Thursday, 4 February 2016

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.

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**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY**

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**From The Principal’s Desk**

**Angelika Ireland**

The Parent Term 1 Calendar will be sent home early next week. Please place it where the family can see when events are taking place at school. You can also check the calendar on the homepage of our website www.greenvaleps.vic.edu.au and our school app for all events that will take place this term. To download our School App, go to your App Store and search for Greenvale Primary School.

**Term Dates for 2016:**

**Term 1:** Thursday 27 January - Thursday 24^th^ March. Students dismissed at 2:30pm

**Term 2:** Monday 11 April - Friday 24^th^ June. Students dismissed at 2:30pm

**Term 3:** Monday 11 July - Friday 16^th^ September. Students dismissed at 2:30pm

**Term 4:** Monday 3 October - Tuesday 20^th^ December. Students dismissed at 1:30pm

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to the 2016 school year! I hope all families have had an enjoyable holiday break with their children. What an exciting, busy start we saw at Greenvale Primary School last week with students from Year 1 to Year 6 returning to school last Thursday. They were excited to be back, happy to meet up with their friends and looking forward to another challenging year in 2016. We had 33 new students beginning with us on this day, coming from a wide range of schools.

Today, we had 125 new Foundation students beginning their schooling at Greenvale. This is one week after the other students to allow each student to take part in the mandatory assessment for all Foundation students across Victoria. After a rigorous “Flying to Foundation” Transition program at the end of last year, the new students were more than prepared for this exciting new direction in their lives. They looked smart in their new uniforms and came to school today in anticipation. Not many tears were to be seen, not even from the parents!! We welcome these children and their families and know that they will love their schooling at Greenvale.

I look forward to meeting our new families and to continue building the partnership with all of our current families at Greenvale. I invite you to come and say hello.
School Lock-In
It was indeed unfortunate that after such a positive start to the school year we had to deal with a threatening hoax phone call to our school on Tuesday, resulting in a Lock-In of all students, staff and visitors. All families should have received a letter on that day outlining the occurrence as well as messages on the School App. I’d like to thank our students, staff and visitors for the calm and efficient manner in which they conducted themselves during the Lock-In. Some children may be feeling concerned, anxious or unsettled after such an event. This would be a normal response. The Department has forwarded us some advice for parents in this case:

Advice for Parents supporting children and young people exposed to a potential traumatic event.

- Children may wish to ‘talk’ about the event in different ways – some will use language, some will use play and others may prefer to write or draw
- It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media. Watching the event over and over may cause more trauma.
- Some children and young people will want to talk about the event or what has occurred. They will continue to try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard. Ensure you discuss the event with the child in age appropriate language.
- Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality
- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating. Children need boundaries and limits in place. This helps to restore predictability, safety and security
- Be mindful of the emotional and developmental level of your child. You know them best and if their behaviour is out of character
- School staff will always ensure that the safety of children and young people are their first priority. An event may occur at a school that will result in an evacuation or lockdown to keep students safe. This may be upsetting for some students, especially young children. This may see your child reluctant to go to school. If this occurs let the teacher know.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child or young person including:

- Listen to your child or young person’s retelling of the events
- Allow your child to take the lead – they will guide the discussion, give them time to ask questions, discuss their feelings and emotions
- You can validate their feelings by listening to them
- The fears usually diminish in a short time
- Children and young people may need reassurance about their safety and the safety of those they care about. This should be a priority for the adults in their lives.
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared/withdrawn/nervous/curious)
- There may be some behaviour changes – angry outburst, withdrawal, and hypervigilance, reluctance to leave their parents or carers
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favorite book)
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents' reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.

Meet & Greet – Parents in Partnership
This year, families will again have the opportunity to meet one on one with their child’s teacher at the beginning of the year in a Meet & Greet. These will take place after school over three nights from Tuesday 16 February to Thursday 18 February This early meeting is intended to strengthen the ties between the classroom teachers and parents, in that both get a chance to meet each other with the student present. Building better links between our school and your homes encourages positive learning experiences for students. The more you as parents know about our school, the more likely we will be able to support your child’s learning in partnership.

