Thursday, 3 March 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)

**MARCH**

- **Friday 4th**  Family School Picnic – 4:00 to 7:00pm
- **Tuesday 8th**  Foundation Parent Oxford Word Information Session – 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **Thursday 10th**  Last Day for Year 5 & 6 Hands On Science Incursion Payment - $11
- **Monday 14th**  LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
- **Tuesday 15th**  Year 5 & 6 Hands on Science Incursion
- **Wednesday 16th**  School Photo Day for all students and staff
- **Thursday 17th**  Year 5 & 6 Hands on Science Incursion
- **Thursday 24th**  Kelly Sports last session for Term 1
  - Last Day for Year 5 Camp Deposit - $50
  - Last Day of Term 1 – Students Dismissed at 2:30pm

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**From The Principal’s Desk**

**Angelika Ireland**

**2016 Parent Reps - Parents in Partnership**

Congratulations to the parents who have taken on the role of Parent Rep for 2016. This is a valuable opportunity to work in partnership with your child’s school. At Greenvale, we value the partnership between home and school and encourage all parents to be involved in their child’s learning, attend and support school events and volunteer their time to improve the outcomes for all of our students.

**The role of the Parent Rep is to…….**

- liaise between class teacher and parents when required
- communicate with parents about any upcoming events
- help out in the classroom where possible
- encourage parents to help/assist in class activities when possible.
  - e.g. reading, library, Maths classes
- help with excursions and incursions, special class events if required
- be part of the School Council Community Links Committee
- assist with the organisation of whole school fundraising/special events
- encourage all parents to share their own skills/expertise that may assist school or classroom

**The role of the Parent Rep is NOT …….**

- to resolve conflicts between parents
- to resolve conflicts between students
- to resolve issues between a parent and the teacher
- to assist parents to solve issues about their child

A **Coffee & Chat** will be organised for the Parent Reps shortly.
**Foundation Students**

I took some time to visit Mrs. Kroger's classroom to ask the Foundation students what they like about coming to school. Here are some of their responses:

- “I like playing with my big Buddies.” Sienna
- “Learning new games. I like the game Bingo.” Ceren
- “I like reading books with my friends.” Ramika
- “Me and Alessia can go and get the lunch order.” Angela
- “I get to play on the playground.” Louis
- “Playing with the toys inside.” Evie
- “Because I get to play with my big brother.” Ahmed
- “Because we learn stuff.” Nour
- “I like drawing.” Dilan
- “I like to learn.” Frankie
- I like playing outside.” Batoul
- “Because sometimes I get lunch at the canteen.” Alessia

**Curriculum Day**

Our recent Curriculum Day, held on Monday, 29 February, had a focus on Curiosity and Powerful Learning. All teaching staff and ES staff who work with students in classrooms were involved. We met with 13 other schools involved in the Myer Project which has a focus on improving teacher effectiveness to make a difference to student outcomes.

**2015 Annual Report to the School Community – Parents In Partnership**

You are invited to attend the School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hear the outcomes of the 2015 Annual Report to the School Community. The annual report provides a means for the school council to inform the community of what has been achieved and how the school is performing.

The annual report includes the following:

- A profile comment about our school including the school’s vision and purpose, and defining attributes of the school including its geographic location, size and structure, social characteristics, enrolment characteristics, special programs etc.
- Comments on the school’s progress and what the school is doing to improve student outcomes in the four outcome areas of achievement, engagement, wellbeing and productivity.
- Information about school enrolments, the socio-economic background of students, the proportion of students with English as an additional language, data related to parent and staff satisfaction.
- How our students are performing in English and Mathematics compared to all Victorian Primary Schools
- How our students are performing in NAPLAN in Year 3 and Year 5 compared to all Victorian Primary Schools
- Student attendance data
- Year 5 and Year 6 Student Attitudes to School data

The AGM will be held at 6.30 – 7.00 pm on Tuesday 15 March in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome. The AGM will be followed by the first meeting of the new School Council.

**Head Lice**

It is important that you check your child’s hair for head lice on a regular basis and treat your child’s hair accordingly. Lice will live in all hair types, whether they are clean or dirty makes no difference. If a case of head lice is identified in your child’s classroom, you will receive a note informing you of this so you can check your own child immediately. Children with head lice cannot return to school until they have had their hair treated and the school has been informed of this.

**See you all at the Family Picnic on Friday!**

**Food For Thought:**

‘A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning.’ Brad Henry
The FROG SQUAD buckets and tongs will be back in action next week. They can be used by students to clean up rubbish around our school yard. If we can keep our school environment clean, then the rubbish doesn’t end up in our waterways. This is important for the frogs that live in the creeks as they cannot survive in polluted water.

