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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank you very much to all school families for the prompt return of notes and payment for the host of activities happening at the moment. In addition to the grade level excursions and the 3-6 camp, the Grade 5/6 students are about to engage in six weekly sessions of the Bounce Back program with Emma Bevan, who is our Student Welfare Worker. This is a terrific program which promotes resilience and coping skills which Emma outlines in more detail later in the newsletter. The Grade 3/4 students will all be engaged in the Bounce Back program in Term Four. The Empower Girls Program is also again running this year and Emma is about to undertake training for a similar program for delivery to boys. Emma will also be running parent sessions on raising Resilient Children and raising Anxious Children and details of these sessions will be conveyed via the newsletter. We have been thrilled with the terrific work Emma has been able to accomplish within
the school and we are continuing to expand the scope of programs to ensure the maximum number of students and their families have the chance to be involved.

The other aspect of the school curriculum that we are very pleased with is the emphasis we have on the delivery of programs designed to encourage physical fitness and general health. Between time-tabled Physical Education sessions, Step in to Life classes and the Zumba program, students are all being exposed to a diverse range of skills and activities to maintain good health and this has been terrific to see.

In all of our school planning we endeavour to ensure that the specific learning and social needs of all students are met. In the classroom we offer a strongly differentiated program which caters for individual needs and we are now endeavouring to ensure that our playground and recreation time also caters for the different play styles and needs of students. We have the areas of the school where students can play the physical games such as footy, tiggy, basketball etc. and the quieter areas such as the sandpits and outdoor chess area. We are now developing other areas such as the indoor Lego area, which we can move outdoors in the hot weather (as we did last summer) and also the provision of materials such as outdoor chalk etc. for those children who enjoy more passive play activities. If you have any thoughts on this or would like to make suggestions your ideas would be most appreciated.

Over recent weeks the school has been successful in obtaining a Stihl grant for a walled garden for the Grade 3/4 students to be involved in establishing. We have also applied for a $10,000 Energy Efficiency Grant which, if we are successful, will be used to conduct an audit of the school’s energy use, install energy saving devices such as sensor lighting and, hopefully, along with our solar panels, significantly reduce our energy costs. In line with this grant the school has become a Resource Smart school which supports staff training, programs and educational outcomes in the areas of Sustainability. Last Wednesday, staff undertook a professional development session with a Resource Smart facilitator and a group of students were involved (and will continue to be involved) in examining power usage figures and entering these into a data bank so we can track the success of our initiatives. Under the Australian Curriculum which is currently being rolled out across the country, Sustainability is a core focus and has a range of educational outcomes that we will need to report against so, having access to training and support, is extremely valuable. The other exciting news is that Janet and I along with a local artist are in the process of applying for an Artist in Residence grant through Arts Victoria for a whole school project in Term 3 and 4 in 2014. This will be a really exciting project and we certainly have our fingers crossed that our application will be successful. When I have more details about any of the above projects I’ll communicate them via the newsletter.

Margaret Hirth
Principal

Friday Environment Group

On Friday the 26th of July the Greensborough Primary School Environmental Group started planting out the garden beds outside the library. Firstly the soil was prepared by turning it over and we pulled out the weeds. Then a range of both natives and introduced plants were planted by the students. These include small flowering shrubs, herbs, bulbs and vegies. The members of the group feel that these plantings will help beautify the grounds and provide food and habitat for some of the animals that live within the area.
Term Three ~ Week Ending July 19th 2013

Prep ~ Red Group ~ Ana ~ For cleverly showing us where to find Australia on our map!

          Blue Group ~ Lachlan D. ~ For being our “Hero” and bravely rescuing his sister!

1/2 A ~ Caeley ~ For her outstanding clock making skills during Numeracy.

1/2 B ~ Chloe ~ For her wonderful story about Neil Armstrong in our Sustained Writing session.

3/4 A ~ Clare ~ For her happy and loving attitude to learning and her enthusiastic involvement in class discussions. Great work Clare!

3/4 B ~ Bailey ~ For making an improvement in holding his pencil correctly. Well done!

5/6 A ~ Daniil ~ For his constant contributions during Maths and for assisting his peers.

5/6 B ~ Jessica ~ For her wonderful story openers during our Narrative unit.

Library ~ Harvey ~ For his excellent behaviour during his Library sessions. Well done Harvey!

Music ~ Lillian (3/4) ~ For doing a great job playing the bass part of our new Marimba piece.

Term Three ~ Week Ending July 26th 2013

Prep ~ Red Group ~ Lachie B ~ For his magnificent writing of two whole sentences. Well done Lachie!

