

# GREENWAY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



Term 3, Week 7 2025

From the Principal and Deputy Principals:

*Mr Shearer, Mrs Patane & Ms Turner,*



Dear Community, Staff and Students,

## Safe Parking Practices



### 🚗 Let's Keep Our Kids Safe – A Reminder About School Zones 🚸

At our recent P&C meeting, student safety during drop-off and pick-up was a key topic of discussion. We know mornings and afternoons can be busy, but we kindly ask all families to follow the school zone rules – especially around Kiss and Drop areas and parking.

- ✅ Use Kiss and Drop zones for quick drop-offs only
- ❌ Avoid double parking or stopping across driveways
- 🅑 Please don't park in No Parking/No Stopping zones
- ✅ Watch for children crossing and stick to speed limits

Every small action helps make Greenway Park safer for our students.  
Thank you for doing your part! 💚💛



# PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK

What a fantastic week (Week 3) it has been as we celebrated Public Education Week! It was heart-warming to see so many of you attend our open classrooms, showcasing the incredible work our students and teachers do every day. Your presence is a testament to the strong partnership between our school and the community, and it reinforces our shared commitment to providing the best educational experience for our children.

The open classrooms allowed us to shine a light on the creativity and hard work that happen behind the scenes. It was wonderful to witness parents and caregivers engaging with students' learning, further igniting the potential within each child. Together, we are creating an environment where every student can thrive.

Our shared lunch was another highlight of the week, bringing our community together in celebration of the power of public education. It was a delightful opportunity to connect, share stories, and enjoy some delicious food. After all, good food is like good education—it nourishes and fuels our potential!

As we reflect on these events, it's clear that public education plays a vital role in shaping our future. We love celebrating these moments, as they remind us of the importance of working together to support our students and foster their growth.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. Let's continue to ignite the potential of every student as we move forward together!





# K-2 Games

During Public Education Week, we had a wonderful time coming together for our recent K-2 games! It was a day filled with excitement as students rotated through a variety of engaging Indigenous games, learning about cultural heritage while having fun. We were thrilled to see so many members of our community get involved, making the day even more special. The energy and enthusiasm from everyone truly enhanced the experience for our young learners.

A highlight for the students was the visit from Gary the Goanna, our beloved school mascot! His presence added an extra layer of joy and excitement to the day, making it a memorable occasion for all. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this fantastic event. Together, we are fostering a love for learning and community spirit in our school!





# Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students recently embarked on an unforgettable journey to The Great Aussie Bush Camp, where they experienced the great outdoors like never before. This exciting camp pushed our students to step outside their comfort zones, try new activities, and build resilience in a supportive and adventurous environment.

From challenging obstacle courses to team-building exercises, the camp provided countless opportunities for personal growth and friendship. Being immersed in nature allowed students to develop a deeper appreciation for the environment while learning important life skills.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the dedicated teachers who gave up their time away from their own families to make this incredible experience possible. Their commitment and care ensured that every student could enjoy a safe, fun, and enriching adventure.

This camp will surely be a highlight of the year for our Year 6 students, inspiring confidence and lasting memories as they prepare for the next chapter in their schooling journey.





# 100 Days of Learning

We know you enjoyed our 100 days of learning video so here are some photos showcasing the fun we had celebrating all that we've learnt this year so far. We had a brilliant day using 100 as our special number. From 10 reps of fitness at 10 different stations to 100 seconds to write as many words as we can. It was great to take some time to think about and talk about everything we now know. We are all really proud of ourselves. Year One here we come!



# Primary Principal Day

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful students and the entire school community for the recognition of Primary Principal Day.

I was truly touched by the lovely letters I received from many of you. Each note was a reminder of why I love being a part of this incredible school. Hearing your kind words and encouragement as we interacted in the playground made my day even more special.

The fantastic display created next to the library was a beautiful surprise that showcased the creativity and thoughtfulness of our students. I felt like a 'king' for the day, surrounded by such warmth and appreciation.

I am truly privileged to work at a school that is enriched by such a supportive and vibrant community. Your efforts and kindness inspire me every day, and it is a joy to be part of your lives and learning journey.

Thank you once again for making Primary Principal Day so memorable. I look forward to continuing our work together to create an even brighter future for our students.

Mr Shearer





# Greenway Park Pals...

is a transition program that offers pre-Kindergarten children the opportunity to become familiar with our school environment, meet future classmates and teachers, and engage in activities that build confidence and social skills before starting school. Research shows that such transition programs can help children feel more comfortable and secure, foster positive attitudes towards learning, and make the move to Kindergarten a smooth and enjoyable experience.

