MAY
Friday  27th   ‘dance-A-thon’ – Whole School Fund Raiser
Tuesday 31st  Lamont Book Fair in the Library from 9:00am – 4:00pm until Thursday 2nd June
           Year 3 Captain Cook Cottage Excursion
JUNE
Wednesday 1st  Divisional Cross Country
Thursday  2nd  Yarrabee Farm Excursion – 2SB, 2DT & Year 1’s from 1/2H
Friday  3rd   Yarrabee Farm Excursion – 2NM, 2SM & Year 2’s from 1/2H
           Foundation Students Book Parade
           Year 6 Sports – Away at Roxburgh Homestead P S

From The Principal’s Desk
Angelika Ireland

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP - ‘Coffee & Chat’
All Parent Reps are invited to attend a ‘Coffee & Chat’ session after assembly in the staffroom on Monday, 6 June. During the ‘Coffee & Chat’ you will be given the opportunity to meet other Parent Reps but more importantly, give us feedback on how our school is going. As I wrote in the last Newsletter, this is the year of our School Review and we are interested in parents’ perspectives and ideas. We will be posing 3 questions -

1. What are our school’s strengths in curriculum and student wellbeing?
2. What would you like to see our school do better over the next few years?
3. What suggestions/ideas do you have for how we can do these better?

An invitation will be sent home to each Parent Rep shortly.

Celebrations for Ms. Hutcheson!
Last week we celebrated and acknowledged Ms. Gwen Hutcheson’s 45 years in education. Ms. Hutcheson has had a remarkable career over the 45 years she has been a teacher. She started her career in Music Branch which provided specialist Music teachers to schools. In that role, Ms Hutcheson traveled to different schools each day of the week sharing her love of music with student and teachers. In those days, any recorded music was either on a record which required a record player to play it, or a reel-to-reel tape. Even music cassettes did
not exist! In 1980, Music Branch closed and Ms. Hutcheson transferred to Overland PS where she taught Music, Art and PE – sometimes all 3 on the same day. In 1994, Ms. Hutcheson joined the staff at Greenvale PS and 22 years later is still with us. While at Greenvale PS, she has taken on numerous roles – Music teacher, Reading Recovery, Art, PE, Special Needs Coordinator as well as giving teachers release from their classrooms when required. Since 1980, there are only 8 years Ms. Hutcheson has not been a member of a School Council. She has a remarkable talent with organizing timetables even for such a large complex school such as ours, ensuring all students learning needs are met. I have even heard that she is quicker than a computer designed timetable program! On Sunday, the Education Department held a recognition of service awards ceremony for staff who had 40, 45 and 50 years of service.

**Foundation Excursion to the Zoo**

Last week, the Foundation students were so excited to be going on their very first excursion. One parent said that her child had difficulty getting to sleep the night before. Students came prepared with coats, hats and lunches. The weather, although brisk, was kind to us and a fabulous day was had by all. We saw tired children (and parents and teachers) returning to school at the end of the day.

*I saw Diamond the snake. She was sticky - Xoe 0ER*

*The turtle poked his head out of his shell at the Melbourne Zoo - Charlie 0TF*

*I saw a Lemur at the Melbourne Zoo. The Lemur has black stripes and white stripes - Zakariya 0TF*

*The giraffe has a long blue tongue and lots of spots - Alessandra 0ER*

Graduation Caps

Thank you to the amazing Foundation Team who work tirelessly to provide the best learning opportunities for all their students, and to the many parents who provided support on the day.
Healthy eating has a long-lasting and positive impact on a child’s growth, development and health. Foods eaten by your child at school contribute greatly to their daily nutrient intake. These foods considerably influence their eating habits, growth patterns, energy, concentration levels and ability to learn.
You have an important role to play in helping to ensure your child eats well and stays active.
Healthy school lunch ideas include:
- sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat or salad
- cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit
- washed and cut-up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- frozen water or milk, particularly in hot weather

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Foods to limit in school lunches include:
- processed meats such as salami and pressed chicken
- chips, sweet biscuits, muesli and breakfast bars
- fruit bars and fruit straps
- cordials, juices containing sugar and soft drinks

Reminder......Foundation Tour Tuesday 7th June 1:00 – 2:30pm

Our next tour and enrolment session for families enrolling their child in Foundation in 2017 will take place on Tuesday, 7th June from 1.00-2.30pm.

If you have a child who will be beginning in Foundation at Greenvale Primary School next year and you have not enrolled him/her, please do so as soon as possible. If you already have children here at school, you do not need to go on the tour if you do not want to, however please attend on that day to complete the enrolment process. I look forward to meeting all the families.

Food For Thought:
STUDENT ATTENDANCE – Every Day Counts!

STUDENT ABSENCE DETAILS
28th January – 20th May 2016

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Greenvale Primary School students will be dancing their feet off in the gym on Friday 27th May at the following times. Parents are most welcome to join in and dance.

