



# GREENETHORPE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7– Thur. 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The children are really enjoying school at the moment and are particularly excited on a Tuesday when it is Robotics and Coding day. This week the children constructed simple machines using Lego and coded their functions using the tablets supplied in the STEM Share kit. The Primary students are also very eager for their Ukulele lesson on a Tuesday as well. They are learning some new chords and strumming techniques.

Don't forget our Harmony day celebrations next week. Please ensure each family contributes to a shared lunch of multi-cultural food.



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Time to catch up on our award winners. The following children won the award over the last three weeks.

Week 5 – Dixie and Laney

Week 6 – Thomas and Ollie

Week 7 – Max and Meckenzie

## TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEYS

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used



*Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours before 12th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary is for primary students only

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **18<sup>th</sup> March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

### TAIKO DRUMMING

The children are looking forward to attending the Taiko Drumming Session in Cowra tomorrow. This ties in nicely with our geography studies of Japan.

### P & C MEETING REMINDER

The next meeting of the P & C will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3.15pm. Please save the date and come along and join the discussion of how you can help your children at school.

### RESOURCE FEE REMINDER

Very few families have paid our Annual Resource Fee. This is only a small amount that covers some of the costs of basic stores your child will use during the year. If you are having difficulty paying this fee and would like to pay in instalments, please let us know. Accounts for all unpaid fees will be distributed next week.

### HARMONY DAY REMINDER

We will hold our Harmony Day Celebrations on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We are having an Asian theme this year to complement our studies in Geography on Japan and our excursion to Japanese Gardens and Taiko drumming.

The children are also practising Taiko drumming to perform on the day.

We will be having a multicultural lunch and ask that each child brings a plate of multicultural food to share. If you are gifted in the Kitchen and wish to make sushi etc this would be very fitting.

Parents are welcome to join us at 1.00 pm and stay for lunch and to view our displays and performances.

### QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS

All children will be attending the Questacon Science Circus on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Please see attached information and permission note. Please detach the permission section and return it to school with payment of \$6 per child by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Thankyou.. If your child requires a meal deal please place an order form and money in a separate clearly labelled envelope.

Date	Event	Venue/Time
March 15 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Drumming Workshop Cowra All students.	Cowra Civic Centre & Japanese Gardens
March 21 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Harmony Day	Greenethorpe Activities TBA
March 26 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Questacon Science Circus	Maimuru Public School

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### HALL WORKING BEE

There will be a Hall working bee this Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to tidy it up in preparation for the upcoming State election.

All willing hands are welcome.

Please bring your cobweb brooms, dusters, dysons, hoovers, floor brooms etc.

Many hands make light work .

Jill Allen, Hall Secretary

#### OOSH

Please find attached information about Cowra out of school hours care in the holidays.

## HUDSON'S CIRCUS COWRA

Brochure attached as well as colouring in sheet which entitles children to free entry with a paying adult.

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