PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Dear Parents,

It is a very easy position to tell you in the newsletter how proud we are of our school but on a daily basis we are also telling the children. Thanks to the partnership between home and school we have started the year on an excellent note. Parents of older children in the school would have seen the amount of Rainbow Virtue Awards their children have been bringing home. What are virtue awards I can hear some of you ask. Our virtue award system tries to catch children displaying a virtue. The children are then given a small award card. (In Kindergarten Mrs Bowman has been looking after them for the children.) These are the steps to reaching the ‘pot of gold’ trophy at the end of the year:

1. Display good virtues and receive an award,
2. Collect the awards in lots of 5 and return to school when you have your first set,
3. The student will be given the first colour of the rainbow certificate (red),
4. Continue to collect virtue awards until you have every colour.

This year it would be exciting to see every child complete the rainbow.

Several posters have been placed around the school reminding parents and children about good school attendance. The message is supportive and needs to be read in keeping with the thoughts we want the same as yourself for your child—the very best education.

Over the next few weeks there will be some events that require help from our families.

• **Muffti Day**—Friday 20th March—children don’t wear their uniform and donate a gold coin to support Stewart House.

• **Election Day**—28th March support to cook/sell the BBQ, Trash and Treasure and raffle tickets. Please indicate on the back of the newsletter times you are available. If everyone helps it is an easy fun job and a chance to meet others.

• **Purchase a Scratchy ticket**—of any value and donate it to the school for our popular Scratchy Bunny Easter raffle. The winner can then have fun scratching and the school raises funds to spend on your children. Easier and cheaper than making a cake!

• **Easter Hat Parade**—for the benefit of new parents children need to make a hat for the parade at home prior to the 2nd April. We encourage work that the children have done themselves or at least had some input into.

• Tell us when you can come to the P&C meetings because we value your input and would like to support you more.

Kind Regards and thank you for your support
Kate Murphy

UNSW COMPETITIONS

The school has once again received paperwork for the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. This year the university is offering some subjects for Year 2 students. Subjects offered and costs are: Digital Technologies Years 3-10 Cost $8.80 each, Science Years 2-12 $8.80, Writing Years 3-12 $18.70, Spelling Years 3-7 $12.10, English Years 2-12 $8.80 and Maths Years 2-12 $8.80. If you would like your child to participate then please bring in a note with the money required to the office by Friday 27th March, 2015.
WORKBOOKS—TO BE PAID
Kinder, Year 1 & 2 Workbooks $46.00 Year 3/4/5/6 Workbooks $27.00
The school fees this year will be $25.00 per student. If you have 2 children then the second child will cost $20.00 and the third child $15.00.

YEAR 6—YOUNG LEADERS DAY—Year 6 (Different to Leadership Day last week)
All Year 6 students received a permission note regarding the Young Leaders Day on the 23rd March, 2015 in Sydney. Please have all notes and money in as soon as possible.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS—Please fill in and complete the expression of interest High School forms and return them to school by the 20th March, 2015

CANTEEN
The meal deal for this week will be 2 party pies, 2 sausage rolls & 2 chicken nuggets, Popper and Popcorn. Muffins will be available for 50¢

Please help us to help you by returning these forms early.

ELECTION DAY HELP
We will allot times as soon as the forms are returned to school. If you wish to work with a friend at the BBQ please include their name and coordinate a similar time span with them.

Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Name………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… (If both parents can come)

I can help at the Election BBQ (Saturday 28th March) at the circled times
7-8 am, 7.30-8.30 am, 8-9 am, 8.30-9.30 am, 9-10 am 9.30-10.30 am 10-11am, 11-12am, 11.30-12.30am, 12-1.00pm, 12.30-1.30pm, 1.00-2.00pm, 1.30-2.30pm
Each time frame is an hour with a crossover of time to allow the last people to show the new people. If you can spare more time please just circle. The busy times will be early morning and lunch time.

P&C MEETINGS
If you would like to attend the P&C meetings could you circle your preference of times, days etc.?
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Mornings 9.00am-10.30am Afternoons 2.00pm-3.30pm Evening 6.00pm-7.30pm
Other suggestions…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

P.S. Dads and grandparents are always welcome to attend. We have a great school, so let’s keep it that way!

FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES
Here is a change to help raise money by handing out raffle tickets for a short time at the local hotel of a Friday night 6-7.30pm. We are very lucky to have this opportunity to raise funds for the extra things we provide for your children but we need help. The publican, community members, staff and a few parents have managed to just keep the opportunity with our school it would be sad to lose an outside source like this when it is such a golden egg! If every family provided one name per term we would be OK. We have about 40 families. You do not have to write out names on tickets and someone will be there to help on your first occasion. Grandparents might like to help the school in this way if they were asked.

Name…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Contact Phone number…………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Email address so you can see the roster………………………………………………………………………………………

Thank you
Kate Murphy, Teachers and Students

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GREENWELL POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—CANTEEN
MEAL DEAL—Wednesday 11th March, 2015
I give permission for ………………………………………………………. to receive a meal deal consisting of a 2 party pies, 2 sausage rolls & 2 chicken nuggets, bag of popcorn and popper for $5. All students need to provide recess. Muffins can be purchased for 50 cents.

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Parent Signature Date