February 20th News Sheet

Principal’s Report
Whilst the next newsletter is not due for distribution until next Thursday, there is a large amount of information to communicate to families so an additional news sheet is being sent home this week.

School Council Nominations
Thank you to the parents who nominated for School Council. The number of nominations matched the number of vacancies and we are pleased to welcome our new school councillors, Marita Beard, Addison Cognian and Elly Cooper, and also Michael Smith who was renominated for a second term. DEECD vacancies are still being finalised.
The first meeting of the new School Council to elect Office Bearers will be on Monday March 24th at 7pm.

2015 Prep Enrolments
It may seem premature to be discussing next year’s enrolments when this year has only just got started, but we have already had a number of enquiries and school tours for places in 2015. The reality is, the sooner we get a sense of our intake for next year, the sooner we can start planning for grade structures and staffing so, if you know anyone who is coming to Greensborough next year, if you could encourage them to register their details, it would be most appreciated. (This includes siblings of current students).

Handy Man Wanted
We are advertising for a Handy Man for two hours per week to complete basic maintenance tasks around the school. The role requires someone who would maintain a regular schedule on a day and time that would be negotiated.
Tasks may include:
- Clearing steps and paths of leaf litter
- Removing balls and leaf litter from roof (Pending the acquisition of a ‘working at heights’ certificate)
- Removal of graffiti
- Flattening boxes
- Putting council rubbish bins out
- Pruning low branches
- Maintaining compost bins
- Any other tasks nominated by Buildings and Grounds Committee

The rate of pay will be the standard DEECD casual rate of $25 per hour. If there is anyone in the community who is either interested in this position or knows someone who might be, could they please contact the office with an Expression of Interest. The successful applicant would be required to apply for a Working With Children Check, (the cost would be covered by School Council)

Religious Instruction
A note and form were sent home yesterday to all families who had indicated on our school enrolment form that they wished their child to participate in Religious Instruction at school. As explained on the note, it is a Government requirement that families who elect to participate in the program, complete the form and return to school. To assist our planning please return the permission form by tomorrow, Friday 20th February.
Uniform
A reminder that orders for Winter skirts are now being finalised. As we only place one order for the year, it is important that families place orders by Wednesday February 25th with a $10 deposit. Skirt order forms and viewing of skirt samples are available at the office.

Anaphylaxis and Asthma Action Plans
A reminder to parents that Action Plans for students with Asthma or Anaphylaxis need to be updated if any of your child’s medications or symptoms change. Please send new Plans to the office so we can keep our records current and ensure your child receives the best care.

Parent Meet and Greet / SSGs
Thank you to the families who have returned their forms requesting times for Parent/Teacher meetings next Wednesday 26th February. Confirmation of times will be sent home this week.

Head Lice
There have several incidents of headlice at school recently so we ask families to continue to be vigilant and check your child’s hair regularly. If you notice any signs, it will be necessary to apply a headlice treatment which can be obtained from a chemist and notify the school office. Further Information can be obtained at http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/

Camp Weekaway
This year as part of the GPS Camping Program, Grade 3-6 students will be given the opportunity to attend Camp Weekaway - a three-day camp located in Benloch, 15km from Lancefield.

Our journey to Camp Weekaway will take place from Wednesday 7th May to Friday 9th May. Through the combination of indoor and outdoor activities, Weekaway seeks to create a safe, enjoyable and encouraging experience for everyone. Using a unique program, participants develop skills in communication, teamwork and leadership.

More information and an expression of interest form will be sent home next week to all students in Grades 3-6, along will approximate costs and payment options. If you would like to gain an insight into the camp and its facilities, www.weekaway.com.au provides a host of information.

Clean Up Australia Day
In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke' had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Sydney Harbour. This simple idea has now become the nation’s largest community-based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day. In the past 20 years, Australians have devoted more than 24 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 200,000 tonnes of rubbish.

This year, linking with the schools Integrated Unit ‘Sustainability’, we have decided to register for Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment.

In 2013 an estimated 550,300 volunteers removed 16,150 tonnes of rubbish at 7,341 sites right across the country - but we can do better! So lend a hand on Friday 28th February 2014 and help clean up Australia. On the day, we will be completing activities in our classrooms relating to a clean Australia and we will be also be cleaning up around our ‘Clean Up site’ – our school grounds.

More information will be relayed to students and families over the next two weeks.

Angela Morritt
Acting Principal

Parents and Friends
Given the enthusiasm and energy at this Monday’s Coffee Club, Parents and Friends meetings will now be held on Monday mornings once per month after assembly.

Next meeting 3rd March.