Thursday, 13 October 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER
Friday 14th Year 3 Airborn Excursion and School Sleepover
Monday 17th Italian Colours Dress Up Day – Whole School
Tuesday 18th Italian Food Tasting Day for Year 3 – 6 Students
Wednesday 19th Italian Spectacular Incursion – Whole School
Thursday 20th Italian Food Tasting Day for Foundation to Year 2 Students
Monday 24th Commonwealth Bank visit to Year 6 Students
Wednesday 26th Year 5 & 6 Poetry Competition at Gladstone Park SC (Selected Students)
Thursday 27th Bundoora Park Children’s Farm Excursion for OGK and 0MP
Friday 28th Bundoora Park Children’s Farm Excursion for 0ER, 0MD, 0PL and 0TF
Monday 31st Report Writing Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

From The Principal’s Desk
Angelika Ireland

Writers’ Festival launch........ ‘Wishes, Hopes and Dreams’

Whoosh! The blue balloons raced up towards the grisly grey sky as John Marsden officially launched our 2016 Writers’ Festival. Students clapped and laughed as they watched the balloons get smaller and smaller.

‘Wishes, Hopes and Dreams – a wish for me, a wish for my family and a wish for the world’. Over the last few weeks in every classroom across the school, students have been focused on their writing piece in preparation of the Writers’ Festival.

The famous author, John Marsden, addressed the students telling funny stories which he indicated could potentially be used to create a piece of writing. Our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) for our area, Jonathan Lowe, was also an invited guest. After assembly both visited the multitude of blue balloons on display on the walls in the passageway of our main building, reading many of the stories along the way.

A student from each class was selected to personally read their story to both of our visitors at a gathering of family and staff in the staffroom. John spoke to the students about aspects of their impressive writing and confirmed with parents that he had been to many schools and had not seen writing of this calibre elsewhere. Congratulations to our wonderful students in our community of writers.
In the photos below we can see our School Captain, Zain, release the balloons at the official launch, our two invited guests listening to the students read their pieces of writing and Jalle, from Year 5, who was sharing her writing with us.

A big thank you goes to Georgia Kroger, our Strategic Leader – Literacy, for her leadership in putting this Festival together. A big thank you also to each and every student who, under the guidance of their teacher, produced such a notable piece of writing.

School Review – Panel Day 2
Our second panel day, Thursday, 15 September, finished the term on a busy note. On this day future directions for our school for the next 4 years were set. Our new Strategic Plan will cover the years from 2017 to 2020. 2020 seems like such a long way away! Since then, our external reviewer, Heather Norbury from Valad Solutions, has forwarded to us a draft Peer Review Report, outlining our school’s performance over the duration of the last Strategic Plan, and recommendations for future directions. Our Leadership team (SIT) had a look over this document this week as did our SEIL, Jonathan Lowe. In our next school Newsletter, I hope to be able to provide the community with further feedback.

I would like to thank:
- our SIT team for their leadership and input into our School Review
- parents, School Councilors, parents, teachers and students for their feedback
- Noel Scerri, our School Council President, for his involvement in the Panel Days
- Heather Norbury, the external Reviewer
- Claire McInerny (Principal of Plenty Parklands Primary School) and Jenny Droge (Education Improvement Leader for the North Western Victorian Region) for being our Challenge Partners
- Jonathan Lowe, North Western Victorian Region Senior Education Improvement Leader.

Year 5 Campers
Last Thursday I travelled to Philip Island Adventure Resort and spent the day visiting the Year 5 campers to see how everyone was enjoying the experience. The weather was perfect for the many camp activities on the day which included a walk to the beach where students engaged in rockpool exploration, sand activities and ball games on the beach. After a delicious lunch rotational activities included an environmental water exploration area, camp cooking of pancakes and swimming in the pool (much to the delight of all the students).

I would like to thank the students for the manner in which they participated in the camp activities, their behaviour showing that they remembered our school values. The experience was a positive one and our students again showed that Greenvale kids are GREAT kids. Pictured are a group of students rock pool hunting while the other group is seated around the campfire area ready to take part in a pancake cooking camp activity. Thanks go to the teachers and parents who attended and gave four days of their time to make the camping experience such a memorable one for all the students. Thanks go to Miss Sophie Chilton who organised the camp, to the teachers Mr Andrew Bouzikas, Mrs Joyce Hickling and Ms Robyn White, and to the parents Mrs Sharon Matuauto, Mr Kane Arlow, Mr Justin O’Keefe and Mrs Pamela Hatch.
2016 WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY
Teachers Make a World of Difference!

