Thursday, 19 March 2015

Values:

Resilience Respect Honesty Responsibility Learning

Purpose:
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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Website: www.greenvaleps.vic.edu.au

Yr 6  1st Laptop Instalment for 2015 is now overdue. Please make payment arrangements by Monday, 23rd March

MARCH

Friday  20th  Family Fun Night – 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday  23rd  Year 6 Reach Rookies Workshop
Wednesday  25th  Foundation Family Maths Night 6:00 – 7:00pm
Friday  27th  Last Day for Term 1 – 2:30pm Dismissal

From The Principal’s Desk
Angelika Ireland

Family Fun Night ………tomorrow starting at 4 o’clock until 7pm!!
Parents and staff have been working together in preparation for this fabulous night. If last years’ Family Fun Night was any indication, tomorrow night should be a wonderful community fun event. Be ready for the jumping castles, show bags, sausage sizzle (halal sausages also available), sponge throw, face painting, popcorn, fairy floss, tattoos, demonstrations by Halls Taekwondo, Zumba dancing demonstrations and participation, donut and coffee sales, gumboot throwing, treasure hunt, sack races, bean bag throw and more…………… $1 tokens have been pre-purchased and will be sent home today. Further tokens are available on the night also at the token table.
Please note, more parent helpers are urgently required to assist with the activities. Please ring the office and leave your name and phone number so you can be contacted.

Parents in Partnership – Parent Reps
Introducing the Parent Reps for Foundation – Marina, Skye, Natalie, Ozge, Mel and Stacey.
The Parent Reps from the Foundation year met with the Foundation teachers for a breakfast meeting last week. They used this time to discuss ways that they can link in with school activities and provide support to the classrooms. We highly value the importance of the partnership between the home and the school and encourage a high level of participation and community support.

Annual Report to the School Community
School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 17th March followed by the School Council meeting with the new Council at 7pm. The AGM is an open meeting so it was great to welcome some parents to this meeting who are not School Council members. At this meeting we discussed the Annual Report to the School Community which outlines school outcomes and progress for 2014. Attendees were provided with details of Greenvale Primary School’s achievements and given a copy
of the Annual Report to the School Community to take home. The report consists of a profile of our school, and an explanation of what progress was made in the areas of student achievement, engagement, well-being and school productivity.

Following is a Performance Summary that was generated by the Department of Education. This is based on assessments made in 2014 that were provided by our school to the department. It compares our school to the State median and shows where we sit when compared to the middle 60% of schools in Victoria.

**Student Achievement** is shown using
1. Teacher assessments in each child’s end of year report from the Australian Curriculum/Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS) in English and Mathematics showing the percentage of students in Years Prep to 6 with a grade of C or above. A ‘C’ rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting.
2. NAPLAN Year 3 results in Reading and Numeracy, including a 4 year trend.
3. NAPLAN Year 5 results in Reading and Numeracy, including a 4 year trend.
4. NAPLAN Learning gain of students from Year 3 to Year 5 in the following domains; Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. NAPLAN learning gain is determined by comparing a student's current year result to the results of all ‘similar’ Victorian students (i.e. students in all sectors in the same year level who had the same score two years prior).

**Student Engagement** shows
1. Attendance figures for students at Greenvale Primary School in 2014. It shows average days absent per full time equivalent (FTE) student per year, including 4 year trend data.
2. Average 2014 attendance rate by year level:

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**Student Wellbeing** reports on the students Attitudes to School survey which our Year 5 and 6 students do during the year. It compares the results from the Connectedness to School factor derived from the Attitudes to School survey. Greenvale PS is making pleasing progress in all areas, however we always aim to do better and improve our practice to enhance student outcomes. Our staff are a committed and professional team who work together to ensure effective and engaging programs for our students. Our strengths include providing learning depth and breadth to cater for diverse learning needs and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to experience success.

**School Council meeting**
On Tuesday, at the School Council meeting with the new School Council we welcomed our new members Fikriye Halil-Coban, Rachel Connell, Sarah Muscat and Brett McGinniskin. One of the first tasks of this School Council was to elect office bearers. I am pleased to announce the following……

**PRESIDENT:** Noel Scerri
**SECRETARY:** Gwen Hutcheson
**FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENOR:** Rachel Connell
**COMMUNITY LINKS COMMITTEE CONVENORS:** Jodie Howitt and Sharon Matuauto
**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE CONVENOR:** Angelika Ireland
**UNIFORM COMMITTEE CONVENOR:** Gwen Hutcheson
**COMMUNITY LINKS COMMITTEE DEPUTY:** Sarah Muscat
**PARENT ON FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Noel Scerri
**UNIFORM COMMITTEE DEPUTY:** Sarah Muscat
**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE DEPUTY:** Brett McGinniskin
**CURRICULUM REPORT**
Meredith Clegg

