School 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.

Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday 20th November**
  Year 6 Camp
- **Wednesday 21st November**
  Year 6 Camp
- **Thursday 22nd November**
  Year 6 Camp
  Year 4 CERES Excursion
  Flying to Foundation 3
- **Friday 23rd November**
  Year 6 Camp
- **Monday 26th November**
  Foundation Bundoora Farm Excursion
- **Thursday 29th November**
  Flying to Foundation 4

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NEWSLETTER Thursday, 15th November 2018

Principal's Update

Angelika Ireland

Flying to Foundation''

Our new students, who will be in Foundation in 2019, attended their first session of the 'Flying to Foundation' transition program. At this stage, we have about 110 new Foundation students, in 6 Foundation classes, who will be starting their school life at Greenvale next year. Amongst the families who already have older children at Greenvale, there were many families who are new to our community and we welcome them.

All children were given a special 'Flying to Foundation' T-shirt that they will wear to each transition session to give them a sense of belonging. Students will attend six sessions of one hour duration over the remainder of the term culminating in a Meet Your Teacher session at the end. This will give all new Foundation students an opportunity to get to know their teacher and the children who they will be with next year. It also allows staff to get to know the new students so that when they begin school, their needs can be catered for.

Starting school is a major life transition for children and their families. It is a period of change that can be both challenging and exciting, in which children and families adjust to new roles, identities and expectations, new interactions and new relationships. Transition to school is not a point-in-time event, but rather an experience that starts well before, and extends far beyond, the first day of school.

Many children will start school after having attended kindergarten; while others will have attended child care; while others may not have attended any formal prior-to-school service. However, all will have developed a range of skills and abilities that form the basis of positive school experiences.

Thanks to Tara Franz who led the organisation of this year's 'Flying to Foundation' program with the support of the current Foundation team.

Alongside the children attending 'Flying to Foundation", a 'Parents as Partners' program has been organised for the parents each week. This program has the mantra of 'Enrolling Your Family and not just your Child'. The parents of our new students attended a parent session in the staffroom led by Tara Franz and Michelle Pucar while their children were in their first transition program. Parents were able to meet other Foundation parents, ask questions and hear information about getting their child ready to begin school. We look forward to working together with all of our families of our new Foundation students for 2019.

Principal's Update Continued

Angelika Ireland

Thank you for your support…….

This year we have again been able to make many improvements to our school grounds and purchases to support the learning environment. The costs for these are very much supported by family involvement in fundraisers and with each family's Building and Grounds contribution when paying fees. Over the course of the year, I provide details and photos of works that have occurred in the Newsletter. I hope you have taken the opportunity to read these. Some significant improvements and purchases this year have been – renovation of the Foundation Courtyard, $10,000 of reading materials for Year 3s, concrete and water tank for the Year 1 / 2 toilet block, laying of synthi-grass around Year 1 / 2 portables, installation of four stormwater catchment tanks to water our oval, retaining wall alongside school oval, new seating with more to be installed over the next few months, replacement of Colorbond roofing on the main building –more will be replaced during the Christmas holiday break, painting of the external verandas and windows of the main building and beautification and planting out of many garden beds. Can I encourage all families to continue their support.

What an Achievement!

We are so proud of Max, Misha and Kean on their sporting achievements and for making it to the School Sport Australia Championships, which are held in Melbourne in November. At this event, they will be competing against primary school students across Australia. The cost of participation for each of them is just on $1,000. To support them, we are holding an out of uniform day on Friday 16 November, organized by our Junior School Council members. All students are asked to contribute a gold coin. We wish them all the best for their event

Greenvale Secondary College

Last week, I received a phone call inviting me to a meeting at the Greenvale Recreation Centre where the Education Minister, James Merlino, was going to make a special announcement. The Minister announced that Greenvale Secondary College would be built and open for students at the beginning of 2022. The Greenvale Community Group has been lobbying for a Secondary School in Greenvale for many years. Recent lobbying has been led by Mark Busuttil (pictured with James Merlino and Ros Spence), one of our parents. Mark was very excited by the announcement, as I am sure many other families in the community are also.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Antoinette D'Angelo and her now husband, Phil, on their recent wedding. As we would expect, Antoinette was a beautiful bride and the special occasion was enjoyed by all.
After the church service, the wedding party made their way to the MCG for photos. At that time there was a Sheffield Shield cricket game on with Victoria playing New South Wales. The wedding party were caught on the big screen at the MCG (photo of them waving at the big screen) and gained notoriety in the cricket telecast. We wish them both all the best for their future together.

