

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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We have had a very smooth, albeit short, start to Term Two and it was great to welcome everyone back and hear about their interesting holiday stories. While families were enjoying a lovely break, the school was a hive of activity as staff came in several times to complete planning for Literacy, Numeracy and Integrated Studies units of work and update displays in their classrooms. Their hard work paid off and it was pleasing to see the effortless manner in which all curriculum programs resumed this week. Spelling Mastery and Corrective Reading began again and students are to be congratulated for settling back into routines so well. The whole school focus for this term’s Integrated Unit is Science based and planning has taken place for each grade to approach this topic at the appropriate level. Details of excursions or incursions for grade levels will be sent home soon.

A big thank you to Wayne for also continuing his work over the holidays, to improve our buildings and grounds. Wayne has ensured the seats on our art room stools are safe by fixing them firmly to their frames and replacing all the rubber stops on the stool legs. Another large project that has been completed is attaching laminated film to the high windows in the hall to help regulate the temperature for our students in both winter and summer and cut down on sun glare. Next time you enter the hall, look up and compare the difference!

**Inter School Sport**

Our winter fixture of Soccer, Football, Netball and Softball commences next Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May. As the winter sports require less players in teams than the summer sports, we are going to rotate players in grades 4 and 5 each week so that some students will remain at school, (as it is their last year,
Grade 6s will play each week. Whilst we would love to take all students to each game, the reality is that most students become bored if they are not playing and it is difficult for teachers to coach, umpire and supervise students safely all at the same time. Class teachers have discussed this with their grades and the students have agreed it is the fair and sensible option. Coaches will send home and also display a list on the external window of their classroom clearly showing the names of students and when it is their turn to be an emergency (bring uniform in case of team members’ absences) or remain at school. Parents are welcome to contact Alison Gibson or myself if they have any queries.

**Prep Speech Screenings**

Early detection of potential areas of difficulty is very important in the Prep year so that appropriate strategies can be used by teachers in the classroom to assist students. With this in mind we have elected to fund a screening of the Prep children’s speech, language and literacy skills next Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th April. This screening will be done by Kirsty Kelly, a Speech Pathologist who will then provide families and teachers with a written report. We ask all Prep families to ensure permission forms are returned by Monday 28th April.

**Anzac Day**

Tomorrow our School Captains and Vice Captains will attend the Anzac Day service at War Memorial Park and honour our service men and women by joining the march up Main St. and laying our wreath. This is a very moving ceremony that many of our school families attend each year and I congratulate our students for proudly representing Greensborough Primary.

**Pre-Service Teachers**

You will see many new faces in classrooms next week and throughout the term as we welcome pre-service teachers from various universities to our school. Our teachers will act as mentors and we value the extra assistance in our class programs.

**Easter Parade**

It was lovely to see all the family members who came to watch our Easter Parade and activities on the last day of term! Congratulations to all the students who made a special hat and contributed to the fun and colour of the day! A special highlight of this event is the Annual Grade 6 egg toss where pairs of students throw a raw egg over increasing distances until the egg is broken. Congratulations to Matt and Jasper who won this year’s event with their skillful throwing and deft catching!

**Boing Boing**

Thank you to Lucia (Prep) and her family for taking great care of our school mascot over the holidays. I’m sure Boing Boing enjoyed the change of scenery and the extra cuddles! If any families would like to take care of him over the next holiday break, please leave your name at the office.

*Angela Morritt*

**Camp**

The Grade 3-6 Camp to ‘Camp Weekaway’ in Benloch is quickly approaching. From Wednesday 7th May to Friday 9th May students will be involved in many exciting activities, including archery, canoeing, initiatives, ropes course and a trip to Hanging Rock. On Wednesday the 7th, students will need to be at school by 8:45am and are to wait with their luggage at the Lorimer St gate, where a staff member will be there to greet them. Students with medication will need to arrive between 8:15am and 8:30am and meet their teacher for hand over. We will return to school by 3:30pm on Friday 9th May. An information package including reminders, what to bring, luggage requirements and a proposed schedule was sent home with students yesterday, Wednesday 23rd April. Final payments are due to the office today, if there are any concerns please see Angela Morritt or Margaret Hirth.

*Gemma Pearce*
Term One~ Week 9 Ending March 28th 2014

Prep ~ Hannah ~ For beautiful manners, helping in the classroom and always working so well.

Grade 1/2 A ~ Amelia and Kate~ For always displaying our school values: co-operation, achievement, respect, empathy.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Shekinah~ For being extremely helpful in the classroom and always helping others.
Grade 3/4 A Paris~ For her wonderful effort in Maths this week.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Maslah~ For working really hard at building new friendships in his first weeks back at Greensborough.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Jarren~ For his amazing improvement with his spelling. You continue to impress me every day.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Lillian ~ For her focus and effort during Maths sessions on Prime Numbers, Factors and Multiples.
O.S.H.C. ~ Nicole P ~ For always helping and always using your manners. Well done!
Art~ Max H ~ For his outstanding improvement in showing detail and backgrounds in his drawings.
Library~ Aidan B~ For working with focus on his endangered animal research.
Music Grace For being a reliable Marimba player.
Japanese Harley For always listening well and showing great enthusiasm.

Parents and Friends

Mother’s Day Stall: This year the Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Tuesday May 6th as Camp for students in Grades 3-6 will be held on the days before Mother’s Day. All students who wish to purchase an exciting present on this day should bring their money in a labelled envelope or container so that teachers can store them in a safe place until each grade attends the stall. Items for sale between 50 cents and $7.50.
Watch for more info coming home next week.
Thank you to all the families who have donated items to support our Mother’s Day Stall

Trivia Night: Save the date! The Trivia Night will be held on Saturday May 31st. If you know anyone who can donate goods or services for our Silent Auction, please contact Tina Bell, Simone Wilson or the school office.

Parents and Friends meeting: The next meeting will be held in the staff room on Monday 28th April 10.30 am after Cuppa Club. All are welcome and tasks will include preparing for the Mother’s Day Stall and Trivia Night.
PARENT HELPERS FOR PREP ART SESSIONS

Our Preps are learning sewing this term, so if you have a spare hour on Thursdays from 2.30 to 3.30pm and would like to help out, you’d be most welcome. It’s a lovely way of being involved with your child’s school life and your assistance would be highly valued. Please don’t feel you have to commit yourself for the entire term. If you can help out only once, it’s still a very worthwhile contribution.

If you are available to assist in Art sessions, please enter your name in the roster on the Prep room window. On the day of your session, please sign in at the school office and arrive at the Art room 5 minutes before the commencement of the session.

Many thanks!

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher