Thursday, 3 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Website: www.greenvaleps.vic.edu.au

SEPTEMBER

Friday  4th  Father’s Day Stall – All Gifts $5.00
           The Foundation Bloke’s Breakfast – 8:15am
           Year 2 Taskworks In-School Activity

Monday  7th  Greenvale Giving Book Collection commences at our school

Tuesday  8th  Year 5 Scienceworks Excursion
           Year 4 Mad About Science In-School Activity – 3/4S & 4KK

Wednesday  9th  Year 4 Mad About Science In-School Activity – 4EW & 4MP

Friday  18th  Football Special Lunch Day
           Last Day of Term 3 – Students Dismissed at 2:30pm

From The Principal’s Desk

Angelika Ireland

It was great to be back last Thursday after two weeks in Peru, South America. It was a very hectic although amazing experience to visit such incredible places like Lima, Machu Pichu, the Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca and the floating reed islands, Colca Canyon and Arequipa. The biggest challenge was the high altitude. At one stage when travelling from Cusco to Puno through the Andes, we were not much lower in altitude than the Mt Everest base camp.

During my two weeks away I was thrilled to be able to visit a small local school in the Andes just before we reached Puno. The travel group that organised our trip have taken on the sponsorship of some underprivileged schools by taking tourists to visit, who then also donate school resources, warm clothes and money. The school we visited was called Ttio School. Another group of students from Quemopay School which is in a poor farming community up in the Andes valley had walked to Ttio School with their Principal and a teacher to meet us. The children were dressed in local costume as they do not have a uniform at the school due to costs. Pictured with me with the Principal (red hat), the teacher and a grandmother of one of the children also dressed in local costume.
One of the other places of significance that we visited were the floating reed islands on Lake Titicaca. This lake is the highest fresh water lake in the world. Families actually live in reed huts on these small islands sometimes only consisting of 6 to 8 small huts. It was amazing to think that one of the residents had been living on the island we visited for 30 years! There are even schools on these islands. Some of the islands have opened themselves up to tourists as it is another source of income for them. There is no running water, no shower, no kitchen, no toilet and people sleep in a small single room hut with a bed. To go to the toilet they need to get on a small boat and row about 3 minutes to go to a special island built for that purpose. They make the islands themselves and then anchor them into place. If they want to move, they take out the anchor pegs and float to their new destination.

**School Concert**

What a spectacular Beach Party Concert was delivered by our sensational students. Every class, with the students dressed in their beach apparel, showed off their talents for singing and dancing. Each concert session was well attended by parents and family members who looked very proud of their children’s achievements. The concert finished with the Finale songs where all students returned and filled the stage, the front of the stage and the isles to perform the final song or dance for their group.

Such an event does not just happen but is the result of lots of planning, preparation and practice. A huge thank you to Heather Foleta, our Performing Arts teacher, who directed the concert and to Jane Keogh for all the backdrops and artwork for the concert, and to all the teachers who also assisted in many ways. Lastly a big thank you to our students for their fine performance and to all our families for supporting the event. Without you there would not be an audience.

**NAPLAN Results**

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 received their child’s individual test results in an addressed and sealed envelope last week. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an assessment program for Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 students, testing knowledge and skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide another source of information for students, parents, teachers and principals about student achievement which can be used to support teaching and learning programs. In May 2015, NAPLAN tests were administered throughout Australia. It is important to remember that teachers in all schools assess their students’ learning in literacy and numeracy on a regular and ongoing basis. NAPLAN testing complements but does not replace the information that teachers gather. If parents wish to discuss their child’s NAPLAN results they are invited to make an appointment with their child’s classroom teacher. Our results for Years 3 and 5 indicate that in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Number we were just below the State Mean, except for Writing and Spelling in Year 5.
which were above the State Mean. 99% per cent of our students in Year 3 and 5 were performing at or above the national minimum standard in all areas.

NAPLAN is one snapshot of student performance on one day and does not always indicate the depth and breadth of assessment that is available to our teachers. We also use other assessments to ascertain whether a student is progressing or not. Our aim as a school is to continue to focus on enhancing student learning so as to improve our students outcomes as much as we can.

The 8 Traits of Strong, Emotionally Smart Families

1. Members come together regularly and enjoy each other’s company.
A variety of Strong Families Studies agree on one fact – that people in strong families come together either formally to share a meal or meet on people’s birthdays and other special events; or come together informally -they just hang out together. **How much time do you spend together as a family?**

2. People share their feelings, even unpleasant feelings, and they learn how to manage them effectively.
People in strong families connect on a deeper emotional level. When someone is unhappy or miserable; it’s not ignored. It’s acknowledged and it informs how people behave – whether to give that person space; provide a shoulder to lean on or simply cheer them up. **Does your family connect on an emotional level?**

3. Family members care deeply about each other – come together through difficulty.
People in strong families draw together when the chips are down and crisis happens. Hardship galvanises rather than pushes people away. **Would your family pull together or disintegrate when hardship hits?**

4. Family members communicate positively and show affection.
People don’t always get their communication right but there is a willingness to forgive the transgressions of others and to look for ways to move forward rather than be stuck in the past. **How much affection is shown in your family on a daily basis?**

5. Conflict is resolved respectfully and positively, rather than ignored.
Parents will see conflict situations as opportunities to bring people closer together rather than take sides or apportion blame. **Is conflict ignored or handled respectfully in your family?**

6. There’s a strong sense of shared identity.
Strong, emotionally smart families have a strong sense of who they are. They generally have identifiable rituals and traditions that are passed down from one generation to the next. **What are your key traditions and rituals?**

7. Decisions are shared and all members honour opinions and ideas.
The old autocratic parenting approach of “Do as I say!” no longer works in Western families. Parents in strong families use an authoritative parenting approach to raise their children. **What parenting approach do you use?**

8. There is a feeling of optimism and hope within the family.
Strong families usually have something bigger than them that they connect with – whether it is religion, caring for the environment or shared compassion for humankind – hope and optimism are gained from a shared set of ethics, beliefs or values.