Principal's Update Continued

Angelika Ireland

Community Links members / Parent Volunteers morning tea

We would like to say "Thank you!" to all our Learning Helpers and Community Links Parent Reps in 2018! To show our appreciation of all the support you have provided, you are invited to a morning tea in the staffroom on Tuesday, 4th December, at 11.00am.

Community Links meeting

Are you interested in being part of the Community Links Committee for 2019? We need lots of parents to join this group. Sometimes in a large school, it can be assumed that there are lots of helpers. This is not always the case. We will be having a meeting soon to organise our Family Fun Night in Term 1, 2019 and allocate the other special events and fundraisers during the year. Watch this space.

Come and join in…….

It's that festive time of year again! Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday, 13th December starting at 4pm and finishing at 7.00pm. Bring your picnic blankets or chairs. Sausages and drinks will be on sale. The concert will again be located in the courtyard with picnic blanket space only at the front and chairs further back. Every class will be performing in front of the audience between 5pm and 6pm. The photo pit will again be located in front of the performers for parents to take their photos. It will be sitting only in the Photo Pit – no standing! Look forward to seeing you there!

Reminders

Enrolments For 2019 – Are You Moving??

If you are leaving our school and will not require a place at Greenvale PS in 2019 can you please let the office know immediately? We are currently organising class structures for 2019, so it is essential that we are informed of any students who are leaving.

Food For Thought:

Assistant Principal's Update

Meredith Clegg

Attendance Data

STUDENT ABSENCE DETAILS					
30/01/2018 – 09/11/2018					
	Number of students	Absent without note	Absent with note	TOTAL STUDENTS ABSENT	Average absence rate per student
FOUNDATION	126	12	1407	1419	11.26
YEAR 1	106	68	1360	1428	13.47
YEAR 2	120	58	1180	1238	10.32
YEAR 3	117	78	1210	1288	11.01
YEAR 4	115	24	1361	1385	12.04
YEAR 5	118	63	1662	1725	14.62
YEAR 6	106	17	1136	1153	10.88
Total	808	320	9316	9636	11.93

Assistant Principal's Update

Rosemary Agnew

I came across an interesting article this week and I thought I would share it with you as I believe this is a topic which is of great interest to many parents. The article is written by Victorian Prooday, who holds a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from the Medical School at University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Health Science from York University.

WHY ARE KIDS IMPATIENT, BORED, FRIENDLESS, AND ENTITLED?

"*Kids today are in a devastating emotional state*! Most come to school emotionally unavailable for learning. There are many factors in our modern lifestyle that contribute to this."
Throughout my time as an Occupational Therapist, I have seen and continue to see a decline in children's social, emotional, and academic functioning, as well as a sharp increase in learning disabilities and other diagnoses.
As we know, the brain is malleable. Through environment, we can make the brain "stronger" or make it "weaker". I truly believe that, despite all our greatest intentions, we unfortunately remould our children's brains in the wrong direction. Here is why:

1. KIDS GET EVERYTHING THEY WANT WHEN THEY WANT IT

"I am Hungry!!" "In a sec I will stop at the drive thru" "I am Thirsty!" "Here is a vending machine." "I am bored!" "Use my phone!" The ability to delay gratification is one of the key factors for future success. We have the best intentions — to make our child happy — but unfortunately, we make them happy at the moment but miserable in the long term. To be able to delay gratification means to be able to function under stress. Our children are gradually becoming less equipped to deal with even minor stressors, which eventually become huge obstacles to their success in life.
The inability to delay gratification is often seen in classrooms, malls, restaurants, and toy stores the moment the child hears "No" because parents have taught their child's brain to get what it wants right away.

Assistant Principal's Update Continued

Rosemary Agnew

2. LIMITED SOCIAL INTERACTION

We are all busy, so we give our children digital gadgets and make them "busy" too. Kids used to play outside, where, in unstructured natural environments, they learned and practiced their social skills. Unfortunately, technology replaced the outdoor time. Also, technology made the parents less available to socially interact with their child. Obviously, our kids fall behind… the babysitting gadget is not equipped to help kids develop social skills. Most successful people have great social skills. This is the priority!

