Monday, 28 April 2014

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

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From The Principal’s Desk
Angelika Ireland

Welcome Back.............

It is a pleasure to see our students return at the beginning of a term, happy to see their friends and be at school again. I hope all families in our Greenvale school community enjoyed their time with their children over the term holidays and Easter period, taking advantage of the break to be involved in some outdoor activities. My husband and I spent the Easter weekend visiting our son who lives and works in Sydney with his girlfriend. We drove up to the Blue Mountains, did all the touristy ‘things’ and enjoyed the splendour of these magnificent mountains.

ANZAC Day

Yesterday I had the pleasure of going to the ANZAC Day service for Schools at the Shrine of Remembrance with our Year 6 students. What a wonderful opportunity this was for our students to be involved in remembering and recognizing all Australians who have fought in wars to protect the country.

The Shrine was initially built to commemorate WW1; however this now goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mate ship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

I believe in our multicultural society in Australia, it is also a time to remember all who lost their lives in any conflicts that were intended to keep countries safe.

The commemoration ceremony began with a fly over of planes from the Australian Air Force which was really intriguing for our students. The ceremony included the Guard of Honour march, a talk from the Governor of Victoria and the choirs from Melbourne High School and Mac Robertson Girls’ High School singing “We Are Australian” and ‘Waltzing Matilda’.

One of the highlights was when Greenvale PS School Captains, Chetha Nawana and Gabriel Koury, were able to lay a wreath near the Eternal Flame alongside the other schools that were present.
After the ceremony, our students spoke to the Shrine Guards who protect the site, visited a site where a soldier who was dressed in WW1 attire informed our students of the hardships of soldiers in that war – food rations, hard hats to avoid shrapnel, gas masks, clothing etc. We were also very fortunate to be privy to the practice session preparing for the ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday. All of us were considerably startled when the soldiers present fired their rifles as part of this practice ceremony.

Our School Assembly – New Time Slot
Our school assembly will now take place on a **Friday at 3:00pm**. We are trialling this over the winter period as the assembly area is always very cold and damp on a Monday morning. Also having assembly at this new time is least intrusive on the students’ learning time. Our first assembly will be on Friday 2nd May.

Keeping your Child Safe
How often is it that you see a child in a car not properly restrained or a young child sitting in the front seat of a vehicle? By law, children must be properly restrained when travelling
The type of restraint will depend on your child’s size. To protect your child in a crash:

- the restraint must be the right size for the child
- the restraint must be properly adjusted and fastened
- the restraint must be correctly fitted to the vehicle

Restraint Road Rules
All persons travelling in a motor vehicle must travel in a restraint that is properly adjusted and fastened. The restraint will be a child restraint, booster seat or adult seatbelt. The type of restraint will depend on the person’s size. The road rules in Victoria require:

- A child under six months of age to travel in a rearward facing approved child restraint.
- A child aged six months to under 4 years to travel in either a rearward facing OR forward facing approved child restraint with inbuilt harness. The type of restraint will depend on the child’s size.
- A child aged 4 years to under 7 years to travel in either a forward facing approved child restraint with an inbuilt harness, or an approved booster seat*. The type of restraint will depend on the child’s size.
- A child aged 7 years to under 16 years to travel in either an approved booster seat or an adult seatbelt. The type of restraint will depend on the child’s size.
- A person 16 years and over to travel in an adult seatbelt.
- * A booster seat can be used with a lap-sash seatbelt or child safety harness. A **child safety harness** is not recommended for use with a booster seat in a seating position with a lap-sash seatbelt.

If a car has two or more rows of seats, children under 4 years must not travel in the front seat. If all rear seats are being used by children under 7 years, children aged 4 years and under 7 years may travel in the front seat, provided they use a booster seat.

For more information go to [http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

Food For Thought:
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” - Nelson Mandela

**BOOK CLUB ORDERS**
Meredith Martell – Book Club Co-ordinator

**Issue Three of Book Club for 2014**
All orders must be returned NO LATER than **Friday 2nd May, by 11:00am**. No orders will be accepted after this time.

Please be aware that when book club brochures go out to students they have a window of 3 or 4 days to be returned. Any orders after that date will not be accepted.

Before the orders come to Learning Resource Centre please check that order forms are completed correctly and that the students name and grade are clearly written on order form and envelope.

