**School News**

*Thursday, 24 November 2016*

**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)

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**From The Principal’s Desk**

Angelika Ireland

**Sad News**

Our condolences go out to Lana and Maya and the Moujalled family for the tragic loss of their 18 year old brother and son, Osman, earlier this week. Our thoughts are with them at this dark time of grief and loss.

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**PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP**

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea** – Please note change of date on Term Calendar

We would like to say “Thank you!” to all our Parent Helpers and Parent Reps in 2016!

To show our appreciation of all the support you have provided, you are invited to a morning tea in the staffroom on Monday 12th December at 11.00am.

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**Come and join in**

It’s that festive time of year again! Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday, 8th December starting at 4:30pm.

Bring your picnic blankets or chairs. Sausages and drinks will be on sale. The concert will again be located in the courtyard with picnic blanket space only at the front and chairs further back. Every class will be performing in front of the audience between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. The photo pit will again be located in front of the performers for parents to take their photos. Look forward to seeing you there!
**School Finishes at 3.30pm…...…..**

At 3:30pm all children are dismissed from their classroom to go home. At times, a parent may have an emergency where they are running late, but this should be the **exception** and not the norm. Often I am amazed at the number of children who are not picked up on time and can be waiting until after 3.45pm. The school office is not a care facility for children after school, and children should not be waiting somewhere around the school on their own. Every parent has the responsibility to pick up their child/ren at 3:30pm. Yard supervision finishes at 3:45pm. If you have a commitment, you can arrange for your child to go to After School Hours Care. They cater for occasional care and are really well subsidised. Please ring the OSHC Club on 8564 9000 and enquire.

**Writers’ Festival – Greenvale PS makes it to both Federal and State Parliament!!**

I hope that you have had the chance to read our students’ amazing writing displayed on the walls of our passageway in the main building? On the Friday after we launched the Writers’ Festival at assembly, we also had two special visitors coming to read our students’ work.

Both Maria Vamvakinou, Federal Member for Calwell, and Ros Spence, State member for Yuroke were invited and made a special visit during which time they spent some time reading the student writing on display and after a school tour, came to the staffroom to meet with a student representative from each year level. These students read their story to the visitors and then presented them with a copy. Both visitors were so impressed with what they heard and observed that they spoke about their visit in parliament.

I received this email from Ms Vamvakinou’s personal assistant recently. Please go to the link and have a listen.

Thank you for having both Maria and I at the Writers’ Festival – we both look forward to the event in 2017. Maria is always interested in events and initiatives held at the school so please keep in touch, or if there is a newsletter that we can subscribe too, please let us know.

In the meantime, I have included a link to the speech she made in parliament on the Writers’ Festival. Keep in mind we discussed this event through Maria’s social media channels and received a great response.


Ms Vamvakinou’s office also posted some photos onto their Facebook page that they took during the visit. Here is the link to the Facebook page about the Writers Festival.

https://www.facebook.com/mariavamvakinou/photos/pcb.127243496473182/1272420072808005/?type=3&theater

Today I also received a letter from Ros Spence in reference to her visit.

“Congratulations on the success of this year’s Writers’ Festival. It was great to see so many students take such pride in their work while also developing vital skills. Recently I had the opportunity in Parliament to talk about this year’s festival. Please find attached a copy of my remarks. Thank you again for the invitation to meet with students about their work. I look forward to attending future Writers’ Festivals.”

This is the extract from the Parliamentary debates – Hansard

**Ms SPENCE (Yuroke) — It was an honour to recently visit Greenvale Primary School as part of its writers’ festival, a celebration of the students’ writing which the school has focused on enriching over the last two years. The theme for this year was ‘Wishes, Hopes and Dreams’ — a wish for me, a wish for my family and a wish for the world’. Each of the 735 students had their writing on display inside a balloon shape, and I congratulate each of them for their thoughtful words.**

After being greeted by school captains Sandu and Zain, I was able to look at and read the students’ work on display throughout the school. It was terrific to then have one student from each of the school years present their piece. The writing was outstanding and I thank foundation student Asli, Dane from year 1, Keera from year 2, Adela from year 4, Joseph from year 5 and Cody from year 6 for sharing their work. These students told me that their writing had improved with the writing enrichment program and the parents of the presenters also noted that their students’ confidence and pride in their work had improved through this learning. The literacy program undertaken by the school has delivered great results and will stand these students in good stead for many years to come. With the learning of literary devices from onomatopoeia to alliteration, inferences, personification, similes, rhetorical questions and homophones, the extent of the students’ knowledge and understanding was outstanding.