The brain is just like a muscle that is trainable and re-trainable. If you want your child to be able to bike, you teach him biking skills. If you want your child to be able to wait, you need to teach that child patience. If you want your child to be able to socialize, you need to teach him social skills. The same applies to all the other skills. There is no difference!

3. ENDLESS FUN

We have created an artificial fun world for our children. There are no dull moments. The moment it becomes quiet, we run to entertain them again, because otherwise, we feel that we are not doing our parenting duty. We live in two separate worlds. They have their "fun" world, and we have our "work" world. Why aren't children helping us in the kitchen or with laundry? Why don't they tidy up their toys? This is basic monotonous work that trains the brain to be workable and function under "boredom," which is the same "muscle" that is required to be eventually teachable at school. When they come to school and it is time for handwriting their answer is "I can't. It is too hard. Too boring." Why? Because the workable "muscle" is not getting trained through endless fun. It gets trained through work.

4. TECHNOLOGY

Using technology as a "Free babysitting service" is, in fact, not free at all. The payment is waiting for you just around the corner. We pay with our kids' nervous systems, with their attention, and with their ability for delayed gratification. Compared to virtual reality, everyday life is boring. When kids come to the classroom, they are exposed to human voices and adequate visual stimulation as opposed to being bombarded with the graphic explosions and special effects that they are used to seeing on the screens. After hours of virtual reality, processing information in a classroom becomes increasingly challenging for our kids because their brains are getting used to the high levels of stimulation that video games provide. The inability to process lower levels of stimulation leaves kids vulnerable to academic challenges. Technology also disconnects us emotionally from our children and our families. **Parental emotional availability is the main nutrient for a child's brain**. Unfortunately, we are gradually depriving our children of that nutrient.

5. KIDS RULE THE WORLD

"My son doesn't like vegetables." "She doesn't like going to bed early." "He doesn't like to eat breakfast." "She doesn't like toys, but she is very good at her iPad" "He doesn't want to get dressed on his own." "She is too lazy to eat on her own." This is what I hear from parents all the time. Since when do children dictate to us how to parent them? If we leave it all up to them, all they are going to do is eat macaroni and cheese and bagels with cream cheese, watch TV, play on their tablets, and never go to bed.

What good are we doing them by giving them what they WANT when we know that it is not GOOD for them? Without proper nutrition and a good night's sleep, our kids come to school irritable, anxious, and inattentive. In addition, we send them the wrong message. They learn they can do what they want and not do what they don't want.

The concept of "need to do" is absent. Unfortunately, in order to achieve our goals in our lives, we have to do what's necessary, which may not always be what we want to do. For example, if a child wants to be an A student, he needs to study hard. If he wants to be a successful soccer player, he needs to practice every day. Our children know very well what they want, but have a very hard time doing what is necessary to achieve that goal. This results in unattainable goals and leaves the kids disappointed.

In the next newsletter, I will share Victoria's recommendations on how you can make a difference in your child's life by helping to train their brain so that they can successfully function on social, emotional and academic levels.

Uniform Shop News

Dianne Barresi

Reminders

- The Uniform shop is open every Tuesday this term from 8.45am till 11am. The last day for sales is Tuesday 11th December.
- The old style school dress will be accepted for another year, in 2019. From 2020 the new style dress is the only one accepted and is only available in the school Uniform shop.

See below for the new Uniform brochure that explains our School Uniform in detail.

School Uniform

Compulsory—Available at School Uniform Shop

Short Sleeve Polo with School Logo

- Choice of white or green
- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
  Adult 14, 16, 18, 20

* *Long sleeve tops worn underneath the short sleeve polo are not permitted*

Long Sleeve Polo with School Logo

- Choice of white or green
- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
  Adult 14, 16, 18, 20

* *Green only available in size 4—14*

School Uniform

Compulsory—Available at School Uniform Shop

Bomber Jacket with School Logo

- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
  Adult 14, 16, 18, 20

Windcheater with School Logo

- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
  Adult 14, 16, 18, 20

Girls Summer Dress

- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

* *Tights, leggings or pants under the dress are not permitted*

Bucket Hat With School Logo

- Black only
- Available in size:
  Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

* *This is the only hat to be worn at school*
* *Sunsmart 1st September—30th April*

School Uniform

Available at School Uniform Shop

School Quality Shorts

- Black only
- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

* *Bike shorts are not permitted*

Girls Box Pleat Skort

- Black only
- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
- Box pleat style only permitted