9.15 - 9:45  Foundation  DJ’s: Sandu, Tamsyn and Sienna
9.45 - 10:15 Year 1  DJ’s: Aidan and Matin
10.15 - 10:55 Year 2  DJ’s: Richie and Jacob
11.30 - 12:15 Years 3 & 4  DJ’s: Zain, Milana and Lisa
12.30 - 1:30 Years 5 & 6  DJ’s: Johnny and Sienna

Scaffolding Numeracy in the Middle Years – Years 5 & 6
The Scaffolding Numeracy program is currently being utilised in the upper school as a structured means of delivering targeted teaching at point of need to our students. It involves all the Year 5 & 6 teachers, plus Ms Clegg, and is conducted every Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Scaffolding Numeracy in the Middle Years 2003-2006 (SNMY) was an Australian Research Council Linkage Project awarded to RMIT University, the Victorian Department of Education and Training and the Tasmanian Education Department from July 2003 to June 2006.

The project investigated the efficacy of a new assessment-guided approach to improving student numeracy outcomes in Years 4 to 8. In particular, it was aimed at identifying and refining a learning and assessment framework for the development of multiplicative thinking at this level using rich assessment tasks. Multiplicative thinking is the capacity to work flexibly with the concepts, strategies and representations of multiplication and division as they occur in a wide range of contexts.

Years 5 & 6 students have been assessed and grouped according to their numeracy needs. For two hours each week, students attend their numeracy group where the assigned teacher uses the materials and resources from the project to help scaffold numeracy and develop multiplicative thinking.
To celebrate our very first Maths Challenge everybody that entered this fortnight is a winner!

Congratulations to:
- **Foundation** – Charlie (0TF)
- **Year 1-2** – Jayden (1WA)
- **Year 3-4** – Jasmine (3WR) Kean (4KK) Finn (3EB)
- **Year 5-6** – Rusira (56H) Alex (5SC)

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### Year 5-6 challenge

**Name:** _______________________________

**Class:** _______________________________

A Friday night movie begins at 8:37 on Channel Nine. It ends at 11:12 precisely.  
What is the running time of this movie in minutes?  
What is the running time in hours and minutes?  
If the movie started at 10:55pm, what time would it finish?

### Year 3-4 challenge

**Name:** _______________________________

**Class:** _______________________________

A kitchen recipe states that you need three quarters (¾) of a cup of flour to make 12 muffins.  
If you want to triple the recipe and make 36 muffins. How many cups of flour will you need?  
Show your working out:

### Year 1-2 challenge

**Name:** _______________________________

**Class:** _______________________________

I have exactly $2 in my pocket.  
In my pocket I have 8 coins but no 5c pieces.  
Can you draw the 8 coins that make up the $2?

### Foundation challenge

**Name:** _______________________________

**Class:** _______________________________

How many dots on the dinosaurs?

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One lucky student from each age group will win a prize!  
Please submit your entries to the Library by Monday 6th June. Good Luck!
Art Room News - Term 2
Jane Keogh – Visual Arts Teacher

Work is well and truly underway preparing all of the exhibits for our Art Show titled “Art Around The World” which will be held on the 8th September in Term 3.

He is a sneak preview of some of the work students are preparing.

**Foundation students** have packed their suitcases and prepared their passports for their travels.

They have also used painting and paper craft skills to make an Australian koala. (sooo cute)

Next was a visit to Thailand where they experimented with decorative borders, foil embossing techniques and Thailand symbols. (love, love love these)

Each class is also preparing an auction item which will be sold on the night of the Art Show to the highest bidder. Here is a small selection of some of the ones completed so far.

Nice aren’t they??? Good work kids!! Start saving you might be one of the lucky bidders

**Year 1 and 2** students have painted colourful patterns and decorated their Mexican Sombreros and Serapes and learnt the Mexican Hat Dance. “Hasta la vista” “Arriba”

**Year 3 & 4** students - Sadly No Art in Term 2 (They’ll be very busy next term)

**Year 5 and 6** students have completed work on their Aboriginal Art pieces involving the use of repeated patterns, texture rubbings and bead work.
Family motivation in reading activities can have a strong, positive impact on a child's educational achievement. Our Book Fair will enable a hands-on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading.

For the last ten years Greenvale Primary School has held very successful book fairs. All money raised is spent on books for the school library.

Children will all have a session to browse through the book fair and they will then take home a wish list, which is brought back to school with money for book purchases. Parents are most welcome to come and browse also.

The Lamont Book Fair will be at our school Tuesday 31st May until Thursday 2nd June in the Library. Opening times are 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Meredith Martell – Book Fair Co-ordinator

Pat the Dog is coming to School!

Pat the Dog is coming to talk to us about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program.

The School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards Program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Pat the Dog will be excited to see you all at assembly on

Date: Monday 30th May at morning assembly
Time: 9:00am

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school near the school office.

Time: 9.30am and 2.45pm
Date: Monday 30th May

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver's licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you have any questions or you would like to open an account please meet with Olympia Wood the CBA representative after assembly on 0422 116 38 or olympia.wood@cba.com.au

Remember, School Banking day is every Tuesday at school
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