The Meet & Greet is not a typical Parent Teacher Interview where the teacher talks about your child’s academic progress. This will occur mid-year.
This is an opportunity to:
- Meet your child’s teacher one on one
- Discuss how your child has settled in
- Share any important information that you think the teacher needs to know about your child
- Discuss protocols for future communication
- Discuss how you as a parent would like to be involved in the school/ what skills you may want to share at the school

You will book your Meet & Greet session for each of your children on-line as we do with the mid-year Parent Teacher interviews. Information has been sent home earlier this week.

**SunSmart Term**
Just a reminder that Term 1 is a SunSmart term. Students are expected to wear their school hat outside at all times. If your child requires a new hat they may buy it at the School Office or Uniform Shop for $10. Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled.

**Staffing**
We welcome five new faces to Greenvale Primary School –
Michelle O’Connor – 1MO
Sophie Bertolini – 2SB
Wendy Rowe – 3WR
Gabby Tigafua – 6GT
Lauren Black – eLearning coach
We will hear more from these new teachers in the next Newsletter.

**Our Educational Leaders for this year are:**
Foundation – Michelle Pucar
Year 1 – Vicki Bottomley
Year 2 – Janine Hoffman
Year 3 – Sue McLaren
Year 4 – Emily Wilkes
Year 5 – Andrew Bouzikas
Year 6 – Linda Doig
Specialists – Shannon Carroll

**School Council Elections 2016 - Parents in Partnership**
All schools are required to conduct annual elections for school council during the February/March period. There are three different categories of members on School Council – Parents, Department (DET) employees and Community Members.

At our 2015 election we will have four Parent vacancies and one DET employee vacancy. The term of office for these vacancies is two years. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. You do not need any special experience to be on School Council. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

School Council meets about two times each term and School Councillors are on a subcommittee also. Can I encourage parents who would like to be part of School Council to ensure that they are nominated. Parents may be nominated by another parent or they can nominate themselves. More information will be sent home shortly. Nominations open Monday 8 February.

**Food For Thought:**
‘One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world. Education is the only solution.’ Malala Yousafzai

**ARTROOM NEWS -TERM 1**
Jane Keogh - Art teacher & Art show coordinator

**It’s Art Show Year!!!**
For all of our new families to Greenvale Primary school just letting you know that we have a Concert one year and an Art show the alternating year.

The Art show takes place towards the end of Term 3 and it is an exciting whole school event held after school time in the Gym and surrounding areas of the school. All children will have individual Art work displayed plus take part in making a collaborative class
art project which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on the night. There will also be entertaining Performing Arts acts on the stage plus lots more. More information will be provided closer to the event.

The theme for this year’s Art show is *Art Around The World*. Students will be studying and making Art works which originate from different countries and cultures around the world. Thanks

It is part of our school uniform policy that all students **Must** have an art smock (or suitable alternative) to wear in Art classes. Could parents please make sure that **ALL** students from Foundation to Year 6 have a suitable protective garment in their class basket that still fits them. We try hard to keep all children clean but accidents do sometimes happen. If children do not have an Art smock their school uniforms will probably get dirty as we work with all sorts of exciting messy stuff in Art

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**ITALIAN NEWS**


Hello everyone, I am Mrs Eleonora Schembri, the Italian teacher at Greenvale Primary. Welcome to 2016.

Every student from Foundation to Year 6 will study Italian for one hour a week, three terms a year. Students will cover a specific theme or topic for a given number of weeks, learning the Italian language while also gathering an understanding and appreciation for the Italian culture. At Greenvale Primary School students will apply their learning in Italian in a variety of ways: through speaking and listening, reading and writing, playing language games, ICT, performances and singing. We will begin the year by learning greetings and numbers. Please practise this with your child at home.

**Ciao**

Hello / Goodbye

**Come ti chiami?**

What is your name?

**Mi chiamo**

My name is ________

**Quanti anni hai?**

How old are you?

**Ho nove anni.**

I am nine years old

**Buongiorno**

Good Morning

**Buonasera**

Good evening

**Benvenuti**

Welcome

Students and parents are encouraged to visit sites such as Languages Online to review and practise their Italian at home. This site has many interactive games, songs and worksheets that you can complete with your child. We will be using this resource in the classroom so your child will be familiar with it.

Please feel free to see me if you have any questions, looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

**Grazie** Thank you

Eleonora Schembri - Room 4  A presto! See you soon!

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**School Banking Day Reminder**

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites 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.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Greenvale Primary School.

