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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It was very exciting last week to hear that four of our Grade 6 students received scholarships for Year 7 at Montmorency Secondary College. Congratulations to Jordan for being awarded a Sports Scholarship and Nina, Jasper and Aidan winning in the Leadership category. They join Amy who won a Sports Scholarship at Greensborough Secondary College, bringing our total of scholarship winners to five – an outstanding percentage of our Grade 6 class!

We congratulate all our students who applied for scholarships, especially those who were successful. These students have shown tremendous leadership skills and exemplify our school values of Cooperation, Achievement, Respect and Empathy. They are excellent role models and I’m sure their determination and success will inspire our younger students to strive for scholarships in future years. We know they will continue their leadership journey in their new schools in 2015 and be wonderful ambassadors for Greensborough Primary.

2015 Planning
Whilst we are still working hard on this year’s events and curriculum programs we have begun to plan for next year. At the next Staff and School Council meetings we will look at the possible grade structure for 2015 based on the information we currently have. The proposed plan will then be placed in the newsletter for your feedback. If you have any specific requests for next year please pass them on via email, phone, hand written note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself.

Book Week
Once again Book Week proved to be a highlight of our school year! A very big thank you to Jen Farley for organising all the terrific activities for our community. The Multi-Age Day was a wonderful opportunity for students to work with different groups of teachers and students across the school to re-read the short-listed books and complete related art/craft activities. The Book Fair was very popular and the students had a great variety of books or stationary items to buy. The highlight of the week was the Book Parade and once again the costumes were amazing and proved how creative and talented our families at GPS are. It was wonderful to see so many family members attending the Parade and if you weren’t able to attend, check our website for the terrific photos Marita has uploaded.
Thank you to families for supporting this week and instilling a love of literature in their children and also helping to raise funds for Library purchases.

**Sunsmart – Wearing of Hats From September 1st**

As mentioned in our last newsletter our Sunsmart policy has been revised to follow the guidelines recommended by the ‘Sun and UV Protection Policy and Skin Cancer Prevention Framework’. The wearing of hats at recess, lunch and during outdoor sessions by students and staff, will begin next **Monday 1st September** and continue until April 30th. This time period is when the average UV alert is 3 and above. School hats are available at the office for $10.

Sunscreen will also be supplied in classrooms and we ask parents to advise the school if your child has allergies and requires a specific brand which will be supplied by either home or school.

**Athletics**

The District Athletics Carnival is tomorrow Friday August 29th at Meadowglen Athletics stadium. The students have been training hard and we wish them good luck in all their events. Parents and family members are welcome to attend and a timetable of events was sent home with the competitors.

**Student Wellbeing**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Student Wellbeing Leaders at the Friendship Tree assisting younger children to work together to create the world’s longest rubber band bracelet. There was a fantastic photo and article in the Diamond Valley Leader this week – if you missed it, we have a copy in the office. Thank you to Colin S. for bringing this great idea to our attention!

**The Great Book Swap**

Do you have any books your children loved but are no longer reading? To celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day on Wednesday 3 September, our school is participating in the Great Book Swap. We are asking families to bring in any pre-loved books to school, along with a gold coin donation. Ideally books should be not just an unwanted item but a book that you think someone else would enjoy as much as your child did.

Students will donate their books and a gold coin and choose a book to take home. This way they have a pre-loved book to read and have helped raise money to support the improvement of literacy development of Indigenous children in remote and isolated regions of Australia.


**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service**

On Saturday 16th August, Nina and Jasper, our School Captains and Immogen, proudly represented our school at the annual Vietnam Veterans’ Commemorative Service at Greensborough Memorial Park. They solemnly laid a wreath and honoured our servicemen and women. It was terrific to see so many young people from different schools attend the service and pay their respects.

