Thursday, 25 June 2015

Values:

Resilience  Respect  Honesty  Responsibility  Learning

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

JUNE
Friday 26th  Last day of Term 2 - School Uniform must be worn as it is not a Casual Dress Day

All Students Dismissed at 2:30pm

JULY
Monday 13th  First Day of Term 3
Tuesday 14th  School Banking commences students
Friday 17th  Year 6 Interschool Sports
Monday 20th  Chess-Ed commences for Term 3 - 3:40-4:40pm
Tuesday 21st  Year 5 & 6 Gladstone Park Secondary College Excursion
Wednesday 22nd  2016 Foundation Enrolment – Last Session for 2016
Thursday 23rd  Kelly Sports commences for Term 3 - 3:40-4:40pm

From The Principal’s Desk

Angelika Ireland

Coffee & Chats

Over the last two Mondays, parents with Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students were invited to attend our Coffee & Chat sessions after assembly in the staffroom. These sessions are designed to give parents an opportunity to

Meet and chat with other parents
Give feedback on how our school is going
Table questions and ideas

After an initial get to know you activity parents were able to share their thought and ideas about what is going well at Greenvale, what we can improve further, as well as being able to ask questions for clarification.
In the table below are some samples of feedback received...

### What are the positive aspects of our school?

- The Prep Court Yard
- Good sense of community
- Good facilities e.g. Technology
- Encouragement of parent participation
- The teacher working hard with the children
- Relaxed and nice environment
- Communication between the parents and teachers
- Nice classrooms
- Good size classes
- After school care available
- Multi culture environment
- Always wanting to get parents involved in decision regarding the school and their children
- Great values
- Personal friendliness – teacher & staff
- Caring, inviting curriculum
- Welcoming, friendly
- Teachers and Principal are approachable
- Very experienced teachers with a wealth of experience
- Well-structured teaching/learning techniques

### What aspects can be improved?

- Spelling needs bigger focus
- More information from sick bay when child is injured or hurt
- More extra-curricular activities offered – Swimming
- Larger gym to allow indoor assembly
- Newsletter not correct/errors, dates wrong.
- Side gate not locked during the day
- Focus on confidence anti-bullying for Foundation kids
- More get together activities with parents, teachers and kids such like today, BBQ day etc
- Smaller uniform size for smaller kids
- A bigger deal made of children achieving goals e.g. 100 words or beyond
- Toilet cleanliness especially drying their hands after wash
- Ways of communicating with parents
- Parents participating with their talents
- A little more notice for events / projects re working parents
- More events like todays!!! With higher grades as well
- Parking
- Foundation Buddy System – supervision, children behaviour
- Not enough time to speak to teachers

Next term further Coffee & Chat sessions will be held for the parents of students in Years 3 to 6. More information will be sent home to these families.
Connecting Hume PC Awards

Ameenah from 34S was delighted to find out she had been nominated to receive an award from the Hume City Council as part of the 2015 Connecting Hume PC Awards program. Ameenah was nominated as a student who demonstrates a love of learning and has a record of progress in all areas of the curriculum. Ameenah, her family and her teacher, Mrs. Stevenson, attended the official presentation evening last week. She was awarded with a certificate, a laptop and 12 months free internet access. Congratulations to Ameenah; we are very proud of her.

Parents in Partnership – Introducing another one of our Parent Reps

Hi, my name is Leanne Panagopolous. I am the Parent Rep for 5/6C. I am the mother of three beautiful boys – one in Year 5, another in Year 3 and a two year old at home with me. I find it rewarding to be involved in my children’s learning and education. I consider this position as being a valuable opportunity to work in partnership between home and school. I encourage all parents to be involved in their child’s learning, attend and support school events and volunteer their time whenever possible to improve outcomes for all our students at Greenvale Primary School. I look forward to making new friends in the school community.

Food For Thought:

‘Winners are not people who never fail but people who never quit.’

Assistant Principal’s Report
Meredith Clegg

A HUGE thank you to the school community for raising over $10,000 from the Walk-A-Thon! What an exceptional effort! This money will be put to good use to improve our school buildings and grounds.

The WalkAthon prize winners were:

- $100 prize draw
  Kareem Abdelhakim 1WA.

- $50 prize for raising the most money,
  Alissa Sefer 0ER

- $50 prize for the most sponsors
  Taylan Safak 1WA
Performing Arts News
Heather Foletta - Performing Arts Teacher

School Choir
Today the Choir students sang two songs at the ‘School of Rock’ in Epping. This was not a competitive performance but a chance for the students to gain their confidence in singing to an audience of local Primary and Secondary schools. They also enjoyed watching other students perform. Congratulations to the Choir for a fabulous performance!

Musical Futures Primary Cluster Project
Recently I was accepted into the Musical Futures project, which involves participating in Professional development sessions where Music Teachers learn the skills of the ukulele, guitar, singing, keyboard, drums and percussion instruments. This program is aimed for the higher grades of Primary School and this term I've been teaching the Year 5 and 6 these basic skills. The students have been very keen and quite engaged in the music sessions. Many students bought their own ukulele so they can practice at home. I'm looking forward to continuing this program for the rest of the year.

School Concert News
Term 3 will be an exciting time when all the Greenvale students from Foundation to Year 6 will be performing for parents, family and friends at this year’s school concert. Our theme will be ‘Beach Party’.

The dates for the school concerts will be Wednesday 2nd September (Morning and afternoon sessions) and Thursday 3rd September (Morning only). The audience will need to stay for the whole concert because the students will be coming back for a finale song. You’ll receive more information on the concerts in Term 3.

Plastic Cards Wanted!
I've just purchased a guitar pick maker but need old iTunes cards, shopping cards etc to make these. If you have any old cards give them to your child to pass on to me.

Student Medication At School
Margaret Hatton - First Aid Officer
If you have a child whose medication is stored in the First Aid Room e.g. EpiPen, headache tablets, liquid Panadol or antihistamine and you received notification that your child’s medication has EXPIRED or is about to EXPIRE could you please bring the new medication to the school office with your child’s name clearly marked on it.

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