Friday, 19 February 2016

Values:

**Resilience** Respecg **Honesty** Responsibility **Learning**

To develop confident and resilient students through the provision of a diverse range of learning experiences and challenges which encourage curiosity, excitement for learning, thirst for knowledge and connectedness to their community.

This is underpinned by a whole school community whose moral purpose is committed to promoting success for all students.

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

School Website: [www.greenvaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.greenvaleps.vic.edu.au)

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**From The Principal’s Desk**

**Angelika Ireland**

**Parents in Partnership - 2016 School Council Elections**
I am pleased to announce the outcome of the 2016 School Council elections. The successful applicants will join School Council after the Annual General meeting on March 15th. As the numbers of nominations equalled the number of vacancies, there was not a need for an election.

**New or re-nominated members are:**
Non DET - Parent Member Category – Noel Scerri, Anna Karvounis, Shilo Breen-Sciulli and Stacey White
DET Employee - Rosemary Agnew
Existing members – Jodie Howitt, Daryl Canny, Sarah Muscat, Fikriye Halil-Coban, Brett McGinniskin, Meredith Clegg, Angelika Ireland

**Retiring School Council members after our March Annual General Meeting are:**
Non DET - Sharon Matuauto, Rachel Connell
DET - Gwen Hutcheson
Can I sincerely thank retiring members for their commitment to the school during their time as a School Councillor. They will be recognized at the AGM meeting.

**Please Note** – School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 15th March followed by the School Council meeting with the new Council at 7:00pm. The AGM is an open meeting so I am cordially inviting parents to attend the AGM. At the AGM we will table and discuss the Annual Report to the School Community which outlines school outcomes and progress for 2015.
Foundation Students
Our Foundation students have now been at school for two weeks and have settled in so well. Starting primary school is a major milestone for a child. The first years are an exciting and engaging time. Building positive relationships and experiences in the early years is important to long-term development, learning and wellbeing.

For parents of Foundation students……..
How your child reacts to starting school will depend on their personality, their previous experience and how prepared they are for this next big step in their lives. By now they’ll probably be responding to school in a variety of ways and most children will be experiencing some change – after all they’ll be learning, playing and interacting with new people and getting used to a whole new environment – and it will take them some time to settle in.

Some things you can do to help your child adjust to school include:

- making sure your child knows who will take them to school and pick them up
- laying out your child’s clothes, hat, shows and socks the night before
- helping your child to pack their school bag with a snack, drink, lunch and a hat
- placing a spare pair of underpants and a change of clothes in a plastic bag and letting your child know these clothes are in their bag in case of any accidents at school
- putting sunscreen on your child in the morning if it is needed
- showing your child where you will meet them at the end of the school day
- ensuring they have a healthy breakfast – this is important for energy to get through the day
- making time to chat to your child about what they did at school that day
- developing a bedtime routine so your child can wind down at the end of the day and get a good night's sleep – children aged five need around 10 to 11 hours sleep a night

Try not to put too many expectations on yourself or your child; if they are happy and enjoying school, that’s a real achievement.

Introducing our new staff.............

Hi all, my name is Sophie Bertolini and this is my first year teaching! I have a Degree in Psychology and Criminology from the University of Melbourne and a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Teaching from Victoria University. I have lived in the Macedon Ranges all of my life, coaching and running a dance school with my mum and two older sisters for the last 10 years. I am so excited to be a part of the Greenvale community and I very much look forward to getting to know everyone as the year progresses!

Hi, my name is Ann Moritis and I am very excited to have joined the staff at Greenvale Primary as the new Business Manager. I have worked for the Department of Education for over twenty years starting in the Northern Metropolitan Regional Office and then working in schools. I was at my previous school for 14 years as the Business Manager. I have had a wonderful start to the year, everyone has been so welcoming and I look forward to getting to know the school community further.
Insurance

Personal Accident
Just a reminder to all families that the DET does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students whilst at school, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers.

Personal Property
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold
insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Food For Thought:
One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child. Carl Jung

Assistant Principal’s Report
Meredith Clegg

EVERY DAY COUNTS
School Attendance
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things are school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.
If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.
There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.
Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.
It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.
It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

• Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
• Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with the school about all your child's absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education representative who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice. If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Further information
For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:
Safety and Emergency Procedures

To ensure the safety of all staff, students and school visitors in the event of an emergency situation, the school has a current Emergency Management Plan that contains a risk assessment that addresses hazards and potential threats to the school.

Our emergency arrangements are tested at regular intervals to ensure that staff, students and the school community are trained in what they are required to do during an emergency.