* *Tights, leggings or pants under the skort are not permitted*
* *Basketball skirts or skirts are not permitted*

School Quality Pants

- Black only
- Available in size:
  Child 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

* *Tights and leggings are not permitted*

Accessories

Available at School Uniform Shop

- **School Bag**
- **Library Bag**
- **Art Smock**
- **Fabric Paint**
- **Rain Jacket**
- **Lunch Bag**
- **Woollen Beanie** - One size with school logo
- **Woollen Scarf** - Black
- **Hair Scrunches** - Black

Other

School Shoes / Runners

- Worn with white or black socks
- Black school shoes
- White or black plain runners with white or black laces

School Uniform Policy *(extract from School Uniform Policy)*

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

School Uniform Shop Hours / Days

Tuesdays

8:45am to 11:00am

Term 1 and 4: Weekly
Term 2 and 3: Fortnightly

Placing an order

Qkr! is our preferred payment method – it is secure, provides you with a receipt and saves you time. Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom on Tuesdays.

Order Form Fill out an order form and visit the School Uniform Shop or send with you child.

Prices

Current prices are listed on the school website and on the Qkr! App.

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Greenvale Primary School

School Uniform Brochure

Fundraising News

Christmas Raffle

The School Council Community Links committee will hold our annual Christmas Raffle at our Christmas Concert on Thursday 13th December .

If you own a business or work for a company who could make a donation suitable for this fundraiser we would be very grateful. You can also contribute by donating items as individual sponsors or donating small gifts that can be added to a hamper.

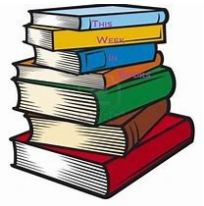
Some of the great items donated by parent-sponsors in previous years include family holiday packages, push bikes, electronic and electrical items, home ware packs, soccer tickets, just to name a few.

As we need to finalise tickets by the 30th November, we would appreciate a response from you before then if you are able to support our school in our Christmas Raffle. For further details and any offers of sponsorship please contact the school on 9333 2500.

Thanking you for your support.

Library News

Loretta Kelly



Year 6 Library Assistants

Our Year 6 Library Assistants have done an amazing job this year. As they prepare to head off to secondary school they are developing their skills even more by assisting to train next year's Library Assistants.

We received 32 applications from this year's Year 5 students keen to assist in the library next year. The written applications showed some of our students are very passionate about our library and I look forward to seeing what new ideas they can propose for the library next year. Over the past fortnight short-listed students have had their first mentoring session and the final 15 will be decided on shortly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students who applied. Students who are unsuccessful in getting a position in term 1 may have the opportunity to join the team later in the year.

Overdue and lost books – stocktake

The last week that students will be able to borrow is next week (week 7). All library books MUST be returned by the end of week 8 as we will then be conducting a full stocktake of all library items. Missing books will need to be paid for before the end of the year. Please check your car, your house, relatives homes etc for any school library books.

Book Club – last one for the year

The catalogue for Book Club Issue 8 went home on Tuesday 13th November. Orders are due back at school by Thursday 22nd November. Online loop orders will be closed off at 9 a.m. Friday 23rd November. We CANNOT accept late orders as there is the risk they will not get to school in time before the end of the year (it normally takes 2 weeks from when the school places the orders for them to arrive and may take longer with the Christmas post near the end of the year).

Students who have received a Book Club credit for Book Fair missing orders can only use these by ordering directly through the school before Thursday 22nd November. If you have any questions please contact the library.

Sports News

Shannon Carroll

On Friday 9th November, forty-three Greenvale Primary School students attended the Billy Slater Shield which was held at Lakeside Reserve in Roxburgh Park.

Greenvale Primary School entered four teams in the competition consisting of a Year 6 Boys Tackle, Year 5 Boys Tackle, Year 5/6 Girls Tackle and a Year 5/6 Girls Tag.

All teams experienced a range of results throughout the day and played each match with great spirit and sportsmanship, displaying our school values.

The Year 5 Boys went through the day undefeated, the Year 6 Boys won their first match and lost the next two, the Girls Tackle had a win, loss and draw and finally the Girls Tag had three defeats.

Thank you to Mr Rovetto and Mrs La Motta who assisted on the day.