**IF PAYING BY CHEQUE PLEASE MAKE OUT TO:** SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB.
**IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE NOTE:** NEW PAYMENT PROCESSES ON SLIP
Last term we introduced our ‘Strike 3 Late Arrival Policy’ to improve our late arrival data. We continue to work with the school community to ensure our students arrive at school punctually each day to maximise their learning opportunities. In late February our projected late arrivals averaged 2.17 per student. At the end of term 1 the data shows our projected late arrivals to be 1.74 per student. Our community is to be congratulated for working together to make a positive difference for our students.

![Late Arrivals Chart]

Our goal is to reduce the number of late arrivals to 800 in total for the year. So far this year we have recorded 273 late arrivals.

![Projected Absence Days per Student Chart]

Our goal is reduce the number of absent days to less than 11 per student. If we continue at this rate, our projected average number of absence days per student will be 9.3 days. This is a very pleasing result.

**Year 6 To 7 Transition News**

Robyn Johnson - Year 6/7 Transition Coordinator

On Tuesday 22nd April the initial process regarding Year 6 to Year 7 transition began. All Year 6 students took home a package containing the following:

- A letter from the Regional Director Jeanette Nagorcka regarding Placement in Year 7 at a Secondary School for 2014
- Year 6 to 7 Transitions: Frequently Asked Questions document
- A list of Government Secondary Schools in North-Western Victoria Region with Year 7
- Application for Year 7 Placement 2014 & clear plastic pocket
- Year 6 to Year 7 Transitions: Privacy Notice

It is extremely important parents/guardians read the information and complete the Application of Year 7 Placement 2015; returning it the plastic pocket provided as soon as possible. This document needs to be handed to their classroom teacher prior to Friday the 23rd May.

It is imperative parents/guardians complete Section 4: Government School Placement Preferences nominating three separate secondary colleges.

Once the Applications have been returned both Mrs Cuffe and I will work together forwarding completed Applications to the nominated secondary colleges. This process may take up to seven months with many Applications going back and forward to the secondary colleges for consideration.

Many of our Year 6 students have already decided which secondary college they would like to attend. For those parents/guardians of students in Year 5 it is essential to begin researching and participating in Open Days, Information Evenings and Guided Tours of all the secondary colleges in our area. Information can be found on the Year 5 & 6 Notice Boards as well as the secondary school web pages.

If you have any questions regarding Year 6/7 transition, please do not hesitate to contact me on johnson.robyn.r@edumail.vic.gov.au or alternatively on 9333 2500.
Forms are now available at the school office for Term 2 Chess-Ed

Chess-Ed
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Chess-Ed Junior Chess Club – Term 2, 2014

Chess is one of the most powerful educational tools available to strengthen a child’s mind. Most 6-7 year olds can follow the basic rules and some children as young as 4 or 5 can play. Whatever a child’s age, chess can enhance concentration, patience, and perseverance, as well as develop creativity, intuition, and memory. Most importantly, children can develop the ability to analyse and deduce from a set of general principles, to make tough decisions and to solve problems flexibly.

The coach, David Beaumont is an experienced chess teacher and one of Victoria’s leading chess players.

The chess classes will take the children through a structured chess course with the dual aim of achieving the maximal educational benefits the game offers and providing an enjoyable learning environment.

If your child would like to participate in the Chess Club during Term 2 please fill out the form below and return it to the school office by the start of the first lesson. Numbers are limited to 24 and are taken on a first-come first-served basis. Any extra children will be placed on a waiting list.

- When: Monday Afterschool: 3:40 – 4:40pm
  There will be 8 classes in Term 2 on the following dates:
  28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5, 26/5, 2/6, QB, 16/6 and 23/6.
- Where: Greenvale Primary School Art Room
- Cost: $72 (for the 8 classes - $9 per class, includes GST) per child for Term 2
- Enquiries: Please feel free to contact us on (03) 9387 4503
  or via email at info@chesseducation.com.au

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Read More in May
National Family Reading Month

You could WIN $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family AND books for your classroom teacher!

1. Hang this Reading Log on a wall, your bedroom door or on the fridge. (Make sure you ask your parents first)
2. There are 31 cheese wedges on this sheet, representing 31 days in May. Read for at least 10 minutes every day in May and write on a cheese wedge the time spent reading.
3. On the 1st of June, total up your Reading Minutes for May and go online to www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay and enter the competition.
4. All winners will be announced on the website by the end of June!

Holy cheese! I read for a total of ________ minutes in May!

To enter the competition, lodge your total minutes online by the 14th of June.

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