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<td>School Council meeting 7PM.</td>
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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

A warm welcome to everyone for the start of the 2014 school year. With continued strong enrolments the school is looking forward to a terrific year with a range of exciting programs being delivered.

Over the holidays a significant amount of work has been done around the school with major tasks such as new carpet in the prep room, timber flooring in the hall extension being laid, one hundred lights changed to LED tubes (which should significantly reduce our power bills) and ongoing maintenance of the school grounds.

Over the past two days staff have:

- Worked through the list of all students enrolled at the school to ensure there is understanding and consistency with important medical, behavioural and academic information
- Student allocation for support programs such as Corrective Reading and Elementary Maths Mastery have been established
- Groups for Spelling Mastery for grades 3-6 have been set
- Time Tables for Support Staff, Specialists and Yard Duty have been organised
- Areas of additional responsibility for staff have been negotiated
- Assessment schedules and Literacy and Numeracy planning has been commenced
- All staff undertook Anaphylaxis Training Updates

It has been an action packed couple of days however it is terrific to have clarity and certainty with all major organisational and educational aspects of the school for 2014.
Please find below the 2014 staffing schedule for the school. You will note that Anne Loney has a teaching role in all three junior grades and Anne is also the Literacy Co-Ordinator for the junior area of the school.

School Council will be meeting with a Northern Region representative tonight to establish the selection panel and timeline for the advertising of the Principal position following my resignation next Thursday. As was explained last year, Angela will be the Acting Principal for the remainder of Term One whilst the advertising process is being conducted and I will be working three days a week to carry out Angela’s usual Assistant Principal duties and Patrick McVeigh will be working 0.4 in Term One to deliver the Physical Education program. We are extremely pleased that the above arrangements ensure that the school will run seamlessly this term and, with the announcement of the new principal at the end of this term, staffing for the rest of the school year can be put in place.

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<td>Prep</td>
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<td>Erin Donaldson + Anne Loney</td>
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<td>1/2 B</td>
<td>Samantha Molyneaux + Anne Loney</td>
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<td>Alison Gibson (Mon, Tues) Claire Storey (Weds, Thurs, Fri)</td>
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<td>5/6 A</td>
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The first two weeks of school (this week and next week) will see all grades involved in the T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More) program. This is where class and school values are discussed, procedures and processes to achieve optimum learning are put in place and team work and social / behavioural protocols are established. In week three all grades will commence their usual class time-tables, which will include all grades, including the preps, commencing the home reading program. Details of all programs will be communicated in class newsletters.

Class Newsletters
As has happened in the past, each grade level will have class newsletters which set out programs and planning for the next term. The Prep grades have a weekly newsletter, the Grades 1/2 have a fortnightly letter and the grades 3-6 have one newsletter per term which will be sent home in the second week of each term. Class letters outline most class and school administrative procedures but an important one is that if you will be picking your child up from school earlier than the usual 3.30 dismissal, it is extremely important that you first come to the office and sign your child out. Your cooperation with this safety procedure is very much appreciated.

School Council Elections
One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2014 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination and I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management. The term of office is two years. The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

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Those parents whose two year term on School Council have come to an end have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council.

School Council involvement incudes two, two hour School Council meetings per term and involvement in a School Council subcommittee.

Parents can either nominate themselves for School Council or they can be nominated by another person. **Nomination forms will be available at the office from Monday 10th February and need to be returned to the office by Friday 17th February.** If the number of nominations matches the number of nominations then the parents who have nominated are automatically on School Council. If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies there is an election process with the timeline as set out below.

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<td>Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted</td>
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<td>Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed</td>
<td>On or before Monday 25th February 2013</td>
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<td>Close of Ballot</td>
<td>Tuesday 4th March</td>
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<td>Declaration of poll</td>
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<td>First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt Community members</td>
<td>Monday 24th March</td>
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School Council provides a pivotal role in the effective management of the school. If you have any further queries about School Council involvement please do not hesitate to contact either Angela or myself or a current School Council member. As this will be my last newsletter as Principal of Greensborough Primary I would like to say what a joy it has been to have worked at the school and how proud I am of the achievements of the last four years. Working with the staff and community during this time student academic outcomes have surged, student wellbeing programs across the school have been implemented and the improvements in building, grounds and facilities are too numerous to mention. This is a terrific school with a wonderful future and there are many exciting things for the school and community to look forward to.

Margaret Hirth
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

“Thank you Mrs. Hirth!”

Family members are invited to join us next Thursday, 6th February for games and a lunchtime picnic to thank Margaret for her outstanding contribution to Greensborough Primary. It won’t be a Farewell, as Margaret will be staying on in a part time capacity for the rest of Term One as Assistant Principal. Our picnic will be an opportunity for families, students and staff to celebrate the wonderful impact Margaret has had on our school.