We warmly invite your child to join us for a series of morning sessions, where they will enjoy fun and engaging activities, explore our school, and begin building connections in our school community.



## Greenway Park Pals

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD JOINING GPPS FOR KINDERGARTEN IN 2026?**

**Greenway Park Pals will run on the following dates:**

- Wednesday, 15 October 2025 (10am – 11am)
- Wednesday, 22 October 2025 (10am – 11am)
- Wednesday, 29 October 2025 (10am – 11am)
- Wednesday, 5 November 2025 (10am – 11am)

To secure your child's place in these sessions, please RSVP by completing the registration form at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/oSdtzVjbgz5vMN5q6>



Want to know more?  
Please contact the admin office on 8783 0859



# Strong and successful start to school

What does a strong start to school look like for children, families, teachers and schools?

## Children

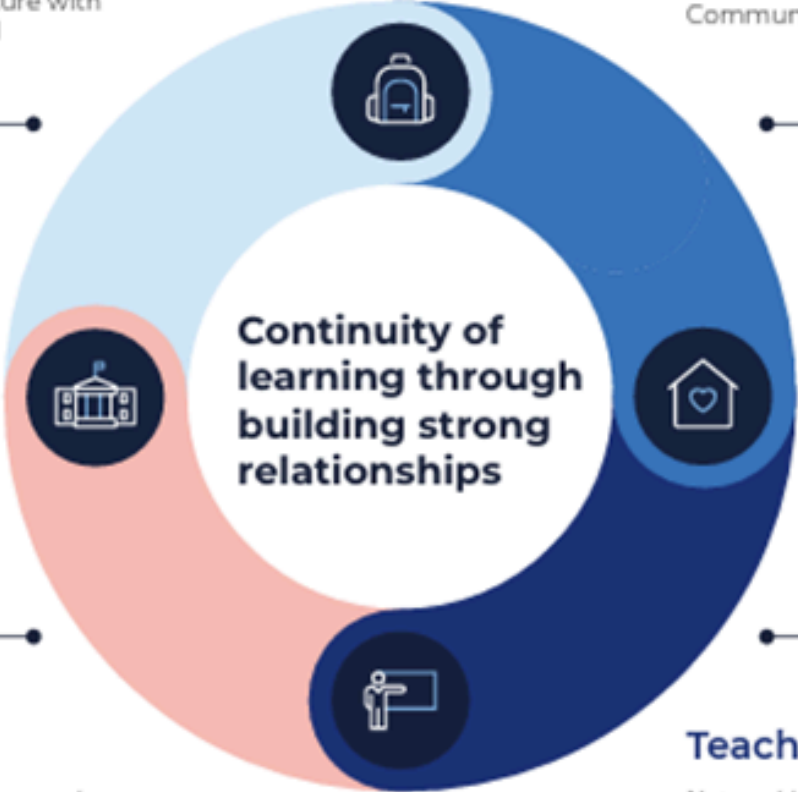
Connecting with the school community

Feeling familiar and secure with what happens at school

## Families

Feeling connected, comfortable and welcome

Communication about transition



**Continuity of learning through building strong relationships**

## Schools

Planning meaningful approaches to transitions

Seeing transitions as important opportunities for community engagement

## Teachers

Networking with early childhood educators

Understanding early childhood and primary curriculum



# A message from the Captains

Hello my name is Brianna and I am one of the school captains here at Greenway Park Public school. This year alongside my partner Dante, we had the privilege of working on several projects, such as our successful "Classes of the Month" initiative which rewarded positive attendance and uniform efforts. We are now collaborating with the Health and Safety ministers Tahlia and Sofia on our new project "Bathroom Cleanliness Week" to address the concerns about the school bathrooms and aim to achieve positive outcomes. Being a school captain is a valuable opportunity, as it allows us to take on responsibility, work closely with students and staff, and set a strong example as leaders of our school.



# A message from our Ministers of Sport



## **A Fantastic Year of Sport at Greenway Park!**

This year has been an incredible one for sport at Greenway Park Public School! Our students have shown amazing skill, sportsmanship, and determination across a variety of events and competitions.

## **Wanderers Cup Success**

One of the standout moments of the year was our visit to the Wanderers' training ground, where our students competed in the Wanderers Cup for the very first time. Against tough competition from top schools in the district, our team placed second—an amazing achievement we are so proud of!