**How does your crew measure up?**

**PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP**

**Reminder - Year 5 & 6 Coffee & Chat**
Parents/guardians of Year 5 & Year 6 students are invited to a Coffee and Chat Monday, 7th September in the staffroom after assembly.

**Food For Thought:**
‘Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender that is strength’. **Mahatma Gandhi**
STUDENT ATTENDANCE  Every Day Counts!

These are the student attendance statistics since the start of the year.

The winners of the ATTENDANCE TROPHY for week 6 were 0PL & 0ER.

Congratulations to all the Year 3 students for being on time to school every day last week.

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The goal this year is to reduce the average absence rate per student. We can only achieve this if all students are at school every day.

iPad & Computer WORKSHOPS

The adult computer classes in the Community Room are well attended every Monday. John, the trainer from Hume City Council, has completed 3 sessions on using an iPad and is now part way through a Windows 8 introduction. Coming up next is a class on Net Safety for Adults, and in Term 4 the workshops will focus on MS Office.

If you are interested in attending any of the upcoming workshops there are just a few spaces left. See the helpful office staff for more information.

Sporting News
Shannon Carroll
Physical Education Teacher and Sport Coordinator

Friday 21st August the Greenvale PS Athletics Team attended our district event held at the Meadowglen International Athletics Track in Epping. The seventy-six students in the Greenvale Team, displayed great sportsmanship on the track and excellent behaviour off the track. We experienced great success for the seventh consecutive year, finishing in first place as district champions. Twenty-nine Greenvale students will now advance to compete at the Divisional Athletics on Tuesday, 15th September.

Congratulations to the Greenvale Athletics Team and good luck for those students competing at the divisional event.
“How Can I Help My Child with Literacy?”

Parents always ask this question. They want to help their children with reading, spelling or writing, but sometimes they are unsure what to do. Being able to read is important as - the more you read, the more you know, the more you know, the more you grow. Reading and writing are interrelated, so improvement in either one, will usually also transfer to the other.

“What Makes Independent and Successful Readers?” a guide for parents, explains how you can help your child and answers many questions you may have. It is an easy to read guide that explains what children need to do to become successful readers and gives parents’ advice about how to read with your children.

There is also a guide to help your children with Spelling- “What Makes Independent and Successful Spellers” – a guide for parents.

Both guides are available on the school website.

Take the time to check them out, as I am sure, you will find them very helpful for children of any age.

Georgia Kroger
Literacy Leader

Footy Colours Day

On Friday 18th September 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.

The footy parade will be held 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!

Zain Saleh, Daniel Panagopoulos and Ben Nugent
On behalf of the Student Voice Team
Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club

2015/16 "2nd" Junior Registration
for Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s and Under 17s,
that were unable to attend our 1st Registration session.

6.30pm-8pm on

"Friday 11th September"
at Greenvale Kangaroos Cricket Club,
Section Rd, Greenvale (Melways 178 G7)

Free club cap for new players.

Other Programs offered at our Club include:

Milo In2 Cricket (for 5-8 year olds). Program will commence mid October 2015 at
Section Rd oval. Contact 0418 525 481 for more information about this program.

T20 Blast Cricket (for 7-12 year olds)
Our Club is seeking interested boys and girls to join a team to play in this new
program. More details on this program can be found at www.t2oblast.com.au/
Register your interest at jbow978@bigpond.net.au.

"NEW" "FREE" GIRLS (8-12 years old) CRICKET PROGRAM commencing!
Register your interest at jbow978@bigpond.net.au
or come along to Junior Registration to find out more details.

Under 17s TURF competition (played on Sundays) (for 15-17 year olds)
U16 players from our Club or U16 players from other Clubs; can play in this
competition. Email jbow978@bigpond.net.au for further enquiries or to
register your interest.

We also have a Senior and a Premier Cricket team.
Contact 0418 502 991 with enquiries about our Senior or Premier cricket.

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

Registration session will be on:
Wednesday 7th of October 2015
4.45pm -5.30pm (Section Rd Clubrooms)

1st Session will commence on:
Wednesday 14th of October 2015
4.45-5.30pm.

Program Details:
14.10.15 to 10.1.16 inclusive.
15 = 14 weeks.

Cost of Program:
$85.00 (per player) for the 1st session

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Children will learn the basics of cricket and develop lots of other skills.
Each week children will play game based activities that will keep them active, fun and learn about cricket.

What your child will learn:
Hit a moving ball
Throw, pass and catch balls
Game sense
Teamwork
Track and trap balls
Communication
Sportsmanship

For further information on this program please contact
Jill on 0418 525 481 or jbow978@bigpond.net.au or go to Clubs website at
GRENVALE SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Sports orientated holiday program designed for children to emphasise fun, enjoyment and maximum participation.

WHERE
Greenvale Recreation Centre
27 Barrymore Road, Greenvale, VIC 3059

WHO
Ages 4–12

WHEN
Monday 21st Sept – Thurs 1st Oct
8:00am – 5:00pm daily

INFO
SPRING IN FULL SWING!
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2. Call/email Mitch (contact details above)
3. Return the Form: PO Box 71, Meonee Vale, VIC 3055

THESE HOLIDAYS WE HAVE...
Pizza Day! Competitions
Sport Quizzes AFL Grand The Amazing Race Lots of Prizes!
Rippa Rugby World Cup Final Day!! Bring a Friend AND SO MUCH MORE!
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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