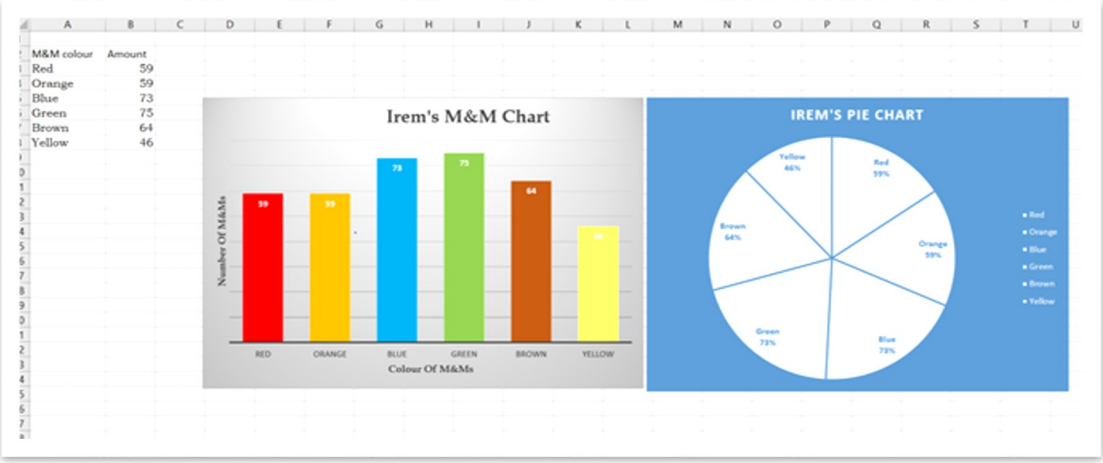
Well done to all students involved, I hope this experience inspires more rugby in the future.

Year 6 News

Rob Rovetto

Applying Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

Throughout Term 4, Year 6 students have been working on Statistics and Probability tasks, with a focus on predicting outcomes in experiments. Using their knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages, Year 6 students completed an experiment, which required them to choose M&M's randomly from 2 packets. They had to record the data, which involved tallying up the total M&M's and listing the number of a certain coloured over the total amount of M&M's (eg. There were 78 red out for 354 78/354)



From this data, students extended their knowledge by converting the fractions to decimals. To incorporate ICT within our maths lessons, the students then used Microsoft Excel to graph the results of the experiment.

Students had fun predicting, using fractions and of course eating the M&M's!!!!

Science News

Sujata Symons

During term 4, the students in Years 3-6 are continuing to focus on Chemical Science. The Year 3- 4 students have explored the concepts of melting and dissolving and the year 5-6 students have worked on experiments that focus on identifying the differences between physical and chemical changes. The students have been focused on developing their curiosity when undertaking scientific experiments and are able to create a question/s based on the concepts being explored. They also make predictions, record their observations and evaluate their experiments, linking their scientific knowledge to the experiment.

Some useful websites to explore with your child:

https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/lab/experiments/
https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids
http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/

Digital Technology News

Sujata Symons & Lauren Black

During terms 3 and 4, a group of year 5 and 6 students have been working on coding and programming in the SCART room during a Monday lunchtime. They have had the opportunity to showcase their skills in Scratch and Makey Makey. The students were also able to use codable robots such as Bee Bots and they created a space rover called Milo using our new resource Lego Wedo 2.0.

Scratch is a programming language and an online community where children can program and share interactive media such as stories, games, and animation.

