Thursday, 19 February 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

FEBRUARY
Friday  20th  Curriculum Day – Students DO NOT ATTEND School on this day
Monday  23rd  Parents in Partnership Parent Rep Meeting – After morning assembly in the staffroom
Year 6 Reach Rookys Workshop
Wednesday  25th  Year 6 Family Maths Night – 6:00 – 7:00pm
Friday  27th  National School’s Clean Up Day

March
Tuesday  3rd  ISN & IVB Melbourne Museum Excursion
Year 6 1:1 Netbook payment due
Wednesday  4th  IML & IWA Melbourne Museum Excursion
Year 5 Family Maths Night – 6:00 – 7:00pm

From The Principal’s Desk
Angelika Ireland

2015 School Council Elections – Parents in Partnership
I am pleased to announce the outcome of the 2015 School Council elections. As the numbers of nominations equalled the number of vacancies, there was not a need for an election.

New members are:
Non Department of Education and Training (DET) School Council Members
Fikriye Halil-Coban, Sarah Muscat, Darryl Canny, Jodie Howitt, Rachel Connell

Department of Education and Training (DET) School Council Members
Brett McGinniskin, Meredith Clegg

Existing School Council members –
Gwen Hutcheson, Angelika Ireland (DET)
Noel Scerri, Sharon Matuauto, (Non DET)

That leaves the Community position still to be filled. This is a seconded position ie. no nomination / election process required.

Retiring School Council members after our March Annual General Meeting are
Non DET  Craig Geddes, Michelle Benfold, Ali Yenkenkural, Sarah Hosking
DET  Joyce Hickling

Can I sincerely thank retiring members for their commitment to the school over the years.

Please Note – School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 17th March followed by the School Council meeting with the new Council at 7:00pm. The AGM is an open meeting so I am cordially inviting parents to attend
the AGM. At the AGM we will table and discuss the Annual Report to the School Community which outlines school outcomes and progress for 2014.

**Foundation Students**

Our Foundation students have now been at school for two weeks and have settled in so well.

Starting primary school is a major milestone for a child. The first years are an exciting and engaging time. Building positive relationships and experiences in the early years is important to long-term development, learning and wellbeing.

**For parents of Foundation students…**

How your child reacts to starting school will depend on their personality, their background and how prepared they are for this next big step in their lives.

By now they'll probably be responding to school in a variety of ways and most children will be experiencing some change – after all they’ll be learning, playing and interacting with new people and getting used to a whole new environment – and it will take them some time to settle in.

**Some things you can do to help your child adjust to school include:**

- making sure your child knows who will take them to school and pick them up
- laying out your child’s clothes, hat, shows and socks the night before
- helping your child to pack their school bag with a snack, drink, lunch and a hat
- placing a spare pair of underpants and a change of clothes in a plastic bag and letting your child know these clothes are in their bag in case of any accidents at school
- putting sunscreen on your child in the morning if it is needed
- showing your child where you will meet them at the end of the school day
- ensuring they have a healthy breakfast – this is important for energy to get through the day
- making time to chat to your child about what they did at school that day
- developing a bedtime routine so your child can wind down at the end of the day and get a good night’s sleep – children aged five need around 10 to 11 hours sleep a night

Try not to put too many expectations on yourself or your child; if they are happy and enjoying school, that’s a real achievement.

During their first year of school children focus on reading, writing, spelling, maths and problem-solving. Foundation students are at a stage where they’re exploring the world around them, and developing physical, creative and technical skills.

To find out more about what’s coming up in your child’s learning, ask your child’s teacher. Some topics they may be learning about include:

- **English** – developing a working understanding of how sounds are represented alphabetically; learning to read and write, drawing on their knowledge of the alphabet and its relationship with the sounds the letters and words make; and listening to and responding to a range of simple texts, including books read aloud, audio tapes and films.
- **Mathematics** – counting; relating the items counted to the actual number (for example four children with blue tops); placing objects in order (such as first, second, third) and grouping them in sets (all round objects or red blocks together); using everyday objects to identify and describe points, lines, edges and surfaces; and comparing objects using terms such as longer, heavier, fuller and hotter.

- **Science** – exploring things like day and night, the seasons, and living and non-living things; identifying and describing things that are similar, using things like size, shape, colour and weight.

- **Health and physical education** – developing skills such as running, skipping, catching, throwing, kicking and balancing. Activities such as dance, gymnastics and games help children progressively gain control of their movements.

- **Interpersonal development** – developing skills that let them work and play together in a group, including taking turns and sharing, as well as listening to others and beginning to understand how their actions affect others.

- **Civics and citizenship** – learning about respect, concern for others, and being fair; recognising rules and why they are needed and comparing classroom and family rules with other rules, such as those used in games and sport.