In even more exciting news, some of our Year 6 students were accepted into Bossley Park High School through their soccer program—a great reflection of their talent and hard work.

## **Gala Day – Rain, Wins & Representation**

Our first Gala Day of the year was sadly cancelled due to heavy rain, but we didn't let that stop us. In the last two terms, our teams came back strong—dominating in most games and racking up impressive wins with goals, tries, and hoops galore!

Students represented Greenway Park in soccer, touch football, basketball, and cricket, and they all did an outstanding job. Congratulations to everyone who trialled and participated!

## **GVPSSA Athletics & Soccer**

We also had strong representation at the GVPSSA competitions. While our soccer team faced a tough tournament—finishing without a win and one draw—our athletics team shone, placing first or second in many events.

A number of our students have now qualified to compete at regional level, proudly representing our district. What an amazing effort!



# Sports Highlights

## **Athletics Carnival Fun**

This year's Athletics Carnival was a hit with students from Years 3–6. Events included:

Long-distance and short-distance races

High jump and long jump

Discus and more!

It was great to see everyone giving their best and enjoying the day with such great energy and enthusiasm.

## **Well Done, Greenway Park!**

It's been a big year in sport, and we couldn't be prouder of our students. Whether competing at school or representing at district level, they've shown true Greenway spirit.

Here's to more sporting success in Term 4 and beyond!

## **Greenway Park Public School**

 Building pride, passion, and performance



## Greenway Park Public School: Celebrating and Growing Our Commitment to Aboriginal Education

As Relieving Deputy Principal and leader of Aboriginal Education at Greenway Park, I am proud to share the wonderful progress and our ongoing initiatives at Greenway Park Public School. Earlier this year in March, we proudly published our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), setting out 14 meaningful actions to deepen our commitment to reconciliation. To date, we have successfully completed three of these actions, with the remaining eleven continuing as important annual commitments for our school community.

From 27 May to 3 June, we joined the nation in celebrating Reconciliation Week. I want to sincerely thank the many families and students who showed their support by creating a “Sea of Hands” – a beautiful display of unity made during Culture Club by our First Nations students who planted the hands around the yarning circle. This powerful symbol reflects our shared respect and connection. Students also created flowers for Sorry Day.

NAIDOC Week was celebrated in Week 1 this term, as it falls during the school holidays. Our students arrived under a balloon arch in the colours of the Aboriginal flag – red, black, and yellow. We held a mufti day where students dressed in Aboriginal flag colours, embracing cultural pride without the need for a gold coin donation. Teachers shared a red, black, and yellow morning tea, and Aboriginal parents were warmly invited to join us. We were honoured to have Aunty Dot and Ms Callen with us during these celebrations. Some of our Aboriginal students and our event ministers also spoke at our morning assembly, sharing insights and reflections on the significance of NAIDOC Week.

During the week, students visited the yarning circle to unpack the stories behind our school mural, discussing our totems, the country we are on, and Aboriginal symbols. Classes then explored the mural with their buddy classes, reflecting on artist Danielle Mate’s designs and what they saw that reflected our community.

Our Year 6 students prepared inspiring slideshows on notable First Nations people, which they shared with their classes. Our librarian, Ms Scheepers, supported our efforts by wrapping Aboriginal books for classroom use. Looking ahead, the “Deadly Doors” competition is underway. In Aboriginal English, “deadly” is used as a term of praise and admiration, meaning “excellent,” “fantastic,” or “awesome” (rather than its literal meaning). It’s a way to celebrate skills, achievements, and cultural pride. Some classes have already started decorating their doors, with all entries to be completed over the term. The Principal and Deputy Principals will also be decorating their doors, and students will have the opportunity to judge the best door.



The winner will be announced at the end of the term. This competition encourages creativity and cultural pride, keeping Aboriginal perspectives visible and fostering meaningful conversations throughout the school.

Our Culture Club for Aboriginal students, which now runs three times a term, has grown to include a mentor program partnering our students with Aboriginal mentors from John Edmondson High School. This initiative will foster strong relationships and support networks across schools.

Katrina Turner  
R/Deputy Principal





# An update from Mrs Patane

## Tournament of Minds

Last Saturday, a team of seven students proudly represented Greenway Park at the Tournament of Minds Competition. Over the past few weeks, they have dedicated themselves to unpacking and preparing for their Long Term Challenge, which required them to explore the themes and ideas in Shaun Tan's picture book, *The Lost Thing*. The team worked diligently to create a short drama, complete with props and backdrops, for their performance. Congratulations to this hardworking group of students—your performance was outstanding!