          Blue Group ~ Petar ~ For being a champion learner. A great start to Term 3!

1/2 A ~ Hannah ~ For consistently putting in a great effort in all areas of her learning. Keep it up!

1/2 B ~ Mia ~ For her enthusiastic participation in Zumba. What a mover and shaker.

3/4 A ~ Emily J ~ For excellent improvement in Maths and trying hard to learn new concepts.

3/4 B ~ Rory ~ For improving his pencil grip during handwriting lessons. Keep it up.

5/6 A ~ Jasper ~ For being an enthusiastic student and always having his hand up.

5/6 B ~ Sean - Patrick ~ For being an excellent buddy to our younger students. Well done!

Library ~ Lucas ~ For working so well during Library and for being a great “Detective” in finding his books. Well done!

Music ~ Liam (1/2) ~ For singing really well and playing parts on the instruments accurately.

Japanese ~ Leo (Prep) ~ For enthusiasm in saying words in Japanese

Art ~ Emmet ~ For a brilliant effort in Art this week. Excellent cartooning Emmet

Congratulations to CHLOE ROBINSON and LIAM FOWLER on receiving scholarships for Montmorency Secondary College next year. Chloe’s is for Leadership and Liam’s for Sport. Well done Chloe and Liam! We are all very proud of both of you.
In August we will help celebrate Book Week with a special lunch order week on Monday 19th August AND Friday 23rd August. During that week we will have an Across the Universe themed menu. The normal canteen menu will NOT be available on the 19th and 23rd August, only the foods on the menu below.

Book Week menu (19th and 23rd August):
- Comets (meat balls in tomato sauce & pasta) $4.50
- Asteroid field fried rice (gluten, egg & dairy free) $4.50
- Hubble telescope sausage roll $2.80
- Moon rock chicken nuggets (3 and 6 packs) $2.40 for 3 pack/$4.50 for 6 pack
- UFO party pies $1.00 each
- Rocket hot dog $2.80
- Solar tomato sauce $0.20 each
- Rings of Saturn donuts – chocolate or strawberry $1.60 each
- Moon & stars caramel biscuit (gluten, dairy & egg free) $0.50 each
- Jupiter, Mars & Venus melon balls $1.00
- Milky Way chocolate milk $2.00
- Light years strawberry milk $2.00
- Astronaut apple juice $2.00
- Zero gravity orange juice $2.00
- Cosmic water $1.00
- Space invaders Zooper Dooper $0.50
- Martian Quelch $0.50
- Space shuttle Smooze $1.00

Term 4 will have a new summer menu and a copy will be sent home with the final newsletter for this term.

Lisa Geraghty

STUDENT WELFARE NEWS

Hi everyone,
We have a couple of great programs being carried out over the next two terms. Starting in Week 5 of Term 3 the BOUNCE BACK! Program will be running on Tuesdays for all Grade 5/6’s. This widely used and highly regarded program aims to develop key coping skills in students so that they can meet life’s challenges and have more satisfying lives. The same program will be offered to the Grade 3/4’s in Term 3.
This term Empower Girls will also be run on Mondays for a small group of Grade 3/4 girls. This program aims to aid a better understanding of girls’ relationships and social dynamics, to practise and develop the confidence to develop new ways of relating, and to increase their awareness and understanding of each other’s differences. We are also looking at running another small group for Grade 3/4 boys in Term 4. At this stage though we are considering several options, so I will keep you posted as to what this will be.

Emma Bevan
Student Welfare Worker
Parents & Friends News 27th June 2013

Planned Events Term 3

- Scouts Raffle
- Father’s Day Stall – 19th August (11.30am-1.30pm)
- Footy Pie Day – 18th September
- Disco – 19th September

Entertainment™ Books
Discover real value!
The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides valuable offers from the finest restaurants, activities and hotels. Available from the school office for only $65 each.

Community Donations
We are seeking donations to the Bring and Buy Stand and Father’s Day stall. Your donations make a huge difference to our income and are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

We are pleased to have been able to purchase 2 Big Books for use in our Prep Classroom.

