



# GREENETHORPE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This week is SASS week and a time to celebrate all the wonderful things our SASS staff do. SASS staff are the non-teaching members of our school team and play an integral role in the operations of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work and dedication of our three SASS personnel, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Amos and Mr Gorman. All three do above and beyond what is expected and show great commitment to the job in their various roles.

## TROPPO BOB

All students had a wonderful day of social interaction and learning at Koorawatha on Tuesday. Troppo Bob taught the children some valuable lessons about the importance of being resilient.



Troppo Bob is Magic



Fun Games



Tennis Time

## CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

This week is child protection week and a time to reflect on the safety of children in our community. Sometimes we take the safety of our children for granted in small country towns. However, I would encourage all families to be vigilant in the protection of all children. Do you know where your children are at all times? Do you really know what they are viewing on the internet? Are they playing video games that are far too violent? Are they watching movies that are unsuitable? Are they connected to social media under the recommended age? The advent of the digital age has made choices about parenting a lot more difficult. Are you able to take control and simply refuse to allow

your children to be exposed to unsuitable digital content? Children today put a great deal of pressure on parents but we as adults must maintain a position of authority which supports their safety. There may be disagreements and even tantrums but we as parents know what is suitable and what is not and should act accordingly. Responsibility for the physical and mental wellbeing of children is a community responsibility and the best place to start ensuring this wellbeing is at home.



I have also attached an article to help protect your children in the playground. This is very rarely an issue in our school as we have a zero tolerance toward bullying, but I thought the article highlighted some excellent strategies for both parents and children in the event that it should happen.

## HELP REQUIRED

Following a check of reading records yesterday, I was disappointed to see a number of children are no longer reading each night. I have spoken with all students about the importance of this activity and now ask for your support in ensuring reading homework is completed. Five to ten minutes of reading is sufficient for the younger students and a little longer for the primary. Please listen to their reading and give support if necessary. Logs should be signed Monday to Thursday nights inclusive. Site words need to be practised for those who have them. For those children who have finished site words there is also a spelling sheet to be completed on the four nights as well. The only other homework that is required is learning multiplication tables for the primary children.

On rare occasions, children may have to complete work that was not completed in class. Please support this partnership in learning so your children know that you also value the skills they are practising each night.



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

As part of our commitment to improved behavioural and academic outcomes for all students we will be presenting a special student of the week award each Friday. This award will be to encourage extra effort in class and positive happy relationships across the school. Along with a certificate, the recipients will also get 10 Dojo points and a surprise from the prize box. It is often far more beneficial to focus on positive behaviours than to struggle with the negative. This weekly award will be given to a student from both classes.



## END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Our end of term assembly this term will be on Wednesday in Week 9. I will be on leave from Tuesday until Thursday in Week 10 to attend my daughter's graduation. Please also note the change of date for our Presentation morning in December.


## SAVE THE DATES FOR TERM 4

Please note the change of date for Presentation Day.

- Phillips Shield Sports Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November with alternate Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- Swimming Lessons 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November (one week of double lessons)
- Presentation Day Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

## EXCURSION PAYMENTS

Please commence payments for the primary excursion very soon if you intend commencing a payment plan. Remember that full payment must be made by Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Date	Event	Venue/Time
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Cyberbullying and Blackmail Webinar for yaer 5	Classroom 10:00am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Workplace Health and Safety training	Miamaru All Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	STEM Science and Technology Day – Year 5	Henry Lawson High School.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	End of Term Assembly	2:00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Final day for payment of excursion balance.	\$
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Young Small Schools Excursion Victoria	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Alice in Wonderland	1100 am – 2:00pm Cowra Civic Centre