## Souths Cares

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been excited to take part in the Souths Cares program, an initiative led by the Rabbitohs rugby league team. This program helped our students explore important skills like teamwork and resilience while fostering a strong connection to the community. With support from the Rabbitohs players and staff, the students have enjoyed fun and meaningful activities that inspire personal growth and positive values.





## **Public Speaking**

Students in Years 3 to 6, along with some enthusiastic students from Kindergarten to Year 2, have been diligently preparing to present their speeches as part of the Liverpool/Glenfield Public Speaking Competition. Public speaking is an important skill because it helps build confidence, enhances communication abilities, and encourages critical thinking. It also allows students to express their ideas clearly and persuasively in front of an audience. We are excited to soon announce our school representatives who will proudly showcase their talents and represent our school in this exciting event.

## **Premiers Spelling Bee Success**

We were proud to have two students represent our school at the Premier's Spelling Bee regional final. Aaliyah competed in the Stage 3 competition and achieved an impressive 8th place overall, while Zabeer was the runner-up in the Stage 2 competition. Their dedication and hard work throughout the competition have been outstanding, and we congratulate them both on their excellent achievements.

## **Lost Property**

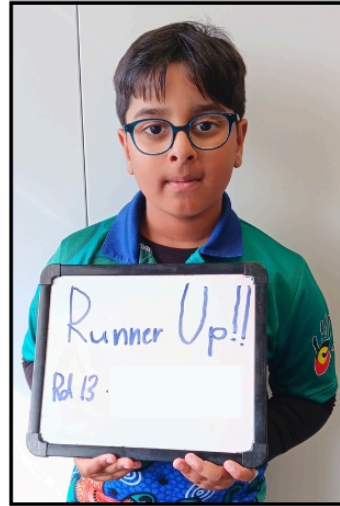
Lost property at school can quickly accumulate, including items such as clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, and personal belongings. It is important for students and families to regularly check the lost property area to reclaim any missing items. To help reduce lost property, we encourage students to clearly label their belongings with their name. Our lost property is located near K-2 area.

# NSW Premier's Spelling Bee REGIONAL FINALS

Artwork by Evie Martin, Narrabeen Lakes Public School, for Operation Art 2024.



A huge congratulations to Zabeer and Aaliyah who proudly represented GPPS in the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee regional finals last Friday!

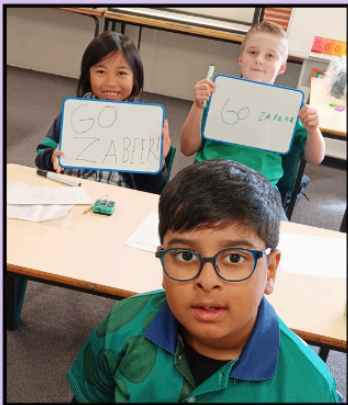


## Stage 2 competition

Zabeer was the runner up out of 24 schools. He made it all the way to Round 13, correctly spelling words like diabolical, persuade and rehabilitate.

## Stage 3 competition

Aaliyah placed 8th out of 30 schools, reaching Round 6 and correctly spelling words such as proportional, cybernetics and euphoria.



We are super  
**PROUD**  
of you all!

This term, GPPS participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee, an online spelling competition for students in Years 3-6. Sixty one students competed in the School Round and we are thrilled to announce that Adam, Tahlia and Calvin have all advanced to the State Finals to be held later this week. A huge congratulations to them – and well done to everyone who gave it a go!





# *Inspired by nature* ART ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Earlier this month, Kiara, Kaia, Nadya and Henley had the opportunity to take part in Inspired by Nature, a one-day art enrichment program at the Royal National Park. They explored the local environment, learned about artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, and discovered how nature can inspire art. They created a variety of artworks using natural forms, patterns and textures, while also learning about the elements and principles of design. As you can see - rave reviews all around!



"It was really fun and I love art."

Henley



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Nadya

"It was really fun and we got to learn and explore nature that we don't get to see at home."

"They had alot of different activities to do and they were really fun."

Kiara



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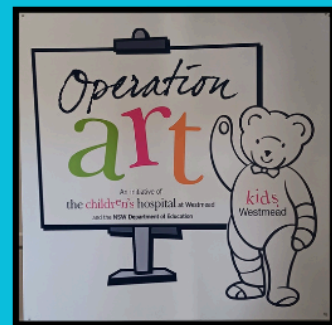
Kaia

"It was an amazing art program. I love what we did and I loved the nature."