- **The Arts** – discussing the things they are creating and, with guidance, beginning to describe their own and others’ work.

- **The Humanities** – beginning to understand their local area by investigating the location, direction and distance of their home, school, local parks and shops to each other; as well as exploring how and why natural factors and human activities affect their lives.

To help support their learning, ask your child what they did in class today, and build this question into their routine – make it something that they expect and are happy to answer every day.

**Insurance**

**Personal Accident**

Just a reminder to all families that the DET does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students whilst at school, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers.

**Personal Property**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

**Student Safety and Parking around the School**

Streets around school zones are always busy just before school when parents are dropping their child/ren off, or after school when it is time to pick up them up. It seems we have had a number of parents not adhering to parking signs around the school which has added significantly to the blockage of traffic during these busy times or following safe procedures so impacting on the safety of our students and your children.

Since the start of the year the Hume City Council Parking Officers have booked well over twenty drivers for traffic offenses.

**These seem to be the issues as reported**

1. **Parking in the designated 2 min Drop Off Zone in the morning** - Around Greenvale PS there is a 2 min parking zone on Bradford Avenue. This is a “Kiss and Drop zone” – which means you pull in, kiss your child good-bye, they exit the car and then you drive off and vacate the space so another car can do the same. THEY ARE NOT PARKING BAYS. You cannot turn off your motor and leave your car to drop your child off at their classroom. It only takes two or three cars to park then the whole area becomes ineffective as the flow of traffic is broken. If you need to walk your child in, which is often the case with younger students, the recommendation is to find a parking place further away from the school and walk. This not only will alleviate your parking stress but will also develop healthy life habits.

2. **Parents parking their cars in the Staff Car Park** – The car park is only for staff and families who have applied for an exemption for their child due to special circumstances (like a disability) and have received a Greenvale PS Car Park Pass. If this applies to your child, please contact the school office.

3. **Walking your child through the Staff Car Park** - Please enter the school at the small pedestrian gates, follow the pedestrian footpaths and don’t cut across the asphalt and between the cars.

4. **Not using the School Crossing** – A number of parents have been seen crossing the busy road with their children, dodging between the cars. Please teach your child how to cross at the designated school crossing so that when the time comes for them to cross on their own, you have modelled this safe behaviour.

5. **Children exiting their car onto the road** – It is really important that your child exits your car on the footpath side so they do not put themselves at risk of being hit by a passing car on the road. This may mean that if you have a number of children in the back, they will have to slide across the seat to get to the footpath side.

6. **Cars double parking to let their children out** – that definitely causes major problems to traffic flow and child safety!!

Can I please ask for all parents to remember their responsibility and follow parking signs around the school and demonstrate safe practices. Responsibility is one of our school values and I would anticipate parents model this for their children. Thanking you for your cooperation.
Food For Thought:
One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.  

Carl Jung

Assistant Principal’s Report
Meredith Clegg

Attendance
The class with the best attendance in week 2 was 34S. In week 3 three classes shared the Best Attendance Award, 0PL, 3MD and 5SM. Well done to each of these classes for excellent attendance.

Year 4 Ace High Ranch Camp
I had the pleasure of spending last Tuesday at camp with the Year 4’s. What a wonderful experience all the campers had at the Ace High Ranch! From giant swings, archery and orientation tasks to flying fox, rock climbing and horse riding, the students had an action packed, full itinerary for the three days. The grounds were spacious, neatly set out and well maintained, providing a real ranch experience for our city kids. I would expect there were some pretty tired campers that returned home on Wednesday. Congratulations and thanks to Emily Wilkes for her excellent planning and preparation. Thanks also to the teachers, support staff and parents who attended and helped make the camp such a great success.

Frog Squad
The Greenvale Primary School Frog Squad students are helping to keep our environment clean by collecting rubbish during recess and lunch using the Frog Squad tongs and buckets. By cleaning up the rubbish it won’t flow or blow into our drains. This reduces the amount of pollution reaching our waterways and in turn helps the frog population which will only inhabit clean water.

Year 5 1:1 Netbook Payment Reminder
Suzanne Leahy – Business Manager

The Year 6 Netbook Term 1 payment of $77.00 is due by Tuesday 3rd March.
Art Room Reminder
Jane Keogh – Visual Arts Teacher
It is a school rule that all students MUST have an Art Smock that covers their school uniform in art classes. At the moment there are quite a few students in each class that do not have one.

All care is taken to prevent accidents but at times these do happen. An old shirt of dad’s with the sleeves cut off is fine, it doesn’t have to be an expensive one.

LOTE News
Peter Oshboldstone – LOTE Teacher
Selamat datang! (Welcome!)

Indonesian is recognised as one of the simplest languages to learn in the world.