Throughout the year we conduct drills to practice emergency procedures such as evacuations on and off site, lock downs, lock-in from outside and other situations such as an anaphylactic reaction, to ensure that procedures work and that all staff understand the emergency protocols. Sometimes local emergency services, such as the Fire Authority or Police, are invited to oversee a drill and provide vital feedback.

Your child’s safety is paramount and the school is well prepared for any emergency. During a genuine emergency like we had earlier this month, we request that parents DO NOT rush to the school as this impacts on the success of our procedures. Dealing with arriving parents who have not been factored into the emergency procedure deflects from the attention we can give to ensuring we follow the emergency procedures we have practised, as well as taking up police time. Also, cars arriving around the school hinder the access of emergency vehicles if required.

We also ask that you DO NOT phone the school as the phone lines will be required for emergency purposes. We understand that as parents you are anxious about your child’s safety. We will communicate to parents using both the school website and the school app on your mobile. If you do not have the school app, please download it from the App Store (search for Greenvale PS).

ILLNESS

A SICK CHILD IS NOT TO BE SENT TO SCHOOL

Sending a sick child to school is unfair on the child, nor does the school have the personnel or facilities to cater for these children. If your child becomes ill at school, you will be contacted and required to collect him/her or arrange for someone else to do so. If parents cannot be contacted we will then ring the emergency person contact for your child.

MEDICINES

SENDING A CHILD TO SCHOOL WHO NEEDS TO TAKE MEDICATION

Students who need to take prescribed medication (antibiotics, eye drops, cough mixture, Panadol etc.) in school hours are required to have a Student Medical Management Plan completed by their parents/guardians before the medication can be administered by staff members at school. This form is on our website as a PDF file or a hard copy can be obtained from the General Office. Parents must bring the prescribed medication to the school office not the child.

Performing Arts News

Mrs Foletta - Performing Arts teacher

The students have settled well into Performing Arts routines this year and are having a great time singing, dancing and playing instruments.

This term, three Foundation classes are attending Performing Arts while the other three classes will begin next term.
They are learning “Advance Australia Fair” and dancing to Peter Combe’s “Stuck in a Pizza”. They are also learning about the music ‘beat’ and how to play percussion instruments in time to the beat.

This term, two Year One classes and 1/2H are attending Performing Arts while the other two Year Ones will begin next term. They are singing and dancing to a song called “Seasons”, which also assists their learning about the 4 different seasons of the year. They are learning the difference between a beat and a rhythm, while playing percussion instruments to different rhythms.

Year Two students from two classes are learning a fun song called “Sunshine”, which we hope to sing to everyone at Assembly soon. The other two classes will begin next term. They are participating in movement, drama and dancing activities.

Year Three students have been very excited about learning to play the recorder. They have so far learnt to hold it correctly and play B, A and G with soft tone. They’ll be learning to read music and play simple tunes throughout the term.

Year Four students have continued their recorder program, which began last year. They will continue to learn basic music theory and will practice tunes with B, A, G and high C.

Year Five students have begun the ukulele program and are enjoying strumming to simple tunes while playing the chords C and F. This week they have the opportunity to order their own ukulele for the price of $24. If anyone would like to buy one they need to get a form from me before the end of the week.

Year Six students are learning to play chords on the keyboard, guitar, ukulele and bass guitar. They are developing drum skills using large plastic buckets and drumsticks. Meanwhile they are developing a whole class band using the skills learnt from the different instruments.

The School Choir has started with a huge interest from younger students this year. They are practising a song for Anzac Day and will be learning songs of different languages in preparation of this year’s Art Show with the theme of “Art Around the World”. Older students are welcome to join us in the next couple of weeks. We practise every Thursday lunch time.

**Community Events**

**Community Links Team**

What a busy short term we have ahead of us with many activities happening to bring the school community together and start the fundraising activities for the year.

I'm sure you have all noticed the improvements around the school:
Covered walk ways, synthi grass areas of the assembly point, the side areas with picnic tables, plants, classroom equipment, fencing to protect the school from vandals.

There are many ways that you can help in supporting our school and helping out with the fundraising activities, just return the notes when you receive them and don't wait for someone else to put their hand up because they could be waiting for you to do the same.

It is also a great way to meet other parents and be involved with the school community.

Fundraising this year will go towards improving our school.

