise Shearer was born yesterday at 12.27pm weighing in at 3.5kg and measuring 51cm. Both bub and mum are doing well and are already home. Big sister Sadie is already loving her new role as a big sister. Mr Shearer will be on leave for the next two weeks and Mrs Snowden will be relieving Deputy Principal and Mrs Harvey will be relieving Assistant Principal.

Quote of the fortnight

"And suddenly you know: it's time to start something and trust the magic of beginnings." Meister Eckhart

2020 Staff

Mrs Bradwell **Principal**
Mrs Cutri **Deputy Principal**
Mr Shearer **Deputy Principal**

Classes & Teachers

KB Miss Bitar
KL Mrs Liddell
KM Ms Mainwaring **Assistant Principal**
KP Ms Panetta
1F Miss Fenech
1G Mrs Galea
1H Mrs Higgins
1M Ms Maddocks
1/2L Mrs Palumbo
2D Ms Devi
2H Mrs Harvey
2P Ms Pandarum
2/3T Ms Turner
3J Mrs Yacoub
3R Ms Rivet
3W Ms Whitehead
4A Mrs Ashman
4K Mr Koutzas
4L Mrs Lewis
4W Ms Wallace
5F Ms Finch
5G Ms Gauci **Assistant Principal**
5M Ms McEwan
5W Mrs Watt
6B Mrs Biady
6C Mr Chiandotto
6G Ms Garven
6P Mrs Petrovski
6S Mrs Sullivan

Support Teachers

Mrs Scheepers **LIBRARY** Mrs Jarque **EALD**
Mrs Pryor **LIBRARY** Ms Kabala **Counsellor**
Ms Webbey Ms Berezovsky **Counsellor**
Mrs Harding Ms Nobbs
Mrs Brooker Mrs Valentino
Mr Chandra
Mrs Patane **Assistant Principal**
Mrs Snowden **Assistant Principal**

Grade Supervisors

Kinder Ms Mainwaring
Year 1 Mrs Patane
Year 2 Mrs Harvey
Year 3 Ms Turner
Year 4 Ms Wallace
Year 5 Mrs Gauci
Year 6 Mrs Petrovski

Office & Support Staff

Mrs Conyers **School Admin Manager**
Mrs Stanley **Office Administration**
Ms Tedesco **Office Administration**
Mrs Zimonopoulos **Office Administration**
Mrs Clement **Office Administration**
Mrs Stamenovic **Office Administration**
Ms Berkeley **SLSO**
Mrs Zanella **SLSO**
Mrs Ferro **SLSO**
Mrs White **SLSO**
Mr McDonald **General Assistant**

Deputy Principals Report



Maria Cutri & David Shearer

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Friday the 14th February, students in Years 3 to 6 have the opportunity to attend a Competitors Only Swimming Carnival. If your child is a competent swimmer, then this is the event for them. They MUST be able to swim 50 meters without assistance. Please complete the form sent home last week and return this to school as soon as possible. Please recognise that this event is substantially subsidised by the school. Each year this carnival has less competitors, In order to minimise cost, next year may involve parents transporting their child to and from the pool.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING - Tuesday 18th February

In week 4 we have Meet the Teacher night. On this night you are welcome to come to the school and listen to the many fun and exciting learning programs that your child's teacher will discuss with you. It is a time to introduce yourself to the teacher and develop a better understanding of the expectations of the teaching and learning program that the teacher will share.

If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6, the teachers will discuss the camp arrangements for the grade. In Year 6, high school placement will be discussed and the Human Sexuality program will be outlined.

More information about NAPLAN will be provided to parents of students in Year 3 and 5

So please feel free to attend as many classes as you need. The times for each grade or class are listed below.

Often throughout the year parents will ask questions about topics that were discussed at the meet the teacher night, so please keep this date free so that you can be better informed about your child/rens education.



Tuesday 18th February

5:30pm until 6:15pm	6:30pm until 7:15pm
<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Year 3 (including 2/3T)</i>
<i>Year1</i>	<i>Year 4</i>
<i>Year 2 (not 2/3T)</i>	<i>Year 5</i>
	<i>Year 6</i>

MEDICAL NEEDS

At some stage soon , students with medical needs will receive their health plan. I ask that you make any necessary changes such as class, phone numbers or changes in medication. It is vitally important that these are keep current. If you child has had a recent diagnosis or any allergy or recurring illness or asthma, please inform the school as soon as possible.

