Friday, 9 May 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

Term 2 Calendar was sent home via the eldest child on Wednesday 7th May and a copy is on the last page of this newsletter. Please place the Term Calendar on the refrigerator so the family can see what events are happening at school this term.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S

Angelika Ireland

Congratulations…..

We are very proud of two of our students, Chelsea Eaton and Chancey Bandara, who competed at State and National levels in their particular field of sporting expertise.

Congratulation goes to Chelsea Eaton in Year 6 who competed in the Victorian State Schools Championships in the 11 year old Girl’s 50 metre breast stroke final at MSAC on Tuesday 29th April. Chelsea, representing Greenvale PS, came 5th in the State, with a time of 46 seconds, only 0.4 of a second behind the 4th place getter and 0.7 of a second behind the 3rd place getter. Chelsea progressed through District, then Regional Finals and then qualified for the Victorian State Schools Championships.

Also, we forward congratulations to Chancey Bandara who flew to Auckland, NZ to represent Australia in the Junior Taekwondo Championships on the 1st May. Chancey who is 9 years of age and currently in 4ML, has been training at the Koryo Taekwondo Centre since he was a 5 year old in Prep. Chancey was awarded two first-place awards – one for individual performance and one for working with a partner. Both Chelsea and Chancey will be recognised at our assembly on Friday.

Kids View Social Justice Conference

We were very fortunate to be the host the Bahay Tulyan (meaning House of Welcome) Kids View Social Justice Conference last Monday at Greenvale PS. 30 of our student leaders participated alongside 46 students from four other schools who travelled to Greenvale to participate. Bahay Tulyan is an organization in the Philippines that works with children to give them a home, feeds them and sends them to school. It gives children a chance to live a good life and achieve their dreams, become leaders and reach out to other children in their community and help them. At this year’s conference, students had an opportunity to discuss social justice issues and associated problems faced by underprivileged children living in poverty stricken conditions. The group was addressed by young people who previously lived in poverty from the Philippines and are now part of Bahay Tulyan organization. It was anticipated that through this conference, a new found awareness and empathetic attitude would grow, as students recognize the need and power they have to create change as they “work for a better world”. A big thank you goes to Peta Law for organizing Greenvale to host the day.

Supporting Children after Family Separation

Many children who experience parental separation cope well with the changes over time. However some children will experience difficulties along the way and require support to help them build resilience. These children can be affected by numerous stressful experiences, some of which may include:
- feeling that separation is their fault
- feeling caught in the middle
- feeling unheard
- exposure to ongoing conflict
- looking after emotionally vulnerable parents
- forming new relationships in blended families
- moving schools and between homes

Early intervention that focuses on building children’s resilience in a safe and supportive environment will benefit families now and into the future.

If you are seeking support for your child/ren you may consider the Greensborough Family Relationship Centre. This Centre was established by the Australian Government as part of family law reform, and is led by Relationships Australia Victoria. The Centre aims to enable separating families to achieve workable parenting arrangements outside the court system.

There is a children’s group called MY Parents N Me, which runs each term over a 4 week period. This group is for parents of separated families. Group sizes are limited to 10 children and are run in two age groups (6-10 and 10-12). These sessions run on Wednesdays from 4.00-5.30pm.

Many services are provided for free or offered on a sliding scale, according to the client’s level of income. It works collaboratively with, and provides referrals to, a variety of other services matching the needs of the family or individual.

The Centre is also a source of information and confidential assistance for families at all stages of their lives, whether families are going through separation, starting a relationship, wanting to make relationships stronger or having relationship difficulties.

For further information ring (03) 9404 7800.

Food For Thought:

'The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn' - Alvin Toffler

Assistant Principal’s Report

Jane Greig-Hancock

Curriculum Day – Friday 6th June

Just a reminder that we have a curriculum day coming up on Friday 6th June. The focus for staff on this day will be on Writing. We have organised a special guest speaker Anne Angelopoulos. Anne will take the staff through hands-on writing activities, techniques and systematic framework, will show teachers how practical and simple it is to link all text types by explicitly teaching a number of powerful writing strategies, the one day workshop will be directed at giving teachers the opportunity to also apply, practise and refine the new knowledge and powerful strategies to best suit the needs of their students, teaching style and repertoire.

Skip-A-Thon

The staff events committee have decided on a skip-a-thon for our staff fundraising event during the week commencing June 2. Each year level will organise an hour of skipping activities in their sport time. Each child will be sponsored to complete of the 5 activities, these activities are:

1. Whole group skipping
2. Partner Skipping
3. Big rope skipping
4. Individual Skipping with tricks
5. Forward and backward skipping

We will be encouraging students to practice their skipping at home and to learn some skipping tricks to showcase on the day.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EZnGbfMqsc (Preps – how to skip with written instructions)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZY1lEMydbyA (sesame street – how to skip)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAZE7sGjqoA (America children)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X_--UmlTr-rk (elementary school children)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjDrR_HPCM4 (elementary school children)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ivw76kaYvg (older children)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUWg7fXnCf0 (adults and children from Hungry)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAZE7sGjqoA (from Australia’s got talent)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqvuFWEsaKg (first bit has Michelle Obama chatting to the team and the team teaching the hosts how to jump rope – not too much with the skipping team)
Cold Weather
We have rather a cold start to May, and already there has been a spate of colds and coughs. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind and talk to your children about to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.