Congratulations to principal Angelika Ireland, strategic leader of literacy Georgia Kroger, and all the support staff involved in putting this festival together.
New Art Room arrives... ...

REMINDERS... ... ....

Enrolments For 2017 – Are You Moving??
If you are leaving our school and will not require a place at Greenvale PS in 2017 can you please let the office know immediately. We are currently organising class structures for 2017, so it is essential that we are informed of any students who are leaving.

MISTAKES are proof that you are TRYING

Food For Thought:

Assistant Principal’s Notes
Meredith Clegg

STUDENT ATTENDANCE – Every Day Counts!

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PORTSEA CAMP VISIT
It was a perfect sunny day last Thursday when I went to visit the Year 6 students on camp at Portsea. When I arrived the campers were out and about the camp grounds at their activities. These included the flying fox, giant swing, rope climbing, rock pool rambling and kayaking. For many students the activities were a chance to challenge themselves to overcome overcome fears, such dropping from a height on the giant swing or balancing on ropes well above the ground. The highlight of my visit was being approached by one of the camp staff to tell me how absolutely fabulous the Greenvale PS kids were. That is something we can all be proud proud of.
NEW PHONE SYSTEM

The new phone system is in operation across the school, including new cordless phones for the yard duty staff. When teachers take these out into the school yard they are able to call directly to the office or first aid room, or any other phone in the school. Teachers can also speak to each other in the yard, or in the case of an extreme emergency, call emergency services. Staff feedback is full of praise for the effectiveness of the cordless phones.

Reminder: 2017 Parent Payment For Foundation – Year 6 Students
Briohny Romano - Finance Officer

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<th>Essential Student Learning Resources</th>
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<td>Essential Student Learning Items are those items used in the course of instruction in the standard curriculum program. These items include: Bulk purchases of stationery supplies and student classroom consumables (Foundation – Year 6), Individual Student Book Pack (Year 1 - Year 6), Mathletics subscription and bulk purchases of items used in specialist programs. <strong>Please Note:</strong> Foundation students do not take home a book pack their supplies are held in the classroom and distributed throughout the year.</td>
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<th>Excursions/In School Activities Prepayment</th>
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<td>In 2017 we are offering families the opportunity to select a prepayment amount of $85 for excursions and in-school activities. By making a prepayment, families can avoid the need to find money regularly throughout the year, with only the need to complete permission slips and indicate that payment is from the prepayment plan. Any unspent funds would be carried over to the following year. Alternatively you may make payments throughout the year as excursions/in school activities are organised. Please note: Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund). $125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Application forms can be obtained from the school office.</td>
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<th>Buildings &amp; Grounds Contributions</th>
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<td>To enable the school to develop and maintain areas such as shade structures, covered walkways, garden areas, student seating, synthetic grass. This contribution is voluntary but much appreciated.</td>
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<td>Early payment of these amounts would be greatly appreciated. <strong>PAYMENT MADE BY THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2016</strong> will enable you to collect your Book Pack this year. Payment of the Essential Student Learning Resources per child from Foundation to Year 6 must be paid prior to collection of the Book Pack.</td>
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<td><strong>Collection days will be:</strong></td>
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<td>Monday December 12th – Wednesday December 14th from the Library between 8:30am-11.00am or 2:30pm-4.00pm.</td>
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<td>Families who have a valid concession or health care card may be eligible for the Camps, Sports &amp; Excursion Fund (CSEF) which is provided by the Victorian Government. The parent or legal guardian must have a valid card on the 31st January 2017 to apply. Primary School students can receive $125 to put towards camps, sports or excursions in 2017. If you are eligible please print and complete the attached CSEF form and return to the school office with a copy of your valid concession or health care card. You can also come into the school office to complete a CSEF form and we will copy your valid concession or health care card.</td>
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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name ________________________ School REF ID ________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname ________________________

First name ________________________

Address ________________________

Town/suburb ________________________ State ________ Postcode ________

Contact number ________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid until my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ________________________ Date __/__/____

VICTORIA
State Government
On Tuesday the 15th of November the year 6’s arrived at school before 8:30, we met in the gym and marked the roll getting ready to leave for The Portsea Camp. Everyone was really excited to be heading off for the best camp of our lives.