This year, World Teachers Day in Australia is being celebrated on Friday, 28th October in recognition of the contribution teachers make to education across the globe. Research states that the most important element that makes a difference to student outcomes is the teacher. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO (International Labour Organisation) Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society. Internationally World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. In our rapidly changing and interdependent world, teachers not only have to ensure that students acquire solid skills in basic subjects, but also that they become responsible local and global citizens, at ease with new technologies and able to make informed decisions about health, the environment and other challenges. Can I encourage you to show your appreciation to your child’s teacher on that day? I’m sure your child will have some ideas.

REMINDDERS………

Enrolments For 2017 – Are You Moving??
If you are leaving our school and will not require a place at Greenvale PS in 2016 can you please let the office know immediately. We are currently organising class structures for 2016, so it is essential that we are informed of any students who are leaving.

Parent Requests re Class Placements 2017
If you, as a parent, have a placement request for your child based on social issues or learning needs can you please put this in writing and forward to me by Monday 24 October. Please do not send requests asking for a specific teacher. If you have spoken with us in the past, your requests will need to be renewed as circumstances change on a yearly basis.

Food For Thought:
“What you do today can improve all your tomorrows” Ralph Marston
STUDENT ATTENDANCE - Every Day Counts!

Below are the absences just for the first week of school this term. There were 260 absences last week. That means in one week over one third of the total school enrolment were absent! Every day your child is at school really does count.

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Before And After School Student Supervision

It is apparent that a number of students arrive early to school, and that others are not collected in the afternoon until well after the yard supervision has ended. The school fulfils its duty of care to its students in terms of on-site supervision through the processes outlined below.

- **Supervision before and after school**
  - The school will provide staff supervision for students arriving before school between 8.45am and 9.00am.
  - The school will provide staff supervision for students after school between 3.30pm and 3.45pm.
  - A roster system will be used to timetable staff members for yard supervision.
  - This information is provided to parents/guardians on a regular basis via the school newsletter. Outside of these times the supervision and/or the collection of students is the responsibility of parents/carers.
  - Sufficient teachers will be allocated by the school principal or their nominee to supervise students during these periods.
  - Should a teacher be called away to other duties alternate supervision arrangements will be put in place in consultation with the principal or their nominee.

It is not the responsibility or duty of office staff to supervise students after school. If parents are unable to drop or pick up their children between 8.45 and 3.45, OSH Club provides affordable before and after school care. In future the school will be utilising OSH Club for the care of those students still at school after 3.45pm. We thank you for your cooperation.

The OshClub brochure below outlines their program, costs and contact information.
Greenvale Primary School

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After School Care 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Holiday Program Please check online for your nearest program

Cost

Before School Care from $7.32 to $11.15 per child per session (full fee $22.30)
After School Care from $8.79 to $13.58 per child per session (full fee $27.15)
(fees subject to change)

Most families are eligible for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR). The full fee applies for families who do not apply for and are not eligible for CCB and the CCR. All fees are approximate only. Late pick up fees of $2.00 per minute per child apply. Prices may change at any time. Casual bookings made within 24 Hours incur an extra charge of $3.30 per session for Before and After Care. A late booking fee of $10.00 applies to all Holiday Program Bookings made within 5 calendar days of a session.

What happens?

Loads of fun activities for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring

Make sure you wear or bring appropriate clothing including a hat (Terms 1 & 4).
ITALIAN NEWS – NOTIZIE ITALIANE

Ciao a tutti, (Hello everyone), welcome back to Term 4, I hope you all had a restful break.

ITALIAN WEEK

Monday 17th to Thursday 20th

Next week our school is having an Italian Week Celebration in Week 3. During the week the students will be involved in activities led by teachers in their year levels such as bocce, Italian craft activities and soccer. We will have a dress up day, watch a performance, taste pizza, crostoli and enjoy gelati!

**Monday 17th October - Italian Dress Up Day.**

Students may want to dress up Italian by wearing the Italian flag colours of green, white and red. However, students may also like to dress up as something or someone Italian as Pinocchio, Strega Nona, an Italian cook or artist, an Italian food item (pizza or pasta), Mario, Luigi, a gondolier, soccer player, Mona Lisa, Ferrari car driver or even as an Italian monument. Students may like to wear a mask and dress up ready to go to the famous Venetian festival ‘Carnevale’. You may have your own ideas! Families and friends are welcome to come to the Italian assembly.

**Tuesday 18th October**

All Year 3 – 6 students will be involved in a pizza tasting and gelati day. Students will receive one slice of traditional Italian Margherita Pizza (Tomato, Cheese) from Jessie’s Pizza and a small Dixie cup of chocolate and lemon gelati or vanilla Dixie cup (gluten free option) and an Italian biscuit, Crostoli. They will still need lunch on the day as this may not be enough for lunch.

**On Wednesday 19th October**

ALL students will watch an Italian Performance called Spectacular Spettacolo. The show will involve audience participation, Italian songs, and of course Italian language.

