PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:
Dear Parents,
It was great to meet so many of you last week, I am starting to put names to faces and am feeling very welcome here at GPPS. Please always remember my door is always open if you need to chat.

While I enjoyed meeting all the kids and getting down to business in classrooms last week, I have to admit the highlight of my first week at Greenwell Point Public School was on Saturday morning when nearly a third of the school dragged themselves out of bed to march and represent the school at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. An outstanding effort and their behaviour was excellent. It made a very new Principal very proud. I would also like to commend the staff who made it to the service and assisted in the organisation, thank you to all.

Just a quick reminder about school photos from me; boys and girls, please make sure you are in your best school uniform on Thursday, with your hair done neatly and be ready to smile! I know mums and dads, as well as grandparents cherish these keepsakes!

I hope we are practicing for the Cross Country, at this stage it is all systems go for Fridays Carnival, good luck boys and girls!

Can I also encourage mums and dads to attend the P&C meeting next Friday, it is the Annual General meeting where office holders are elected for the coming year. It is the best way parents can become involved in their child’s education, contributing their services directly to the school which has a flow on effect directly to the kids.

All the best for the coming week.

Kind regards
Gordon Parrish
Relieving Principal

P&C AGM MEETING
The school P&C will be holding the AGM on Friday the 8th May, 2015 at 1:30pm to 3pm in the school library. All new members are encouraged to attend and be apart of our great school.
SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo envelopes were handed out last week for our school photos to be held THIS Thursday 30th April, 2015. All students have their own envelopes. These envelopes are to be brought in on Thursday with payment inside the envelope. The school is not responsible for change or any part of your order. If you would like a sibling envelope (photo with all your children who attend school) then please see Mrs Miller in the office.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN—HEALTHY HAROLD
The Life Education Van will be visiting the school on the 20th and 21st May, 2015. The Life Education Van comes to the school and educates students in their stage groups. Topics for classes will be:

- Kinder—Harold’s Surprise: Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.
- Years 1/2—Harold’s Heroes: Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.
- Years 3/4—Mind your Medicine: Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.
- Years 5/6—On the Case: Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.

Attached to the newsletter is a permission note to be returned to school with the cost of $10 per child. Students will also receive a workbook that they will be using during class time. Families can include all children on the one permission note. Any student who has not paid by this date will not be able to attend.

OPPORTUNITY ‘C’ CLASS FOR 2016 (for academically gifted children in Year 4)
Parents of gifted and talented children in the Shoalhaven district currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an information evening at 6pm Tuesday 28th April, 2015 at Illaroo Road Public School. A Year 5 ‘OC’ class will be formed in 2016 for gifted and talented students in Year 4 in 2015. Please contact Bob Lowe on 4421 0422 for information.

UNSW COMPETITIONS—LAST CHANCE
If any students would like to compete in the University of NSW exam competitions in Maths, English or Science all costing $8.80 each, then please notify Mrs Miller asap. This competition provides an excellent preparation for national testing, enables students at all levels to participate and to see how they perform at there year level throughout the state. Participation, merit, credit, distinction and high distinction certificates will be awarded as well as a report on how they performed.

SPORT
SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY
The small schools cross country carnival will be held this Friday 1st May, 2015, however, this will depend on the weather and conditions of the course due to recent rain. We will notify you of any changes. Notes for this carnival have been handed out. This event is for students in Years 3-6 and those turning 8 this year. Cost will be $10.

AFL K, 1 & 2 SKILLS DAY
At this stage the AFL skills day will still be held this Wednesday 29th April, 2015. Please complete the permission note and return it to school with $8 for costs. If you have misplaced your permission note then please contact Mrs Miller.

GREENWELL POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL—CANTEEN
MEAL DEAL—Wednesday 29th April, 2015
I give permission for ……………………………………………………… to receive a meal deal consisting of a chicken burger, 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