**Community Events for 2016**

**Term 1**
February 24th Special Italian Lunch (last day for order Friday 19th Feb)
February 26th Sticky Beaks Lunch Bag orders (Last day for orders)
March 4th School Community Picnic – Volunteers will be required
March 22nd Easter Raffle to be drawn morning assembly. Volunteers are required prior for hamper wrapping

**Term 2**
Mother’s Day Stall
Special Lunch Order Day

**Term 3**
Father’s Day Stall
Art show
Special Lunch Order Day

**Term 4**
Family Photo Day
Christmas Raffle
Special Lunch Order Day

Looking forward to seeing some new faces this year as any help is good help
**Visual Art Term 1**

**Jane Keogh – Visual Arts Teacher**

All students seem to have settled in very well to the visual Arts program and have shown great enthusiasm for our “Art around the World” theme for our Art Show this year.

I am pleased that many students have an Art smock in their class basket but we are still waiting for a few more students to bring theirs along.

**Foundation**

Foundation students have had an introduction to the Art room. The rules, procedures and where things are kept.

They drew a cute self-portrait of “Me at school” and painted it with water coloured paint.

Work this term is focused on developing fine motor skills and paper craft skills such as fringing, curling, fan folding, tufting etc.

We will also be constructing some exhibits for our Art show in Term 3 based on the theme “Art around the World”.

**Years 1 and 2**

Year 1 and 2 students have had an introduction to the Art room. The rules, procedures and where things are kept.

Drawing a self-portrait of “Me on Holidays” and painting it with water coloured paints.

Next we are constructing exhibits for our Art show in Term 3 based on the theme “Art around the World”. Work will be focused on practicing paper craft skills and the elements of line, colour, pattern, shape and texture using a variety of mixed media.

**Years 3 and 4**

Year 3 and 4 students have begun constructing exhibits for our Art Show in Term 3 based on the theme “Art around the World”.

Art works this term will be based on developing skills in the areas of drawing, painting and mixed media collage. We will be working on Art projects based on the countries of Egypt, India and Africa.

**Years 5 and 6**

Year 5 and 6 students do not attend Visual Art classes in term 1.

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**OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN IS ON-LINE**

You now have the option of ordering your child’s lunch on-line at [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au).

You can still send your child’s lunch order to school. To order a lunch for your child, please write your child’s:

**NAME, CLASSROOM, ORDER and COST, ON A PAPER BAG** and place the money inside the bag.

**PLEASE TRY TO SEND THE CORRECT MONEY**
Mouthguard Fittings
At Greenvale Primary School

We have been contacted by an authorised dental company, known as "The Mouthguard Man" that specialises in mouthguard fittings for juniors and seniors who participate in various sporting activities. We at Greenvale Primary School are aware of the importance of protecting your children’s developing teeth and encourage all sports players to consider wearing a mouthguard whilst playing and competing in sport. Due to the schools commitment to provide opportunities for our community, we encourage all students who participate to seriously consider this option.

If you are interested in a mouthguard fitting, can you please fill out the expression of interest form below and return to Mr Carroll by Wednesday 24th February, 2016

The "Mouthguard Man" has been booked and will be visiting Greenvale Primary School on:

WHEN: Friday 26th February, 2016
TIME: 3.30 - 4.30pm
WHERE: The Staffroom
COST: $50 single colour
       $60 dual colours

For further information please ring Paul Damiano on 0409 880 663 or go to www.themouthguardman.com.au to look at the colour selections.

Shannon Carroll
Phys. Ed Coordinator

Expression of Interest to see The Mouthguard Man

I am interested in having my child’s mouthguard fitted by The Mouthguard Man at Greenvale Primary School. I will be attending the mouthguard fitting session in the school’s staffroom on Friday, 26th February, 2016 from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Student/s Name: ___________________________________________  Class: ____________
__________________________________________  Class: ____________
__________________________________________  Class: ____________

Parent Name: ___________________________________________
Contact Number: _________________________________________
LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

New players are welcome at Greenvale in all age groups for the 2016 season. Pre-Season training times are below:

**Under 8s and Under 10s**
Wednesday  4:30 to 6:00pm  Section Road Oval 2

**Under 12s**
Tuesday  5:00pm to 6:00pm  Section Road Oval 4
Thursday  5:00pm to 6:00pm  Drummond Street

**Under 14s**
Wednesday  5:15pm to 6:30pm  Section Road Oval 4
Friday  5:15pm to 6:30pm  Section Road Oval 2

**Under 16s**
Tuesday  6:00pm to 7:20pm  Drummond Street
Thursday  6:00pm to 7:20pm  Drummond Street

*If you have any queries please contact:*
Ken Hutchinson  0418 518 902
Warren Pereara  0406 120 957
Joanne Stillman  0423 652 023
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