There were 2 buses ready to pick us up, one bus for the boys and one bus for the girls. After saying good-bye to all our parents we left for Portsea camp. On the way there it was starting to rain. We were all hoping that it would stop raining by the time we got to Portsea and it did. When we got there we unloaded our luggage and were told where we were staying. We were also told our activity groups and we were lucky enough to be chosen as one of the leaders.

Our accommodation for the girls was a cabin with four to six students in each. There were two to three bunk beds in each cabin and there was a bathroom with a shower and toilet. The boys stayed in a big dorm, where they all had bunk beds in a line. They had a big bathroom with lots of showers and toilets for them to use.

During our camp we completed six activities, they were: Flying Fox, Kayaking, Ball Games, Rock Pooling, Giant Swing and High ropes. We also went to the beach for a swim and beach games and on the last day hiked to the Portsea Pier. On the Flying Fox there was a tyre and there was $50 in it, we tried to get it but we had no luck I guess. When we went kayaking, the water was a little cold but we survived and stayed on top of our kayaks. We did ball games with our amazing student teachers Mr. Andrews and Mr Roverto. The ball games were fun, we played cricket, kick ball and many more fun games. After all of this we went rock pooling where we found starfish and many more sea creatures. The giant swing was really high, maybe up to about 19-20 meters high. I think most of us went to the top. The high ropes were amazing, you had to climb up a rock wall and a bit more to get to the rope course.

The food on camp was amazing, we had some great mains and desserts. We had chicken schnitzel, fish and chips, burgers, ice-cream and lots, lots more. We had three night time activities, which were: 1 minute to win it, a movie night, and we also had the disco where we danced the night away.

Before we go we want to say thank you to the Portsea Staff for running such a professional camp, the parent helpers Mrs Howitt, Mr Pereara and Mr Scerri for giving up their time with their families and their jobs. We would also like to thank the Pre-service teachers Mr Andrews and Mr Roverto for their energy and enthusiasm on camp. We would like to thank Mrs Glover, Mrs Hickling, Mrs Doig and Mr Carrol for volunteering to come on camp, without you we wouldn’t have had such a wonderful experience.

Lastly we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Mac, who organised the camp and he did an amazing job, so we give you a really big thank you.

Riley Reid and Alexia Dimakos
The All Star Boys team from Greenvale Primary School ventured to Dandenong Basketball Stadium today to compete in the state finals. Over 550 All Star Boys teams had entered the Hooptime Competition and only the top 20 teams were playing at the state finals.

The Boys Competition was split over four pools. In Pool 1, Greenvale was up against Warranwood Primary School, St Finbars Primary School (Brighton East), Kew East Primary School and Maffra Primary School.

The first match was against St Finbars, which saw a strong performance from both sides. St Finbars skills were to smooth as they scored a couple of threes in the final minutes to win the game by five points (16-21). The second match against Warranwood, was again a strong performance, but fast breaks and outside shooting cost the boys this game, losing by eight points (8-16).

In the third match against Maffra PS, the boys got their day back on track with a thrilling win in the last minute by two points (17-15).

The fourth game was disappointing against Kew East, with the team not producing their best performance and easily losing this (6-21).

Following the games in our pool, we placed fourth and were able to play a consolidation game against Grey Street Primary School. Both teams really enjoyed their time out on court in this final game and Greenvale closed off Hooptime for 2016 on a high note, winning (17-7).

Congratulations to the boys on an outstanding Hooptime Series in 2016.
# Maths - A Challenge That Counts!

Congratulations to last newsletter’s challenge winners...

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**Year 5-6 challenge**

Name: _______________________________

Class: _____________________________

Magic Square: Complete this magic square so that it contains all the odd numbers from one to 17, and each row, column and diagonal add up to 27.

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**Year 3-4 challenge**

Name: _______________________________

Class: _____________________________

I am a three digit number
I am an odd number
My 3 digits add up to 16
My highest digit is in the tens place and is even
I am more than 20 x 30
I am less than 30 x 30
I am 19 less than my nearest hundred

I am? ___ ___ ___

**Year 1-2 challenge**

Name: _______________________________

Class: _____________________________

Complete the patterns:

10, 20, 30, ____, ____, ____
6, 12, 18, ____, ____, ____
3, 7, 11, ____, ____, ____
20, 17, 14, ____, ____, ____

**Foundation challenge**

Name: _______________________________

Class: _____________________________

Which number is bigger? Circle the biggest number:

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One lucky student from each age group will win a prize!

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