As you can see from the map above, Indonesia is Australia’s closest neighbour.

The Indonesian alphabet is the same as the English alphabet.

Pronunciation is similar to English with some exceptions. For example, the letter ‘C’ is pronounced ‘Ch.’

Foundation students have started learning Indonesian at Greenvale Primary.

Some of the older students are a bit rusty in their Indonesian skills after the summer holidays but should be able to remember and say the following:

Hello = Halo
Good morning = Selamat Pagi (from sunrise until 11:00am)
Good day = Selamat siang (from 11:00am until 3:00pm)
Good afternoon = Selamat sore (from 3:00pm until 6:00pm)
My name is (John). = Nama saya (John).

Community Events News
Jodie Howitt – School Council Convenor
Community Events has a busy time ahead for Term 1. Please book these dates into your calendars.

Family Fun Night
Friday 20th March from 4:00 -7:00pm

It’s a fun family evening where there are teacher led activities, jumping castles, fairy floss, popcorn, a sausage sizzle, coffee and much more. Why not come and throw a wet sponge at some teachers!

A request for parents helpers for this night was sent home on Tuesday. If you can help in the lead up and/or set up on the day please send the Parent Helper form back to be a part of this wonderful night.

Easter Raffle
Drawn Monday 23rd March at morning assembly. Further information will be sent home shortly.

Mother Day Stall
Term 2 - Friday 8th May
Rising Sports Star

Jay Hanson who is a Year 6 student at our school has just been ranked 26th in Australia for Go Kart racing.

Jay is also the second highest placed Cadet in Victoria. The future is very bright for Jay, who certainly puts in the kilometres of travel around Australia.

His highlights last year was no doubt his South Australian and Queensland State Title wins. Jay also had a lot of success during the Victorian Karting Series.

Well done Jay.

Uniform Shop News

Dianne Barresi – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Our school is very fortunate to be able to offer our Uniform Shop onsite, and have wonderful Parent Volunteers that give up their time to assist with this service. Please show our Staff, Volunteers and other customers respect when purchasing from the Uniform shop.

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.
- Ensure that you have the current 2015 order form and correct payment.
- Incorrect order forms and payment will delay the process of your order.

Polo Tops

2015 has seen the introduction of the Green Short Sleeve Polo Top.

- The Green Polo Top is not a replacement to the White Polo Top, but an alternative.
- Stock of Green Polo Tops in sizes 4 to 12 are limited.
- Green Polo Tops are currently not available in size 14 and 16.
- At this stage Long Sleeve Polo Tops are only available in White.
- The School Uniform Policy recognises both the White and Green colours as the official School Uniform Polo Top.

Second Hand Uniform

The Uniform Shop has a limited stock of pre-worn Uniforms selling for $5. Donations of items once your child has outgrown them are always very much appreciated.
News From OSHClub – Before and After School Care
OSHClub Team
We would like to issue the following reminders:

**Preps** - We are happy to say that some of our little prep children have begun to come to the program. We look forward to having more start in the coming weeks. If your child is likely to attend, please feel free to bring them in so we can meet them and you as well.

For at least the first two terms, we will be collecting them from and dropping them off at their classrooms when you utilise the program.

**Program Hours** - We would like to remind all families that we open at 7am each day and we close at 6pm. We cannot accept children before 7am and children who have not been collected by 6pm will incur an additional fee.

**SunSmart Term 1** - We would like to remind all families that term 1 is a SunSmart term. This means that children will be required to wear hats and sunscreen for outdoor play. So please remember to bring/pack a hat as no hat means no play. You are welcome to leave a hat with your child's name on it at the program for this purpose.

**Student Free Day** - Due to lack of bookings, we will not be running on Friday 20/2.

**Bookings and Cancellations** - We ask that if you pick your child up from school on a day when he or she is booked into after school care that you please give us a call and let us know they are safe.

Bookings are open until midnight the night before. All bookings received by midnight will be processed through the system as per normal. Any emergency bookings after this time must be texted/phoned through to the program directly and will incur an additional $3 late fee. The program phone number is 0423782000. Cancellations given with a minimum of 24 hours’ notice prior to the session start time will not be charged. Any cancellations after this time will be charged as per normal.

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**Mouthguard Man**
Shannon Carroll - Phys. Ed Coordinator

The “Mouthguard Man” has been booked and will be visiting Greenvale Primary School on:

**WHEN:** Thursday 26th February, 2015
**TIME:** 3.30 – 4.30pm
**WHERE:** The Staffroom
**COST:** $50 single colour & $60 dual colours

For further information please ring Paul Damiano on 0409 880 663 or go to [www.themouthguardman.com.au](http://www.themouthguardman.com.au) to look at the colour selections.
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