If you know that your Epi Pen will soon expire or that your asthma plan is more than 2 years old without being updated, please provide the school with the tools that they need to ensure that your child remain safe whilst in our care.

If you have any concerns re medical issues, please contact Mrs Cutri or the office. We are only too happy to help with your questions, concerns or needs.

EARN AND LEARN

This week we received goods that were obtained from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. All of the equipment purchased will be accessed by the students in 3-6. The K-2 area will have new equipment and the basketball court has new protective mats.



Thank you to the community for your support in allowing to purchase great resources for the students.

ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. **Following an absence from school, you must ensure that within 7 days, you provide school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. After 2 days of no attendance you will receive a phone call from the teacher. If your child is away for more than two days you are required to inform the school.**

Attendance is regularly monitored. If your child's attendance falls below 85% then the school is obliged to make contact and discuss ways of assisting regular attendance. Failure to improve means that the Home School Liaison office intervenes and meetings are held.

We like to work in partnership with families. If getting your children to school is problematic, let us assist you, just let us know. Students need to be at school if they are well.

EVERY DAY COUNTS....
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best year child can achieve is...
2 days each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

SCHOOL TIMES



While teachers are often at school before and after school hours, Students should not be within the school grounds before 8.30am and after 3.00pm (unless participating in an organised event or activity). Often there are many students left at school unsupervised before 8.30 or not picked up until after 3.15pm. **We request that parents make contact with the school to inform us if they are running late. Any child that has not been picked up by 3.15 is taken to the office to contact parents or carers.** If you require information in regard to after school care please contact the school office on 87830859

BOARD GAMES

This year, following student voice, we would like to introduce an area for students to sit and play board games, Lego, cards, (passive games). Through the Earn and Learn campaign I was able to purchase a number of games for students. If however, you have board games that you no longer need and all the pieces are in tack, we would happily accept them for our new initiative. Simply send them to the office with your name. Students of course can bring their own games if they wish. We will inform students when this initiative begins.

TOASTY THURSDAY

It is wonderful to hear students ask when our "Toastie Thursday" will begin. It was such a huge success last year. Thank you to everyone that contributed last year. We had regular donations of margarine, bread, milk and jam from families who just walked up to us and handed us supplies. So thank you to everyone.

The introduction of pikelets was welcomed by all. It was a pleasure to see children eating healthily before school and academic results showed some improvement in focus in the morning.

Once again if our community can support this initiative with our essentials it would be much appreciated.

Toastie Thursday will begin next week.



Around the School.....

Newsletters and Important Dates

Newsletters are published in even weeks (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) of each term and an Important Dates notification is published in odd weeks (Week 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9). These are usually ready for viewing by 3pm on Tuesdays. All important information is included in both these publications so it is vital you read these carefully. A small number of paper copies are kept in the school office each week for any family who may not have access to the internet.

Newsletters and the Important Dates notification are only available via the school APP (parents who are new to the school will have the details of how to access the school APP sent home with their child in the near future), Greenway Park Public School Facebook or the school website (google Greenway Park Public School and click on *Newsletters*).

Change of Details

It is vital you inform the school office of any change of details such as address or contact details.

Year 7 2021

Expression of Interest forms for enrolment into high school next year will be sent home with Year 6 students on Monday 11th March. Your child's local high school is determined by his/her residential address. Parents are advised to inform the office if there has been any changes of address. All forms **MUST** be returned to the school office by Friday 20th March even if you are enrolling your child in a private high school.

More information regarding Year 7 placement in high school for 2021 will be available at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

A Reminder for New Families

Little ones can have small accidents with toileting so please ensure a change of clothes, including underwear, is always on hand in your child's school bag.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS (in the school hall)

The Uniform Shop hours are:

Monday afternoons from 2:15pm until 3:15pm
& Wednesday mornings from 8:15am until 9:00am

PLEASE NOTE: Cash or Eftpos only

P&C SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Do you have good quality second hand uniforms to donate? P&C would like you to drop them in to the school office ASAP as our stocks are currently running low. Please note that we can only accept official school uniform items for resale.

The P&C will be holding a second hand uniform stall on:

Thursday 13th February

from 8.30-9.00am and 2.30-3.00pm

Hats and library bags are \$2 each, all other items are \$5 each

Orders can also be accepted at any time during the term via email. Simply send a list of items and sizes required to gppssecondhand@gmail.com