**Congratulations 2015 Year 7 Scholarship Winners:**

Nina, Aidan, Jordan, Jasper and Amy

**Better Health - Measles**
In the wake of the Victorian Chief Health Officer confirming three cases of measles at Essendon North Primary School, schools have been advised to distribute information below to parents. Measles usually begins with common cold symptoms such as fever, sore throat, red eyes and a cough. A rash usually begins 3-7 days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body. Children can be immunised through their local GP, immunisation clinics, local councils, community child health nurses and some hospitals. For more information: http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bhcarticles.nsf/pages/Measles

**Student Absences**

Thank you to parents for notifying the office when your child is away as it assists to keep our records up to date, as we seem to be having the last of the winter colds and several children absent due to gastroenteritis.

**School Newsletter via email**

A reminder to parents that if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, instead of a hard copy, please send an email to greensborough.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and indicate that you would like the newsletter to be sent to the address you have emailed from.

**Angela Morritt**
Principal

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**School Grounds**

We have all been enjoying the burst of good weather and yard duty has been quite joyful as we have watched all the students playing in the sunshine and having a wonderful time, however, as is often the case, there is always a downside and, in this situation, it has been the rapid growth of weeds in all of our garden beds. I’m quite sure that everyone is struggling to stay on top of the weeds in your own gardens however, if you should happen to have a spare ten minutes here or there, if you could let the office know we can let you know which areas we are targeting for attention.

**Student Accounts**

This week student accounts have been sent home which have included all charges right up until the end of the school year. We hope this will give families the opportunity to budget for these expenses and the school is very happy to accept payment in instalments. If you have any difficulties with or concerns about the account, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will help in any way that we can.

**Planning for 2015**

Currently a range of programs across the school are being reviewed to establish our direction and focus for 2015. Greatly improved spelling outcomes have been attributed to the Spelling Mastery program in Grades 3-6 and Magic Maths is currently achieving very exciting outcomes for students in Grades One to Six. We would appreciate community input and ideas as to what would be valued for inclusion in next year’s curriculum delivery. If you have any ideas please either contact Angela or myself or pass on your thoughts to a School Council member.

**Margaret Hirth**
Assistant Principal
Parents and Friends

Thank you to Kim Hill for organising our Baker's Delight lunch days this term. We have one more this term on Friday 5th September. Please return your order forms by Monday 1st. Also on Friday 5th September the Father's Day Stall will be running in the hall. Refer to the separate note that came home earlier this week. Parents are welcome to send money to the office in envelopes with their child's name should you be worried about it getting lost and the child's teacher will safely look after the envelopes and bring them to the stall.

On Friday 12th September we are running our last food day of the term- Footy Pie Day. Lunch options that can be ordered include pies, sausage rolls and pasties. Children are encouraged to dress in their footy team colours.

Our food days have been important this term, not only in the absence of our canteen, but also because we are hopeful that the profits raised can increase our number of iPads. Thanks to all our school families that have supported our food days.

Thank you to Sylvia Watson and Marita Beard for running the Scout Raffle this year. It is very important that all of the raffle booklets be returned to the office as we need to return them to the Scouts, so please return all tickets ASAP, even if they are unsold.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scouts Raffle this year. We have raised enough money to purchase another iPad for the junior school.

GREENSBOROUGH’S GOT TALENT

Hello Everybody!

As part of Junior School Council's fundraising plan, we have organised yet another GREENSBOROUGH'S GOT TALENT!

We are very excited to announce that it will be held over TWO lunchtimes - Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September between 1:40pm-2:30pm.

I have already received many application forms so ensure you get yours to me as soon as possible to make sure you have a place in the show!

We ask for a gold coin donation from the people who are participating as we are raising funds for the Grade 6 Graduation.

Thank you and happy rehearsing!

Maria Plesa and JSC.

STUDENT WELFARE WITH EMMA BEVAN

Bounce Back

The Grade 1/2’s have continued exploring ‘Kindness’. Together, we read a wonderful book called ‘Have you Filled a Bucket Today?’, by Carol McCloud. This book is a great guide for kids on the link between kindness and happiness in ourselves and others. The children all made and decorated their own ‘buckets’, and then filled each other’s buckets with kind comments. The children not only experienced how they felt good having their bucket filled, but also that it felt good to fill someone else’s ‘bucket’.