# Operation Art

A special shout out to Danilo and Petra, who had the honour of being selected for the 2024 Operation Art program. Their amazing artworks were exhibited at Fairfield City Museum and Gallery earlier this year and now hang proudly in our school office foyer. Be sure to stop by and admire their masterpieces!





# P&C UPDATE - TERM THREE 2025

The last term has seen a lot of work behind the scenes for P&C as we continue to process the feedback from our parent survey. Our general meetings, held each term in weeks 3 and 7, have been trialled on different days, and it's been great to see some new faces at our meetings along with new volunteers getting involved in P&C events. While our planned evening information session has been postponed, we are working on a new date in Term 4 and look forward to welcoming more of the community once the session is confirmed.

P&C held a merchandise stall at the school Athletics Carnival in late Term 3, selling house colour items to help students support their teams. This event saw over \$500 in sales, money that goes back to students via P&C contributions throughout the year.

Our secondhand uniform sales and stalls continue all year round, with four stalls a term and online sales available at any time during school terms. The items we sell are kindly donated by the school community, which means we can keep prices low while also keeping clothing out of landfill. We are currently running low on a number of uniform items, particularly in sizes 8, 10 & 12, so we'd encourage families to donate any good quality used uniform they might have so we can continue to successfully run secondhand uniform sales. Donations can be dropped to the school office at any time during school terms.

We are currently a few days away from one of our bigger events of the year, the annual Father's Day stall. Students will be able to purchase gifts for \$5, \$7 or \$10. A massive thanks to all the parent volunteers who assist both in the lead up and on the day of the stall; events like this don't happen without their hard work and dedication.

As families would know, the school recently ran the annual Book Fair, and P&C were very pleased to be able to purchase \$250 worth of books to donate to the library. These books will be available on the library shelves very soon.



We are currently in discussions with the school about other financial contributions P&C can make to benefit all students, and look forward to updating the community once these are finalised.

As always, P&C can be contacted via email at [greenwaypandc@gmail.com](mailto:greenwaypandc@gmail.com), and we encourage all families to get in touch or come along to a meeting to learn more and have your say.



# Greenway Park Public School

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## UNIFORM PRICE LIST

### Girls Summer Tunic

- Size 4,6 8 \$45
- Size 10,12, 14 & 16 \$49

### Scrunchies

\$5

### Boys Elastic Waist Shorts (Sizes 4-16)

\$22

### Boys Elastic Waist Shorts (Sized S-2XL)

\$24

### Polo Shirts (short sleeve) - Sizes 4-16

\$27

### - Sizes S-2XL

\$29

### Polo Shirt (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Design (all sizes)

\$35

### Hats (with school emblem)

- Cap \$10
- Round Cap \$12

### Winter Uniform

- Long Sleeve Polo Shirts \$30
- Sloppy Joe Tops \$32
- Tracksuit Pants \$32
- Boys Long Pants \$35
- Girls Long Pants \$28
- Zip Jackets \$42
- Girls Navy Tights \$12

### Sports Uniform

- Sports Shirts/Polo \$30
- Boys Rugby Knit Shorts \$24
- Girls Sports Skorts \$25

### School Bags

- Small \$35
- Large \$45

Uniforms are available from the school hall on  
**Monday afternoons** from 2:15pm until 3:15pm  
& **Wednesday mornings** from 8:15am until 9:00am

PLEASE NOTE: Cash or Eftpos only (sorry, NO CHEQUES)

Orders can also be made by emailing:

[SKClothing@bigpond.com](mailto:SKClothing@bigpond.com) or by phoning Sue from

S&K Clothing on 0416 058 348 - between 9am - 5pm weekdays.







## SECOND HAND UNIFORM ORDERS

P&C is currently able to offer second hand uniform purchases via email orders EVERY WEEK of term.

Clothing items are priced at \$10 each, with hats and library bags available for \$5 each. Money raised is used for the benefit of the school.

For ONLINE ORDERS, the order process is as follows –

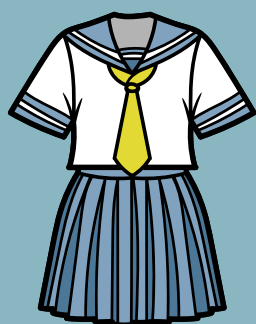
1. Please email [gppssecondhand@gmail.com](mailto:gppssecondhand@gmail.com) with a list of items and sizes required, along with your child's name and class. Email requests can be sent through on weekdays during the school term. We will attempt to reply asap.