**New School Banking rewards now available!**

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

**Flying Snake Tail**

**Wild Life Writer Set**
For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

**OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN IS GOING ON-LINE**

As of Monday 8th February you will be able to order your child’s lunch order on-line at [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au). The brochure below was sent on today and it explains what you need to do if you would like to place order on-line.

**You can still send your child’s lunch order to school.**

To order a lunch for your child, please write your child’s: **NAME, CLASSROOM, ORDER and COST, ON A PAPER BAG** and place the money inside the bag. **PLEASE TRY TO SEND THE CORRECT MONEY**

**Our Online Canteen**

*Your school canteen is now online!*

**SAFE EASY FREE**

Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system that is a safe and convenient way to order school meals.

Congratulations!

Your school has made an important change by registering for an online ordering system. This will enable a more efficient and effective service available to you and your family.

**How to get started:**

2. Sign up by completing the registration form
3. Receive a confirmation email with activation link
4. Activate your account and login to the website
5. Add your children and credit to your account
6. Order at your own convenience

**Why has your school gone online?**

Our Online Canteen is an online ordering system which is an easy and convenient way to order from your school. It enables you to order meals, uniforms etc.

**Is the website safe and secure to use?**

Yes, Our Online Canteen information is stored in Australia. We have the SSL certificate which is used whenever any financial transactions are performed and we are PCI DSS approved for secure financial transactions.

**How can I add credit to my account?**

There are three ways to add credit to your account: PayPal, Credit Card and Direct Deposit.

**What do I do if I need help?**

If you are experiencing any issues, you can call our experienced team on 1300 116 637 from 7:00am or email us at info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au

**Benefits:**

- Supports the school
- Saves time and money
- Safe, secure and easy to use
- Exclusive discounts and prizes
- Customer support line

**Support line:** 1300 116 637

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
**BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

**Issue One of Book Club for 2016**

All orders must be returned NO LATER than **Friday 12th February, by 11:00am**. No orders will be accepted after this time.

Please be aware that when book club brochures go out to students they have a window of 3 or 4 days to be returned. Any orders after that date will not be accepted.

**New Families to our School**

Our school has been participating in Scholastic Book Club for many years. Its aim is to bring reading and books to parents and children of all ages. Twice a term book club brochures will be sent home with students for you to browse through and purchase, if you would like to. There is no obligation for you to buy at all if you would prefer not to do so. At the end of each campaign all money orders are matched with points and the school library can then select books to build up our LRC resources. This has been a wonderful incentive from Scholastic over the years and the children have benefited both at school and at home. If you have any queries at all, please contact me in the LRC and I will be very happy to help with any concerns.

*Before the orders come to Learning Resource Centre please check that order forms are completed correctly and that the students name and class are clearly written on order form and envelope.*

**IF PAYING BY CHEQUE PLEASE MAKE OUT TO:** SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB.
**IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE NOTE:** PAYMENT PROCESSES ON SLIP

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Instrumental Lessons at School**

**Did you know that**

**Music:**
Develops mind, hand & eye co ordination
Enhances listening skills
Improves self esteem
**It's fun!**

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office, online at www.genesismusicschool.com.au or Contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674.
February 2016

Greenvale Primary School Students Play at the 2016 Australian Open

Congratulations to school student’s Steven Jokanovic, Shayla O’Keefe & Michael Schiffito who had an amazing experience playing on court at the 2016 Australian Open. They were selected due to winning Greenvale Primary’s Grade 3 & 4 Peg Playoff, and participating in Hume Tennis Schools League. They played in front of thousands of spectators on Margaret Court Arena. If a member of your family would like to get into tennis please call 1300 HUME TC (468 382) or email enquiries@completenetennis.com.au

Tim Connelly
Tennis Australia Hotshots Mentor

![Tennis advertisement](image-url)

SUMMER READING CLUB
LOST WORLDS WRAP UP PARTY

Are you ready to party? Come and celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club and the announcement of the major prize winners. A fun family friendly event featuring a high-energy, interactive fairytale show by Carp Productions. All ages are welcome.

Thursday 18 February, 5.30-7.30pm at Craigieburn Library
Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn,
75-95 Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn.
Phone 9356 6980

Book your place at this free event
Visit humelibraries.vic.gov.au for more information.

1000 Books Before School Program
Awards recognition presentation. Register for this exciting new reading program from 1-18 February by 5pm at any Hume Libraries branch for your chance to win a book pack on the day.
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