The Grade 3/4’s are also looking at ‘Kindness’. We are going to be talking about various acts of kindness, how it feels when people are kind and how it feels when people are unkind. The students are going to reflect on times when they have been kind and what they could do to bring even more kindness into their classroom.

Our 5/6’s are looking at ‘Success’. We brainstormed different definitions of success, what makes a person successful and who we think is successful. The students then watched a great TEDtalk by psychologist and teacher Angela Lee Duckworth on her research. She found that the key factor that leads to success is ‘Grit.’ Grit = passion and perseverance. The children then reflected on people that they knew who had shown grit and succeeded. They then had to reflect on a time in their lives where they had shown grit and determination in order to succeed.
Counselling
Also just a reminder that we do have counselling available at the school now, through Oz Child for any child who needs it. If you are interested in your child having some extra support please contact myself or Angela Morritt.

Relaxation App
I just thought I would mention a fantastic app that I have come across called ‘Smiling Mind’. It is a relaxation app specifically designed for children of all ages. Adults can use it too, and I often do! Each relaxation takes between 5 to 10 minutes and it is a wonderful way to help your child unwind. You could even incorporate it into your child’s nighttime routine. The app is free and if you don’t have Apple products you can simply access www.smilingmind.com.au.
Take care,
Emma Bevan.

LIBRARY NEWS
Well Book Week is officially over for 2014 but once again we have had a fantastic time. We have just completed a wonderful week where children, parents and staff all contributed to the success of Book Week 2014.
Thank you to all the staff for their efforts on Multi-Age day and putting so much effort in to dressing up for our Book Parade. I would like to thank all the children who came along on Friday looking absolutely amazing – and an enormous thank you to all our parents who support these events, including working at the Book Fair.
Once again the Book Fair proved to be a winner and thanks to all those who came along and purchased an item, no matter how small. This year we sold an incredible amount of books which suggest to me that reading is well and truly alive at Greensborough Primary!
Congratulations to our seven Trivia winners. They all enjoyed selecting their $10 prize from the Book Fair.
A big congratulations to our Poetry Competition winners. They are Magnus, Olivia H, Esther, Lucy, Aaron, Sebastian and Nina. If you have not had a chance to read the poems have a look at those on display in the office foyer.
If you would like to see some of the photographs from Multi Age Day and Friday’s Parade hop on the website and have a look.
Thanks again
Happy Reading
Jen Farley
Teacher Librarian
Term Three~ Week 5 Ending August 15th 2014

Foundation ~ Heath ~ For always working hard to learn new words and numbers. Congratulations!
Grade 1/2 A ~ Monique ~ For consistently displaying our school values every day. You are a real treasure!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Oscar ~ For always being such a polite and considerate member of our class.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Lucy ~ For always displaying enthusiasm and excitement towards all learning.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Bailey ~ For keeping on track with your Smile Chart. Keep it up!
5/6 A ~ Ella ~ For working extra hard to complete your poems. You have done a fantastic job!
PE ~ Harvey ~ For being an amazing helper during our PE lessons.
Student Wellbeing ~ Harley ~ For always contributing to Bounce Back with enthusiasm.

Term Three~ Week 6 Ending August 22nd 2014

Foundation ~ Lucia ~ For involving us all in her “Very Hungry Caterpillar” dress up costume for Book Week.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Christian ~ For showing a huge improvement in his Poetry Writing. Keep up the great work!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Petar ~ For always upholding the school values and being respectful of your class mates.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Phoebe C ~ For the incredible effort she has put into her literacy activities.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Breannon ~ For walking into the classroom with a smile on your face every morning. Great to see!
5/6 A ~ Chandler ~ For greeting all teachers respectfully and always being a kind student.
5/6 B ~ Molly ~ For always including others who might not have people to work with in class.
O.S.H.C. ~ Ella ~ For always using her manners. Well done!
Art ~ Lillian ~ For producing an excellent treasure box during our Multi Age Day.
Library ~ Celeste ~ For working so well during our Library session about “King Pig”