**Assemblies for Term 2 - Monday 9.00am**

I can't believe that it is nearly the end of the term! It has flown so quickly! Last year we trialled holding assemblies last session on a Friday during Terms 2 to avoid having children sit on the asphalt in the colder months. Over the course of the year we set up a system where assemblies could be streamed into classrooms using the Interactive Whiteboards
and the large TV screens. This can be used when the weather is cold and inclement in the winter, so after further discussion and consideration our assembly time will continue to be 9am on a Monday.

**Food For Thought:**

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.” – Carl Rogers

**Reminder**

If you need to pick your child up early from school, please do this prior to 3:15pm. No Early Passes will be given out after 3:15pm.

**Sports News**

Shannon Carroll –

**GREENVALE CROSS COUNTRY**

The Greenvale Cross Country will be held at School / Bradford Oval on Friday, March 27th beginning at approximately 9.15am and concluding at 11.00am

Every student from Years 4-6 will be competing for their house and for the chance to represent Greenvale in the district cross country.

Students will compete against peers from their age group (Date of Birth) and all events are gender based.

The following distances will be run for each age group:

9/10 year old: 2km
11 year old: 3km
12/13 year old: 3km

Students are encouraged to wear sports appropriate clothing that help support their house colour, but will need a tracksuit for before and for after the event. It would be wise for students to bring a complete change of clothes to school to change into after the event (including a change of footwear) as the cross country course can include a few wet and muddy patches.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Shirt, running shoes and shorts to run in.
2. Tracksuit (and coat).
3. Complete change of clothes in case it is wet or muddy.
4. Asthma Medication.

I look forward to a successful event and enjoyable Cross Country for our Greenvale students.

**School Banking Day Reminder**

Don't forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Greenvale Primary School
NAPLAN News
Michelle Dodd – NAPLAN Co-ordinator

NAPLAN 2015 Year 3 & Year 5 Students - Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th May

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN assessments are undertaken by students as a normal part of their education program. Teachers will ensure students are prepared for the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. We ask that you make every effort to ensure that your year 3 and year 5 children are in attendance on these days.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing program please contact Mrs Dodd (NAPLAN Co-ordinator) or visit the NAPLAN website where you will find answers to frequently asked questions and information regarding past tests and sample questions. www.naplan.edu.au

Year 6 – 7 Transition

Essendon Keilor College,

The Essendon Keilor College Community would like to invite all your Year 4, 5 and 6 students to tour our facilities. Junior Campus Tours are conducted every Wednesday and Friday at 9:20am By Appointment.

Our Open Days will be on April 23rd (East Keilor) and April 28th (Niddrie): This will be a chance to see the Campus and Students in action and to talk with the leadership team. Observe the science class in action or talk with some of our Year 8 and 9 Leadership Students. There will be tours at 9:30, 11:30, 1:45 and 6:00pm.

Hear about the Essendon East Keilor District College and our Vision for your child’s success at the Principals Address at 7:00pm on each of the Open Days.

Niddrie Campus
Peters Street, Airport West
Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Campus
Quinn Grove, East Keilor
Ph: 8331 0109

Essendon Keilor College
Hello to all families,

We would like to issue the following reminders:

**Sunsmart Term 1 & 4** - We would like to remind all families that term 4 is a sunsmart term. This means that children will be required to wear hats and sunscreen for outdoor play. So please remember to bring/pack a hat as no hat means no play. You are welcome to leave a hat with your child's name on it at the program for this purpose.

**Bookings and Cancellations** - We ask that if you pick your child up from school on a day when he or she is booked into after school care that you please give us a call and let us know they are safe.

Bookings are open until midnight the night before. All bookings received by midnight will be processed through the system as per normal. Any emergency bookings after this time must be texted/phoned through to the program directly and will incur an additional $3 late fee. The program phone number is 0423782000. Cancellations given with a minimum of 24 hours notice prior to the session start time will not be charged. Any cancellations after this time will be charged as per normal.

**Sustainability** - We are currently seeking donations of small plastic gardening pots and seeds. Our aim is to do some gardening activities with the children. Thank you in advance to any who are able to donate.

Have an enjoyable school holidays and we'll see you in term 2.

Thank You,

OSHClub Team.
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