Safety and Emergency Drills
Don’t be alarmed if you see the whole school standing on Bradford Oval sometime later this term as we are planning to conduct an evacuation drill to gauge the effectiveness of the emergency procedures we have in place. Weather permitting we will run this drill in the morning on March 15. Also planned is a trial off-site evacuation to Greenvale Shopping Centre. This will be conducted with just one Year 6 class to give us an idea of how this evacuation drill will work if we were to take the whole school.

Student Voice Excursion
On Wednesday the 17th February 2016, the Student Voice team was lucky enough to attend a G.R.I.P leadership conference in the city. We were very excited and couldn’t wait to attend. When we entered we couldn’t believe how many students were there! There were around 50 schools that participated. Ronan, Andy and Carl, who work at G.R.I.P, went through the conference with us. We received a booklet with games and information about leadership. Students could win leadership badges if they won a game.

One of the games involved getting to know other people from different schools. The game was called ‘The Voice’ where we had to walk around and ask students who weren’t from our school if they could sing in a specific way. The first person to complete their game board won. Unfortunately, no one from our school won but we had a great time playing.
One of the awesome ideas we discussed was investigating a new three step campaign to 'stamp out bullying' at Greenvale Primary. Some campaign methods include making posters and putting them around the school, coming up with a slogan, advertising on our school website and making assembly announcements.

We also talked about being a positive influence to younger students, students our age, our teachers and the wider community. We learnt how to grow as leaders.

We got to know many students and overall everyone had a great time at the conference. The Student Voice team can’t wait to bring all their new ideas back to the school!

Article written by Sandu Mahapatuna, Matin Atmaca and Aidan Miller
Drawings courtesy of Tamsyn Thomas and Johnny Panagopoulos

**Sport News**
**Shannon Carroll - Physical Education Teacher and Sport Coordinator**

**Cross Country Event**
On Friday 19th February, Greenvale Primary School held its annual Cross Country event.

Hundreds of students from Years 4, 5 and 6 as well as some students from Year 3 competed along 2km and 3km tracks, in a race of great endurance and stamina.

**Congratulations to the following students who placed first and finished as age group champions:**
- **9/10 Year Boys:** Brodey Dalgleish
- **9/10 Year Girls:** Alyssa Thrasivoulou
- **11 Year Boys:** Abdul Riad
- **11 Year Girls:** Chelsea Gillard
- **12/13 Year Boys:** Anthony D’Asta
- **12/13 Year Girls:** Dakota Sykes

Overall house standings finished with Oaklands and Cumberland in 3rd and 4th respectively. Woodlands finished in 2nd only a mere 3 points short of Gellibrand in 1st.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who assisted on the day, the parents who cheered the children on and students for putting in an amazing effort.

**Woodlands Divisional Swimming Championship**
Well done to the following students who represented Greenvale PS at last Monday's Woodlands Divisional Swimming championships.

- Neola Thomas
- Abbey Pantelidis
- Nina Pantelidis
- Ben Nugent
- Claudia Schembri

These students raced against the best swimmers from across our division in a range of events including freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly.

Special congratulations to Neola, Abbey and Nina who have all qualified for next Wednesday’s Regional Championships. We wish you all the best of luck!
Uniform Shop News
Dianne Barresi

Uniform Shop Days and Hours

- During the remainder of Term 1, the Uniform shop will be open every **Tuesday** 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

- 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 on **Tuesdays**.
- Incorrect order forms and payment will delay the process of your order.

Year 6 2016

- The uniform shop has 1 Year 6 Polo Top and Rugby Top in size 12 for sale. Please see Dianne in the shop if you are interested.
- New Year 6 students to our school will soon have the opportunity to have their own Year 6 Uniform, as a special order has been placed. These students will be contacted once the order arrives so that they can make their purchases.

Back to School asthma spike

Every year there is a well-documented rise in asthma flare-ups and hospitalisations when students return to school after the Christmas break. Asthma Australia has information for parents of students with asthma to help them prepare for school. Asthma Australia’s website and social media provide the latest information, including a checklist of what to do to help your child and a survey to complete to determine the impacts for parents/carers.

Asthma Australia recommends that you talk to school staff about your child’s asthma and the school’s medication policy, provide an Asthma Plan from the doctor and supply a spare reliever puffer and spacer for your child’s use at school.

For more information please visit the Asthma Australia website:


Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail. There are prizes to win too! [www.asthmakids.org.au](http://www.asthmakids.org.au)
YEAR 6 - 2017 TRANSITION INFORMATION

Rosehill Secondary College
OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2016
4:30-7:30PM
PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS 6PM

TOURS
TUESDAYS 9:30AM
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, PB: 9337 2488

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 2016
9:15AM-2:30PM
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE.

STEP 2017
INFORMATION EVENING
THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2018, 7-8PM
PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE OR RSVP ONLINE BY MONDAY 14TH MARCH
APPLICATION FORMS DUE THURSDAY 20TH APRIL
TESTING THURSDAY 5TH MAY

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