It is also important that students keep well hydrated during the colder months, so please continue to send along water bottles each day.

NAPLAN 2014
Year 3 And Year 5 Students
NAPLAN Co-ordinator – Michelle Dodd
This is a reminder that NAPLAN testing will take place next week. We recommend that you make every effort to ensure your child is in attendance and at school on time on these particular days as make up tests cannot be arranged outside of this testing week.
Breakfast and a goodnight’s sleep will also assist your child to do their best!

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The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals about student achievement which can be used to support teaching and learning programs.

As parents you can best assist your child by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Your child should be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

Year 6/7 Transition
Robyn Johnson - Transition Leader
Rosehill Secondary College – Open Day
Our Year 5 and 6 students experienced a day of Secondary College this week at Rosehill.

Every year the College invites our Year 5 and 6 students to an Open Day of Learning together with students from a range of schools from Ascot Vale, Pascoe Vale, Tullamarine and Essendon. This year the College hosted a total of 1250 Year 5 and 6 students.

Our students were placed in classes of 25 and participated in a wide variety of teaching and learning sessions including: Mathematics, Literacy, Physical Education, Performance & Dance, Home Economics (Cookery), Wood Work, Italian and Science.

Watching our students enter secondary college wide eyed, excited, yet full of apprehension reaffirmed the importance of our Transition Program and the significance of exposing our students to an assortment of transitional experiences from a mixture of secondary colleges.

Students returned to school with a new understanding of how a secondary college operates, what subjects are on offer and how easy it is to make new friends.

As part of our Transition Program, we will endeavor to offer other opportunities for our students to assist them in the smooth transition from primary to secondary education.

State-wide Transition Documentation
Application for Year 7 Enrolment Forms are required to be returned to school prior to the 23rd May. If your child has been accepted at a Non-Government Secondary School, you will need to support your Application with a copy of the Letter of Acceptance from the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9333 2500 or alternatively on the following email address:
johnson.robyn.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
Prep Family Maths Night

Marge Lang, Brett McGinniskin and Elicia Briggs - Mathematics Strategic Leaders

We held the final our Family Maths Nights on Wednesday April 23rd with the Prep students and parents and it was a great success. It was fantastic to see everyone working together to solve a variety of maths problems with the theme of “Teddy Bear Maths”. Activities included “Guess the Number of Lollies in the Jar”, “Tall Teddies”, “Memory” and “Teddy Bear Patterns”.

Thanks to everyone who attended and a huge thank you to the Prep teachers – Georgia Kroger, Anne Killeen, Mareeka Papadopolous, Erin Ranieri and Kellie Kalolo for their help in making the night such a success. Thanks to all the families who supported our Family Maths Nights this year. The feedback from all Family Maths Nights was extremely positive and we are sure that more will be planned for 2015.

We have a display of Family Maths Night photos in the corridor near the Uniform Shop.

Berita LOTE (LOTE News)

Ibu Lee – LOTE Teacher


I am conducting "Asian Games" sessions in Term 2 & 4. The students can come to Room 12 every Wednesday during lunchtime from 1:45 - 2:15. They can play with a selection of games from various Asian countries. There is a limit of 20 students per session. Hope to see you there.

Below are some of the games that students can play with.

Terima kasih (Thank You)
How it works
You will need to register for a Working With Children Check online, or you can have a form sent to you but you need to fill in your details online to have the form sent to your home address. If applying online you are required fill in your details, print off the application form and then go to a participating Australia Post with your passport size photo and other required documentation.

If you do not have access to a computer or an internet connection please come to the School Office and a staff member will log in to the website to apply for an application form sent to your home address.

To apply for a Working with Children (WWC) Check, you need to:

- fill in an application
- get a passport size photo of yourself
- gather your proof of identity documents, and
- lodge your application at a participating Australia Post retail outlet providing a photo and proof of your identity.

What information you will need to have ready
In order to fill in an application, you will need the:

- full address of every place you have lived in the last five years, and
- name, address and phone number for each organisation you will be doing paid or volunteer child-related work for.

What you will need to fill in application online
You must have:

- an internet connection
- an email address so the department can let you know it has received your details
- a printer of reasonable quality and Adobe Acrobat Reader or Open Office to print a summary of your application.

Uniform Shop News
Dianne Barresi

Our school is very fortunate to be able to offer our Uniform Shop onsite, and have wonderful Parent Volunteers that give up their time to assist with this service. Please show our Staff, Volunteers and other customers respect when purchasing from the Uniform shop.

Uniform Shop Days and Hours
The Uniform shop is open every second Tuesday during Term 2 between the hours of 8:45am and 11:30am.

Remaining open days are: 20th May, 3rd June, and 17th June.

Class Room Orders
- Classroom orders are only processed on Tuesdays.
- Uniform orders can be sent any day using the classroom order system
- Classroom orders will be filled and returned to your child's classroom.
- Ensure that you have the current order form and correct payment.
- Incorrect order forms and payment will delay the process of your order.

Sale Continues
Boys Streetwear Pants / Girls Bootleg Pants
Sizes 14 and 16 - Reduced to $10.00 each

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsqv Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652
Community Advertising Section

Self-development through drama!
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling Now – Ages 5 to 17
Contact the Principal
Joanna Melo Howard - 90168928

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