**On Thursday 20th October**

All Foundation – Year 2 students will be involved in a pizza tasting and gelati day. Students will receive one slice of traditional Italian Margherita Pizza (Tomato, Cheese) from Jessie’s Pizza and a small Dixie cup of chocolate and lemon gelati or vanilla Dixie cup (gluten free option) and an Italian biscuit, Crostoli. They will still need lunch on the day as this may not be enough for lunch.

Last term the students in Year 2 played a game related to the book, Mangia, Mangia (Eat, Eat). They rolled a dice and set the table. To start the game they needed to roll a six for the placemat and then set the table depending on numbers rolled. (1 – plate, 2 – spoon, 3 – fork/knife, 4 – napkin, 5 – glass).

If the item had already been collected then they missed a turn, the first to set the table was the winner. Buon appetito!

The Year 5 and 6 students have had their last lesson for the year and will not be attending Italian classes in Term 4, so please encourage them to access Languages online and Duo Lingo, both programs are free to use. On the last week of term they enjoyed learning how to play the Italian card game Scopa.

Signora Eleonora Schembri
What’s happening in the Art Room-Term 4

This term in Visual Art classes Foundation students who did not have art in term 3 will be completing work on our Art Show theme of “Art Around The World”. They will make a collage of a penguin in Antarctica that involves painting and paper craft skills, a South American Toucan bird experimenting with the crayon resist method, a cactus from Mexico using printing techniques, a 3D clay sculpture and a Christmas craft activity. Years 1 and 2 students will be painting and making the Leaning Tower of Pisa, planning and creating a mixed media paper bag puppet, modelling with clay and exploring different painting and printing techniques. They will complete the year making a Christmas craft.

Years 3 and 4 students will be making a threads and textiles wall hanging of a habitat, using paper craft skills to make a paper flower display, painting a Remembrance Day poppy scene, making a printing block and printing with it and Christmas craft.

Year 5 students are creating a name art design using different lettering and decorating skills, studying the famous artist Claude Monet and his series of water lily paintings, modelling a dragon from clay and painting it, drawing and painting a perspective picture disappearing to a vanishing point and a Christmas craft activity.

Year 6 students are making various items which will be displayed at their Graduation night. (it’s a secret) They will also be modelling a 3D clay dragon and glazing it. They will be drawing and water colouring a one point perspective picture and finishing the year with a craft activity.

Congratulations to the October Artists of the Month

Sienna 3EB

Natalie 4 EW

And Sami 4 EW

These students planned and created a threads and textiles wall hanging of a habitat. Their imagination, creativity and use of a variety of materials produced some great results.
Sports News
Shannon Carroll
Physical Education Teacher and Sport Coordinator
Northern Metro Regional Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Northern Metro Regional Athletics Championships on Wednesday 12th of October.

Taliyah Sankari – Long Jump
Ben Pereara – Discus
Johnny Panagopoulos – 800m
Will Creevy – 1500m

The Northern Metro Region event is of a very high calibre and only one level below state.

All of these students should be extremely proud of their efforts, advancing through school, district and divisional levels of competition to reach this stage.

Well done.

Our School Information App

Over the holidays the company CommunityToGo Pty Ltd that provides the software for our school have been looking at the android version of the app and have fixed something that was making the app fail on older devices.

If you have had the problems with the school app please download the latest version of the app from the Google Play Store and this should fix the problem.

Our School Payment App - Qkr!

The Qkr! app is available for families of students at Greenvale Primary and is our preferred payment method. You can use Qkr! to pay for school excursions, camps and other school payment items along with the Uniform shop directly from your mobile device at a time convenient to you. Payment notification is received in the office immediately, so why not download the app today and take a look at our school on Qkr! Payment can be made using your MasterCard or Visa. All feedback to the school office is very welcome.

Full instructions can be found on our website.
# Maths - A Challenge That Counts!

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Snail A can cover 1.89m in 6 minutes.  
Snail B can cover 1.28m in 4 minutes.  
Who will win the race? |
| How long will it take to win? |
| How much will they win by? |
| What number am I? |
| I am a 4 digit number |
| If you count by 2 or 5 you will land on my number |
| I am more than 50 x 100 but less than 30 x 200 |
| My tens number is odd |
| My hundreds number is half of 14 |
| My digits add up to 21 |
| If you add ten to my number you will land on the nearest hundred. |
| I am: ______ ______ ______ |

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| On a bus there are 20 passengers.  
At the first stop, 5 passengers get on and nobody gets off.  
At the next stop, 3 passengers get on and 2 get off.  
At the next stop, 10 passengers get on and 5 get off. The bus arrives at its final stop. Everyone must get off.  
How many passengers leave the bus? |
| What comes next in the pattern? |
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One lucky student from each age group will win a prize!  
Please submit your entries to the Library by Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} October. Good Luck!
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