Digital Technology News Continued

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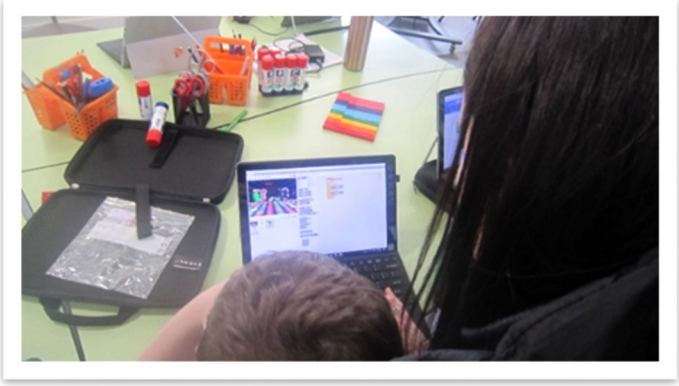
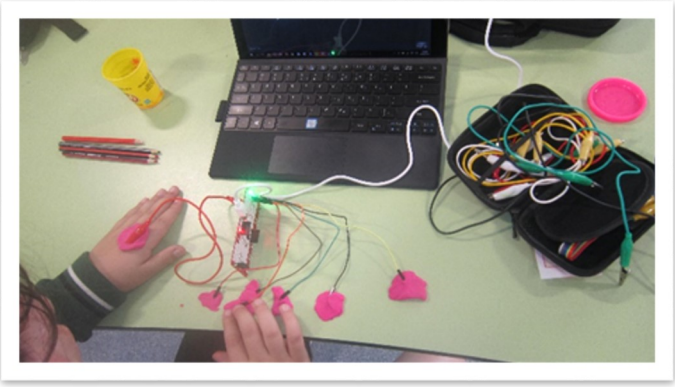
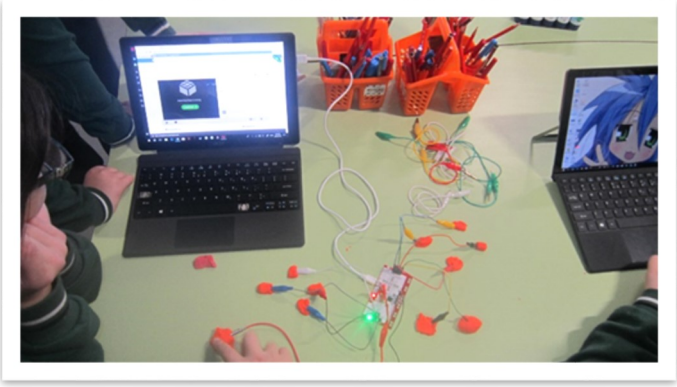


Makey Makey turns everyday objects into touchpads.



