**Thursday, 17 September 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.

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**TOMORROW – FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER**

Last Day of Term 3 – Students Dismissed at 2:30pm

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**From The Principal’s Desk**

Angela Ireland

**Do you have our school app?**

Get instant access to our Newsletters, school messages and website on your mobile phone! You are also able to check dates on the school calendar and report any absences for your child. This is a free download at the App Store and can be used for both android and iPhones.

**Teaching Academies**

Greenvale PS is part of a Teaching Academy with RMIT University. The core idea of the Teaching Academy is to develop a strong relationship between the University and each school aligned with the Academy and to provide a framework for improved Pre Service placement. In the last 4 weeks of this term we have hosted twelve of their Pre-Service Teachers. Each Pre Service teachers is placed in a classroom with the class teacher providing support as a mentor. The students also have a school based coach who works closely with the Pre-service teachers and class teachers. The school based coach provides whole group learning sessions as well as one on one mentoring, setting of learning goals and directions for professional growth. On Tuesday we were delighted to host two staff from RMIT Uni who were at Greenvale PS to discuss the success of the program with us as well as visiting the Pre-service teachers in their classrooms. Pictured with Rosemary Agnew and myself is Andrea Chester who is the Deputy Pro Vice Chancellor, Teaching and Learning at RMIT. She was duly impressed with our school, our students and what we have achieved in supporting and mentoring their students.
Enrolments For 2016 – Are You Moving??
If your child is leaving our school and will not require a place at Greenvale PS in 2016 can you please let the office know immediately. We are currently organising class structures for 2016, so it is essential that we are informed of any students who are leaving.

Parents in Partnership - Parent Questions, ideas or Concerns
Do you have a question, idea or concern? We are interested in your thoughts and ask that if there are any issues or confusion about things happening at school you speak with your child’s class teacher or that you make a time to meet with myself or the Assistant Principal, Meredith Clegg. Our doors are always open. Questions or concerns are much better clarified than becoming uninformed negative talk between parents in the school ground or playground. This becomes destructive to our values and the way we work together as a community.
I look forward to speaking with you.............

Language for 2016?
Numerous discussions have been held with Year 3-6 classes, School Council and teachers in regard to the Language Other Than English that is being taught at Greenvale. There are quite a variety of languages being taught in surrounding schools, with Italian seeming to predominate. One of our main feeder Secondary schools, Gladstone Park SC, also has an Italian immersion program that our Year 6 students can apply to be part of. When surveyed, 60% of the 127 Year 3-6 students indicated that Italian should be the language taught at Greenvale PS. The other languages were Indonesian 9%, Chinese 9% and Spanish 22%. School Council also supported a move to Italian as did the majority of teaching staff.

Parent Requests re Class Placements 2016
This is the time of year when parents have the opportunity to put in writing requests for their child’s placement for 2016 based on learning needs. Despite the need for students to learn to get along with others they are not particularly keen on, there are times when students really should not be together in the same class as it hinders their learning. Please do not send requests asking for a specific teacher. The staffing has not been finalised for 2016 and staff have not been allocated particular year levels. If you know of any issues that could impact on your child’s learning, please put it in writing addressed to the Principal. All the requests are to be back to school by Monday, 26th October. After that date no requests will be allowed as the teachers will be working on student placement and a late request can have a ripple effect on decisions made by staff and impact on placement of other students.
If you have spoken with us in the past, your requests will need to be renewed as circumstances change on a yearly basis.
Class lists are made up using a number of factors including: student friendships, academic achievement, aide support needed, behaviour and gender. Students who have been in a composite class in 2015 will not be placed in a composite in 2016 unless a parent requests this.

Parents In Partnership............
Thank you to all our parent helpers at the Father’s Day Stall!
We hope all fathers were spoilt by their children on that Sunday and were able to have some quality time with them. If you are able to be involved or provide support in any way, please contact your child’s teacher or the office. Parent partnerships play a vital role in our school community. There are numerous ways to be involved in your child’s school – School Council, Parent Reps, classroom helpers, attendance at special events such as Education Week, special events planning and assistance such as the Family Fun Night, attendance at excursions and camps to name a few. The message you are giving your child through your involvement is that you value your child’s education and the school.
Watch These Spaces

Enjoy your time with your children over the holiday period and I anticipate to see all of our students back safely on Monday, 5 October.

**Food For Thought:**
“When you focus on problems, you’ll have more problems. When you focus on possibilities, you’ll have more opportunities.”
STUDENT ATTENDANCE  Every Day Counts!
These are the student attendance statistics since the start of the year.

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COMPUTER WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Introduction to Microsoft Office is the next workshop starting in term 4 for four weeks from Monday 12th October, 10am till midday. Learn the basics of MS Office – how to type a letter, create a brochure, make a presentation, generate a birthday card, keep a list of your music and much more. If you would like to attend these classes let our friendly office staff know. Be quick as there is space for only three more participants!

Footy Colours Day

Tomorrow Greenvale P.S. is hosting a Footy Colours Day. All students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy club colours, including AFL, soccer and rugby.

Students are required to bring in a gold coin donation if they wish to participate in the special event.

