



GREENETHORPE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 1– Thursday 3rd May, 2018.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I trust you all enjoyed having your children at home during the holidays. Everyone seems really refreshed and keen for another busy term at school. There is a lot on the agenda this term so please keep a careful eye on our weekly calendar. Thankyou to those families who returned interview appointment notes so promptly. I will send you a text indicating your scheduled time/s. I have tried to give everyone their requested time or very close to it.

ANZAC DAY

Many thanks to those families who were able to get children to the Anzac Service last Wednesday. A special thank you to our readers Thomas and Charlie-Rose. I had many comments on the quality of their reading.

FAMILY WEEK

We have been invited to the Cowra Early Childhood Services Mobile Daycare Open Day and BBQ to celebrate family week which is Week 3 of our school Term. I have accepted this invitation and the children will be walking to the hall after recess to join in the celebrations. All families are invited to celebrate with our community's pre-school children.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Don't forget our CSSA Athletics carnival on Friday May 18th. Parents will need to provide transport for this event. If you're unable to go, it may be necessary to make arrangements with another family as all children are expected to attend. Please ensure drivers are licenced and that registration on cars is current. All children need to be at the oval by 8:50am. If you require lunch orders please complete the attached form and return it to school with the correct money by Monday 14th May.

P&C MEETING

Our meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 3:15pm in the library. Please attend if you are able to do so as we will need to discuss the extent of the subsidy for the primary excursion.

BOOK CLUB

Please ensure that book club orders are returned to school by Monday May 14th.

NAPLAN

Once again, our year 3 and 5 students will be completing NAPLAN tests. Please ensure children get plenty of sleep during this week so they can remain focussed during the tests.

PRIMARY EXCURSION

As a result of the survey sent to primary parents last term, our school will be participating in the Victorian Excursion at the end of Term 3. Confirmation of dates and itinerary will be sent home once it has been finalised by the organising school. Once this is done, I will ask for a deposit of \$100 to secure your child's place on the excursion. At this stage there are more students than places. The deposit will not be refundable unless there is a medical certificate indicating illness. In the past, the school has been left with a large account because people changed their mind about attending after we had committed numbers. I don't want this to happen again.

COWRA EISTEDDFOD

I suggest parents attending the eisteddfod be seated in the Cowra Civic Centre by about 9:30am. Our students are scheduled to perform at around 10:00am but may be slightly earlier.

Musica Viva Makukuhan

Indonesian Gamelan

I have accepted an invitation to attend Makukuhan in Canowindra on May 24th. Cost of entry will be \$6.50 per child. Bus travel will be fully subsidised. It is not often we get the opportunity for such a multicultural experience.

Makukuhan is a dynamic mini-Gamelan orchestra, whose performances are a riot of colour and rhythm, including pitch-bending drums, a mesmerising masked dance and unbelievably rapid Javanese clapping. Gamelan features a series of bronze gongs and metallaphones and is integral to Indonesian culture. Students will be captivated by the pattern-based sequences that have made the Gamelan one of the world's most influential musical exports of the 20th century.

MATHS HELP FOR FAMILIES

I thought some of the following tips might be very helpful if your child is experiencing any frustrations or anxiety with Mathematics. We need to remember that everyone learns at a different rate and the "I get it" moments should be our main focus. Celebrate the successes rather than focussing on the shortcomings.

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6 STEPS TO STAMP OUT MATH ANXIETY



JO BOALER'S ADVICE FOR PARENTS.

- Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games. Puzzles and games—anything with dice, really—will help kids enjoy maths and develop number sense, which is critically important.
- Always be encouraging and never tell kids they are wrong when they are working on maths problems. Instead, find the logic in their thinking. For example, if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say, "Oh, I see what you are thinking. You are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4. When we multiply, we have 4 groups of 3..."
- Never associate maths with speed. It is not important to work quickly, and we now know that forcing kids to work quickly on maths is the best way to start maths anxiety for children, especially girls.
- Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at maths at school or you dislike it—especially if you are a mother. Researchers found that as soon as mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their daughters' achievement went down.
- Encourage number sense. What separates high and low achievers is having an idea of the size of numbers and being able to separate and combine numbers flexibly. For example, when solving $29+56$, if you take one from the 56 and make it $30+55$, it is much easier to work out.
- Perhaps most important of all: Encourage a "growth mindset" to let students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When they tell you something is hard for them or they have made a mistake, tell them, "That's wonderful—your brain is growing!"

Date	Event	Venue/Time
Wednesday May 9 th May	P & C Meeting	Library 3:15pm
Monday 14 th May	Enterprise Financial Planning Training	School 1:30 - 3:00pm
Monday 14 th May	Book Club Orders Due	Office 9:00am
Monday 14 th May	Athletics Carnival Lunch Orders Due	Office 9:00am
Tuesday 15 th May	NAPLAN Language & Writing Tests	Classroom 9:30am
Wednesday 16 th May	NAPLAN Reading Test	Classroom 9:30am
Wednesday 16 th May	Mobile Pre School Open Day and BBQ	11:30am
Thursday 17 th May	Numeracy Test	Classroom after Eisteddfod
Thursday 17 th May	Eisteddfod Choir	Cowra 9:30am
Thursday 17 th May	Enterprise Financial Planning Training	School 1:30 - 3:00pm
Friday 18 th May	Cowra Small Schools Athletics Carnival	Cowra Twigg Oval (next to Aquatic Centre)
Friday 24 th May	Music Aviva Performance. Makukuhan	Canowindra
Friday 25 th May	CSSA District Cross Country	Cowra