Guess the Number of Lego in the Jar
$1 per guess, closest guess wins the jar full of Lego (approximately $20 value)
Jar is at the Office.
Winner will be announced at assembly (26th August)

P&F Funds Raised Term 1

- 5 cent Fundraiser $211.70
- Bakers Delight Special Lunch Day $169.96
- Cookbooks $26
- Daylight Sports $268.33
- Easter Raffle $317
- Hot Cross Bun Drive $208.10
- Rubyfish Hair Accessories $31
- Mother’s Day Stall “broke even”
- Heat Pack Teddy Bears $167
- Bunnings BBQ $1454
- First Aid Course $161
- Fraus Hot Chocolate $308
- Pasta Day $355

P&F Purchases 2013

- Display shelves in library.
- Half of Fruit Friday
- Picture Plates for Prep Mini Chefs program
- 2 Big Books for Prep

P&F Accounts
The financial figures reported in the newsletter are ratified at our P&F meetings.

Next Meeting Dates
WEDNESDAY 28th September 2013
9.15am - after drop off in the staff room
New families are always welcome & younger siblings can come along & play whilst we talk 😊

Contact Us:
Email: greensboroughprimaryparentclub@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the Parents & Friends Group as we support the School Community.

A BIG reminder. The Scouts “Our School Raffle” is raising money towards repairing the cricket nets. Tickets and/or money are due back by 2nd August.
School Banking Term 3

School Banking – Every Tuesday
Remember to send your child’s Commonwealth Bank deposit book every week. When you save 10 times you are able to redeem your reward.
The calculator is now available and there is still sufficient stock of the Money boxes, handballs, wallets and knuckles available.

Savings tips
1. Encourage your child to visualise their savings goal. Ask them to draw a picture or write a story about what they are saving for to get them excited about saving each week.

The School receives commission from the bank as follows.
- $5 for every student that starts banking through the School Banking program at school.
- 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit)

Thank you for supporting school banking.

Note. When your pay in book is filled and a new one issued please leave the old one in your wallet until Elsa has entered your details in the new book. After that the old book can be kept at home.

Thank You

The Junior School Council would like to thank all of the families who donated food to Diamond Valley Foodshare.

Great effort! Seven full boxes in total were collected.

By Kara

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week at Greensborough Primary School
During the week August 19th - August 23rd we will be celebrating Book Week at G.P.S. Book Week is the week when the Children's Book Council of Australia announces the winners for the best of Australian children’s literature that was published in 2012.
I will be sending home a flyer with the newsletter on the 15th August outlining the events that will take place. There will also be a Trivia sheet for children to complete with the help of adults if you wish. There will be a prize of a $10 gift voucher for the winners to spend at the Book Fair. Winners will be announced the morning of the Book Parade. Encourage your children to have a go. All Trivia sheets can be placed in a box outside of the library. It will be in place from 16th - 22nd August.

One of the activities is a Book Fair. We have booked a Book Fair that will run from the afternoon of Tuesday 20th August until the afternoon of Friday 23rd. This is a great way to purchase a book but also support the school as we raise money from the total of items sold. If you are able to assist with the Book Fair could you please complete the slip at the bottom and return to school as soon as possible.
Our annual Book Parade will be on Friday 23rd. I already have children telling me what they might be wearing!
And of course we will be holding a Multi-Age day and the canteen will be supplying exciting Book Week lunches on Monday and Friday of that week.
Read across the Universe is the theme for this year’s Book Week. With the wonderful assistance of Mrs Troy we have put up a display outside the library. So next time you are walking past have a look.

**Book Week events**

**Kids National Reading Hour**

Bring along the kids and join in the family fun at the Melbourne Writers Festival National Reading Hour. This is a free event supported by 774ABC Melbourne and Love2Read. Libi Gorr will introduce Andy Griffiths, Sally Rippin, Billie B Brown illustrator Aki Fukuoka, Morris Gleitzman and Ann James. Hear stories of wonder, adventure and laughter, and be inspired to explore new worlds through the pages of a book.

*Where*  Deakin Edge in Federation Square

*Cost*  Free

*Date and Time*  Saturday 24th August at 4pm

**Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries**

Check out the website for our local library. They have free events organized for Book Week.

**Melbourne Writers Festival**

Website has many interesting reasonably priced activities for children beginning on August 26th. There are illustration workshops, Andy Griffith taking you on a tour of The 39 Storey Treehouse and lots more.

**Stories at School**

A reminder to parents that Stories at School begins August 2nd and will take place in the library at 9.30am. Please contact the school to book your place.

**Book Fair**

PS. Volunteers needed!!! If you have 30 minutes spare to help at the Book Fair that would be fantastic. I require some helpers before and after school for about 30 minutes. It would be for about 30 minutes either before or after school from Tuesday 20th pm till Friday 24th pm. Could you please send back the slip if you can assist.

I am able to assist at the Book Fair on the following morning or afternoon.

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Happy Reading

Jen Farley

Teacher Librarian