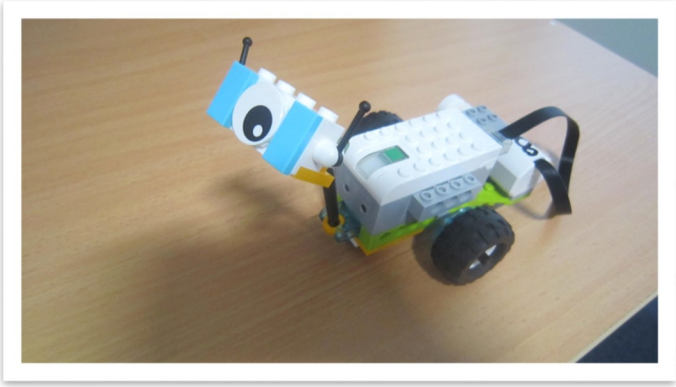


Digital Technology News

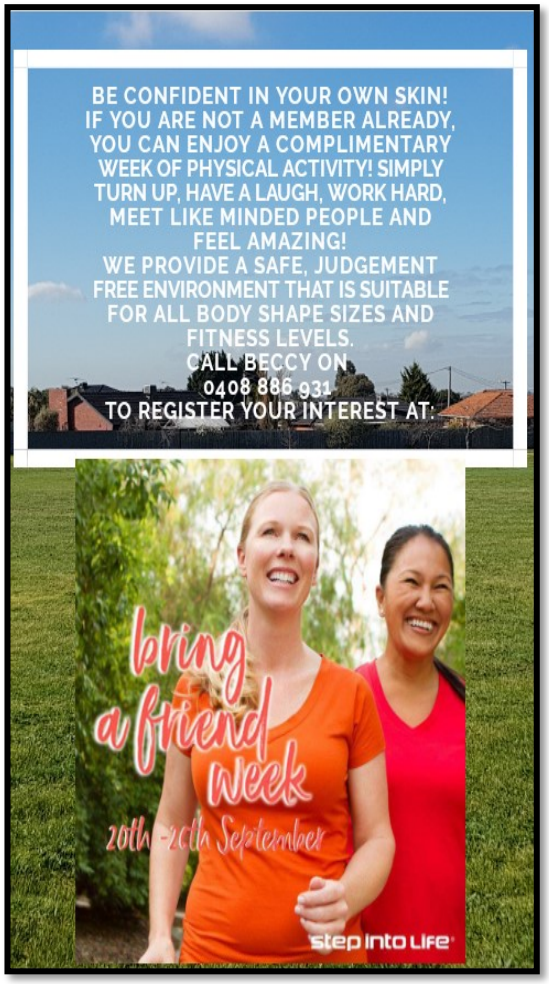
Sujata Symons & Lauren Black

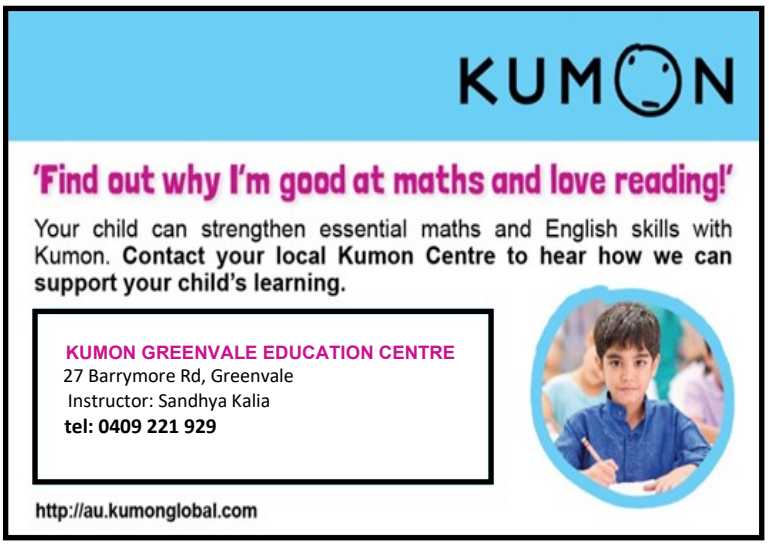
Bee Bots are programmable floor robots.

Lego Wedo 2.0 is a learning tool designed to introduce children to robotics, engineering and programming.



Community Advertising





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Office Hours

Monday to Friday

8:30am to 4:00pm

Last day of each Term the Office will close at 2pm

Recess 11.00am to 11.30am
Lunch 1.40pm to 2.30pm

Students are unable to be picked up during these times or between **3.15pm to 3.30pm**, except in an emergency.
Please ensure you pick up your child outside these hours.

The office is closed during all public and school holiday periods

Uniform Shop

Qkr payments must be placed by **5.30pm Monday** to receive your uniform order on Tuesdays.

Days / Hours

Tuesdays

8:45am to 11:00am

Term 1 and 4 weekly

Term 2 and 3 fortnightly

Last shop day for 2018:

11th December 2018

Term 4 2018 Important Dates

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Friday 30th November	Year 3 Edenvale Farm Excursion
Tuesday 4th December	Parent Helpers Morning Tea School Council 6.30pm
Thursday 6th December	Flying to Foundation 5
Wednesday 12th December	Year 6 Funfields Excursion
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Concert Foundation Orientation
Friday 14th December	F-2 Tabloid Sports
Monday 17th December	Planning Day—Student Free Day
Wednesday 19th December	Meet The Teacher—Years 1—6
Thursday 20th December	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 21st December	Year 6 Breakfast **End of Term 2—Students dismissed at 1.30pm**

School Attendance

Same-Day notification of unexplained student absences

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using our school app: **FlexiBuzz**

It is important that **late arrival** students **MUST** be signed in at the school office by the parent/guardian. If you do not sign in your child, you may receive an **SMS.**

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell

FlexiBuzz

FlexiBuzz is our main form of communication with all families.
All year level notices regarding excursions/incursions, sporting events, Parent/Teacher Interviews, newsletters plus other notices or alerts will be on the **FlexiBuzz** App.

The App is free and can be downloaded from the iTunes Store or Google Play Store onto your iPhone, Pad, iPod or any Android mobile phones or tablets.

School Payments

When sending payments / forms to school **PLEASE** clearly mark your child's **first name**, **surname** and **class**.

Payments / forms without these details, make it hard to determine which child it relates to once it arrives in the School Office.

Qkr! masterpass

Qkr! is our preferred payment method – It is secure, provides you with a receipt and saves you time.
You can pay for **School booklists, excursions and other school payment items** along with the **Canteen** and **Uniform shop.**
Payment notification is received in the Office immediately.
Download the app, register and search for our school.

If you do not have access to a smart phone, a web-based version of Qkr! is available at:
https://qkr.mastercard.com/store

Does your child need medication?

If your child requires **prescription** medication, please ensure that you fill out the correct 'Medication Form' that is available in the school office or on-line.

Have you changed your details?

Please immediately notify the Office of any changes to your address or contact details. It is important that these records are kept up to date so we can contact you in case of an emergency.