2. As orders are received, stock will be checked and items available will be confirmed via return email, along with payment due. PAYMENT is ONLINE ONLY. Orders will only be packed once payment is received.

3. ORDER CUT-OFF including payment is every Wednesday by 3pm. Your items will then be packed and delivered to your child's class by the Friday of that week. NOTE that orders paid after the cut-off time will be carried over to the following week.

\*All uniforms are pre-owned which have been sorted by the P&C. We will always select the best stock available to send home. Should you prefer to inspect before purchase – please keep an eye out for our next stall dates.

Thank you for your support – P&C



# Tap on and tap off every time

because it tells us how many people are using public transport. This allows us to better plan services for you.



It is a condition of the *School Pass Terms* and the *Student Codes of Conduct* when travelling that students in possession of the School Opal card must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school. Per section 3.2 of the Opal Privacy Policy, Transport for NSW collects information from taps on and taps off to support coordination, planning and policy development for transport, transport services and transport infrastructure.



# Term 3, 2025

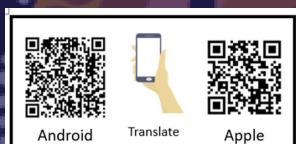
# Important Dates!

## Week 7

- **Monday 1/9 -** Yrs 4-6 Choir practice at Liverpool West Public School.  
P&C Meeting 9:15am.  
John Edmondson High School Visit.  
(Only for students attending in 2026)
- **Monday 1/9 to Wednesday 3/9 -** Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp.
- **Thursday 4/9 -** Father's Day Stall.  
Father's Day Breakfast 8:00am.
- **Friday 5/9 -** PSSA Season 3 Gala Day 2.

## Week 8

- **Tuesday 9/9 -** Junior Dance Rehearsal for Liverpool Festival.  
Junior Dance Performance 6-8:30pm at Liverpool Catholic Club.  
  
School Assembly KR, KB, 1C, 1T, 2H, 2S, 3J (Item), 4L, 4M, 5M, 6F and 6R - gates open 2:15pm.
- **Wednesday 10/9 -** Senior Dance Rehearsal for Liverpool Festival.  
Senior Dance Performance 6-8:30pm at Liverpool Catholic Club.



# Important Dates!



## Week 8 Cont...d

- **Thursday 11/9** - Yrs 4-6 Choir Rehearsal for Liverpool festival.  
Choir Performance 7-8:30pm at Liverpool Catholic Club.  
  
School Assembly KG, KT, 1A, 1P, 2K, 2/3M, 3C (Item), 3G (Item), 4GD, 5N, 5C, 6C and 6S - gates open 2:15pm.

## Week 10

- **Monday 22/9** - Liverpool/Glenfield Public Speaking.  
Catherine Cannuli Cup - Seniors.
- **Wednesday 24/9** - Catherine Cannuli Cup - Juniors.

**Reminder** - The canteen do not have eftpos/credit card facilities. If purchasing food directly at the canteen it must be paid by cash.

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Uniforms are available from the school hall on:

- **Monday afternoons from 2.15pm – 3.15pm**
- **Wednesday mornings from 8.15am – 9am**

Orders can also be made by emailing [S&KClothing@bigpond.com](mailto:S&KClothing@bigpond.com) or by phoning Sue from the uniform shop on 0416 058 348 during business hours.



Android

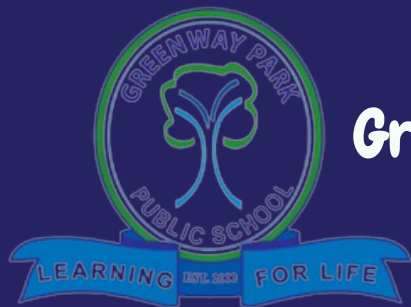


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# Greenway Park Public School



Use the QR Code or visit the  
school website to enrol NOW for  
Kindergarten 2026.



# Kindergarten Enrolments

We are taking Kindergarten enrolments and accepting applications for Kindergarten 2026. Any child who turns 5 before 31st July 2021 is eligible to start school at the beginning of next year.

To help us with our organisation of classes for 2026, parents are asked to either do an online enrolment or fill in an Application to Enrol form and return it to the office by the 30th of August 2025.

**If you have moved out of the area, have students already at this school and have a child who will start kindergarten next year, you will need to fill in an out of area enrolment application.**

Application to enrol forms and out of area forms are available online and from the school office.