Funds raised will be forwarded to the Fight Cancer Foundation. Football related activities will be run by the Student Voice Team on the day. There will also be a footy parade for students to show off their team spirit at 12:30pm. Parents are very welcome to spectate. Special ‘footy themed’ lunch orders are available on the day. Please note that regular lunch orders will NOT be accepted on the day.

We hope to see you there!
Indonesian News
Peter Osboldstone

Foundation students and students from Year 2EB and 2DT designed, painted and created their own Indonesian masks during Term 3. This carried on from the ‘Body Parts’ topic which they had been learning. Some of the vocabulary they have learnt:

- eyes = mata
- ears = telinga
- nose = hidung
- mouth = mulut
- cheeks = pipi
- teeth = gigi
- hair = rambut
- face = wajah

All of the students loved making and wearing their masks and took them home this week after their final Indonesian lesson.

The Year 6 students practised a traditional Indonesian song during LOTE and Performing Arts lessons during Terms 2 and 3. The song is called ‘Sajojo’ and is from West Papua Province in Indonesia. ‘Sajojo’ is a popular song all over Indonesia and is about a beautiful girl from a village who all the men want to dance with. The Year 6 students performed the song and dance routine at the Greenvale Primary School Concert and were a big success! Congratulations to all of the students for being able to sing with gusto in a foreign language.

Literacy Leader
Georgia Kroger

Writing at Greenvale PS

The focus for this year has been on developing strategies and techniques that enhance students’ writing. All year levels have been working towards developing a whole school Scope and Sequence document, to enable us to have consistent understandings and expectations of students’ writing at each year level. Ann Angelopoulos has been working with the whole school from the beginning of the year to support staff in the improvement of our teaching and learning of writing. Ann has conducted Professional Development sessions for staff and has worked in individual classrooms where she has modelled and coached staff and students. The students at our school can now discuss language features of writing such as power of 3, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, as well as similes and metaphors. To celebrate our writing, Greenvale PS will be having a special event to showcase the writing of all our students. This will be happening in Term 4.

More information about this special event to follow shortly – watch for the clues in early Term 4!
Uniform Shop News
Dianne Barresi

Uniform Shop Days and Hours
- During Term 4, the Uniform shop is open weekly between the hours of 8:45am and 11:30am.
- If you are unable to be at the shop early, you can arrange to meet your child at the shop during recess hours, 11:00am to 11:30am.

Class Room Orders
- Uniform orders can be sent any day using the classroom order system
- Classroom orders will be filled and returned to your child's classroom on Tuesdays only.

Year 5 Students - Special Year 6 Uniforms – 2016
- Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop has commenced the ordering process for all current Year 5 students to order their Year 6 Uniform for next year.
- Fittings have been completed, so please contact the Uniform shop ASAP if you still need your child fitted.
- This is the only chance to order, as we are unable to place further orders next year.
- Please ensure that you order the appropriate size, so that your child we be able to wear their uniform all of 2016

All orders and payment must be returned to school by Friday 18th September 2015.

Parent Help Required
Our school is very fortunate to be able to offer our Uniform Shop onsite. This is made possible to the school community by the wonderful parent volunteers that give up their time to provide this convenient service. If you would like to help, and can spare an hour or so per term, please fill out the form below and return to the school office, along with a copy of a current working with children’s check.

We look forward to welcoming new Parents to our great team of volunteers.

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Uniform Shop – Parent Help

Parent Name: _______________________________________
Child’s Name: _______________________________________
Child’s Class: ___________________
Phone Contact: ___________________
Email: _______________________________________________

Congratulations to the 28 Year 4, 5 and 6 students who went off to compete at the Woodlands Division Athletics today (15/9) at the Meadowglen International Athletics Track in Epping.

All students should be proud of their efforts as we again achieved excellent results. Over a third of entries from Greenvale PS have successfully advanced through to the Northern Metro Region Championships on Wednesday October 14th again at the Meadowglen Track in Epping.

Well done to these 10 students who will compete at this next level:

Angelina K - Long Jump
Selim R - Long Jump and High Jump
Sienna R - 100M and Hurdles
Adam A - 100M and Relay
Alexandra G - 800M
Maddox S - Hurdles
Alex T, Carlos Z and Khalil M - Relay
COMMUNITY NEWS

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY CRICKET WITH
THE GREENVALE KANGAROOS;

TRAINING HAS COMMENCED AS FOLLOWS:

Under 10s training Mondays 4.45-5.45PM
Under 12s training Wednesdays 5-6PM
Under 14s training Wednesdays 5.30-7PM
Under 16s training Wednesdays 5.30-7PM

All teams train at Section road Oval/Nets.

For further enquires; contact Jill on 0418 525 481.

Keep updated at our website -
http://www.greenvalekangaroos.com.au

For Under 17s and Senior Training;
Please contact Jon (Seniors Coach) on 0407 223 827

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MILO IN2CRICKET REGISTRATION SESSION:
WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 4.45PM-5.30PM
AT GKCC CLUBROOMS (SECTION ROAD).

MILO IN2CRICKET 1ST SESSION:
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER.

FIND OUT FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTER DETAILS AT:

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Get into Tennis – Term 3 Special!
The NEW Hume Tennis and Community Centre is offering half price tennis lessons, for anyone who starts tennis in Term 3.
More info: call 1300 486 382,
Email: office@humetennis.com.au www.humetennis.com.au
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