In the four years Margaret has been Principal there have been many changes and improvements at Greensborough Primary in both the buildings and grounds and classroom programs. Under Margaret’s leadership our school has flourished, with strong partnerships between students, staff and family members. We’re looking forward to a seamless transition and working together to continue our School Improvement agenda in 2014.

Inter School Sport

Summer Inter School sport begins next Friday 7th February for students in Grades 4-6. Our first game is Home against Streeton PS and a detailed note with fixture and venues will be sent home on Monday 10th. A permission note is being sent home today that covers walking and bus trips for all Inter School Sport events, training sessions and local excursions. Feedback from parents and staff last year indicated one note covering all events was preferable to numerous notes needing to be filled in and returned throughout the year. Parents will still be given details about activities when students are leaving the school, including staff attending etc.

This permission note will also be sent home with Grade 3 students as they are included in some sporting and training events. Please return this permission note by Wednesday 5th February.

Grade 3 students will be working with Ms. Storey on Friday mornings and continuing their class programs. More information about this organisation will be included in the class newsletter which will be going home in the third week of term.

Swimming Carnival Trials

The Watsonia District Swimming Carnival will be held at Watermarc pool on Monday 24th February and this is a terrific opportunity for our students to meet and compete against other students from local schools. We will be holding swimming trials on Thursday 13th February and a note will be going home today with all the relevant details. If any parents can assist us it would be greatly appreciated!

Basketball Umpire Needed!

Gemma Pearce would greatly appreciate the assistance of any parents or family members who are able to umpire our Basketball games for Inter school Sport on Fridays, 9 -11am. Gemma is happy to coach and train the students and only requires the help of an umpire. If you can assist on all or some Friday mornings in first term, please let Gemma know.
Twilight Sports Night
Our annual Twilight Sports Night will be held on the oval on Tuesday 4th March. This is a terrific night where students compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members. Dinner can be purchased from the Parents and Friends’ Barbeque or families may bring a picnic with rugs and chairs. Our Grade 5 and 6 students run various stalls to raise money for Graduation, including Face Painting, Hair Spraying, Nail Polishing in House Colors and much more! The barbeque will begin at 5pm and sporting events at 6pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

We have had a great start to the year and we’re looking forward to a fantastic 2014!

Angela Morritt
Assistant Principal

O.S.H.C NEWS
Welcome back to everyone and we hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. A great time was had by all during our school holiday program. With the weather being so hot, everyone enjoyed a few days of water play. There were plenty of fun activities for all to do with the tie dyeing day a great success and many wonderful t-shirts where created. We look forward to everyone coming along and enjoying our April holiday program.

Just a few reminders to parents about changes that were made last year. Our fees have now changed for our Before and Aftercare program. Before Care has risen to $12 per session and After Care is now $15 per session. These changes reflect the increasing cost associated with running our service. Also the No Hat No Play policy is in full effect so please ensure your child has a hat that can remain in the O.S.H.C area.

Also there were a number of issues with parents being late to collect their children. Whilst we do understand that at times traffic and public transport may affect your ability to pick up your child/children on time, alternative pick up arrangements need to be made by parents. Parents will be given two verbal warnings followed by a written letter advising that on the event of your child/children being collected late you will no longer be able to use the O.S.H.C service. We hope you understand that due to Licence and Department regulations, we are not permitted to run our service after 6pm.

We look forward to another year of fun in O.S.H.C!!!!

Jacqui Baker – Co-ordinator O.S.H.C

CANTEEN NEWS
This year the canteen will be open on FRIDAYS ONLY - there will be no canteen service on Mondays.
A copy of an updated menu for first term 2014 is attached with this newsletter.
~Lisa Geraghty
Arty Farty Festival 2014

As part of our extension program this year, our students will be creating an entry and participating in The Kid's Arty Farty Festival Grand Parade. A group of 18 children from Grades 4 to 6 have been selected to work on a creative concept for our entry, based on this year’s theme “Land of the Giants”. This will involve an extra weekly session in the Art room on Thursday mornings with Janet Troy. Those students who have been selected show a high level of ability in Visual Arts. In addition, all students in the school will be contributing creatively during regular Art sessions and are encouraged to attend with their families on the day of the parade.

Marching down Burgundy Street to Sills Bend and sponsored by The Heidelberg Central Traders, the Grand Parade is a chance for everyone to come together and celebrate creativity, community and childhood!

In 2013 the parade attracted over 800 people and 35 groups from the community including schools, local arts groups, sporting clubs and organisations.

**Date:** Sunday 23 March, 2014

**Time:** The parade begins at 10:00am. **Assembly at 9am.**

**Where:** From Mount Street Heidelberg, down Burgundy Street to Sills Bend on the Yarra River

**Access:** The parade route is fully accessible by car. The parade route is also accessible by foot, wheelchair and mobility aids. Participants should be aware that the entire route is approx 2.5kms and the morning of the parade will involve extended periods of time standing / waiting.