PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
It’s amazing how much has happened at school in the two weeks since the last newsletter. As well as classes continuing their focus on curriculum programs, we have had a range of extra exciting events occurring. We have had our Book Week Parade where once again the children’s amazing costumes demonstrated how talented and creative our families are! The winners of the poetry competition were announced and presented with their prizes at assembly. Our students showed their diverse talents and represented our school proudly at the District Athletics and also the Oxfam Concert. Grade 1/2B performed at assembly and gave a terrific rendition of ‘The Lion King’. We had an excellent turnout for our Family Dance and Music Night and Jon Madin, Heather McLaughlin and Sarah Brookes ensured great fun was had by all! Sarah came back and worked with class teachers on planning for class music lessons and also worked with students in their grades. We are very appreciative of the support of the CASS Foundation who have supported the Music For Learning program. Parents and Friends ran the Father’s Day Stall and we had many happy faces walking away with their gifts for dads and grandpas. Kim Hart ran lunchtime Football activities and we had Footy Pie day today. Grades have been on excursions to Werribee Zoo and Kinglake National Park as part of their Integrated Studies units and we have completed our School Review process.

The fun doesn’t stop there as next week we have a ‘Responsible Pet Ownership’ Incursion on Wednesday and JSC has organised ‘Greensborough’s Got talent’ on Thursday. All of these events require a great deal of planning and assistance from our community, and as this is the last newsletter of the term, I’d like to thank everyone for their support for school programs.

School Review
As mentioned in previous newsletters our School Review took place on Tuesday and the panel were highly impressed with our school’s accomplishments in the last four years, in terms of Student Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing and also in Buildings and Grounds improvements. I’d like to thank Margaret, Wayne, our staff, students and parent community for your efforts in helping us achieve the goals we have for continuous school improvement.
Science
The setting up of our new Science Room in the heritage building is well underway. Wayne has continued organising furniture and shelving, and our existing science equipment has been moved up, ready to be sorted and stowed. New whiteboards and pinboards have been ordered and we’re looking forward to finalising the setting up in Term Four. Thank you to Simone Wilson and Kim Hill for organising some free resources from LaTrobe University and the Office of the Chief Scientist. P&F are also financing the purchase of new equipment and Mario Demicoli, grandfather of Grace, has successfully applied for a Telstra grant on our behalf so we have an additional $1200 for science resources.

2016 Grade Structure
Below is the proposed grade structure for next year, based on current information. If you have any feedback or specific requests for next year, please pass them on via email, phone, hand written note or in person, to the office, Margaret or myself.

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Curriculum Day September 11th
A reminder that our Curriculum Day is tomorrow, Friday 11th September and students do not attend school on this day. Our focus for the morning is on the curriculum area staff have identified as our next stage of school improvement which is Inquiry based Integrated Studies units. This session will be run by Jen Farley and Anne Loney and we will follow up with further professional development for staff in 2016. Our afternoon session will be run by Emma Bevan and is focussing on extending our current Positive Education strategies to enable our students to thrive and flourish. We are looking forward to this being a very productive day.

Southern Cross Recycling
A reminder that Southern Cross recycling will be collecting the items left at school next Tuesday morning before 9am. This weekend is your last opportunity to clean out your cupboards and send along any pre-loved clothing, toys, manchester, cutlery, crockery, etc. Southern Cross pays us an amount based on the weight of items which goes towards Grade 6 Graduation celebrations. If you spy some ‘treasures’ amongst the recycled items, you can purchase them for a gold coin donation at the office.

Book Week Poetry Competition
Congratulations to all students who were shortlisted for the Book Week Poetry Competition. The standard of the poems was extremely high and it was very difficult for staff to vote for the winners. The poems are currently on display in the school foyer and also at Watsonia Library. Thank you Tina Bell for organising this great opportunity to showcase our students’ talents.

Special congratulations to the winners: Aidan L, Adrian T, Emma B, Amelia W, Angus D, Sarah C, Isaac H and Madeline R-D.

The Great Book Swap
Thank you to everyone who brought pre-loved books to school or purchased an item. We raised $47 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which will support improvement of literacy development of Indigenous children in remote and isolated regions of Australia. Books will be on display in the corridor near the art room and still available for purchase until next Monday.
Woolworths Earn and Learn
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn and Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your completed sheets and any loose stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box, etc as every little bit helps! Thanks again for all your support and special thanks to Louise Smith for collating the stickers and lodging them for us.

SunSmart
Thank you to families who sent along their child’s hat to school. From September 1st – April 30th the average UV alert is 3 and above and we are required to wear hats for outdoor activities. School hats are available at the office for $10. Students without hats are required to play in designated areas with full shade.

Publicity and Marketing
We are keen to hear from any members of our community with Publicity and Marketing and/or website experience. Our current volunteers are stretched to the limit and we would appreciate any support we receive in these areas. Help is required with updating the website, loading photos and new events, etc, and also expertise with promoting our school would be valuable. Please see Margaret or myself if you are able to assist.

Our school term ends next Friday 18th September at 1.30pm and I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday.

Angela Morritt
Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

Swimming
All is in readiness for the swimming program which commences on the first Friday in Term four and runs for nine sessions as outlined below.
Friday 9/10, 16/10, 23/10, 30/10, 6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11, 4/12
The school already has on record the swimming abilities of students who took part in the program last year and those students new to the school have completed swimming ability forms so preliminary groupings can be organised by the pool for the first lesson.
The table below sets out the times grades will be leaving school, lesson times and approximate return times.

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Because of a recent spike in childhood drownings, schools are being encouraged to ensure that all students take part in swimming/water safety lessons however, we understand that for a variety of reasons, some students are not able to participate in the lessons at WaterMarc. We had intended to employ a teacher to deliver a theoretical water safety program at the school for those students not attending swimming, however we currently have only been notified of two or three students from each group not involved in swimming, so we will review the program we are able to offer at school and let families know as soon as this is finalised.

Finance
Thank you so much to those families who have either paid their school accounts in full or who have set up an instalment plan to cover swimming, excursion etc. At the first School Council meeting in Term Four the 2016 school charge will be set and this information will be communicated to the school community. The school charge covers a host of items including:

- Start up individual books and stationary requirement
- Classroom paper/ stationary requisites for student use
- Spelling Mastery student workbooks
- Circus skills program
- Friday Fruit (half from subject contributions the other half funded by Parents Club)
- Individual Mathletics subscription
- Ziptales subscription
- Consumable items for science activities
- Every other item used or consumed by students at school

As soon as the 2016 school charge amount has been set by School Council we will communicate this information via the newsletter.

Margaret Hirth
Assistant Principal
LIBRARY NEWS

Well Book Week is officially over for 2015 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 2015.

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 the 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 once again sold a large number of books and it was lovely to see children pouring over books and sitting and sharing them with friends. Congratulations to our Trivia winners. They all enjoyed selecting their $10 prize from the Book Fair.

Thanks again

Happy Reading

Jen Farley
Teacher Librarian

FROM THE ART ROOM

GRADE 5 / 6 PENGUIN PROJECT

Our Learning Intention for this project was to create a realistic sculptural representation of a penguin which is stable and displays proportion. After looking at photos of penguins, students prepared a sketch and listed materials and methods to be used. Construction and paper mache skills were utilised and students could choose to work alone or with a partner. Our Grade 5/6 students can be very proud of the results! Drop in and look at the display outside the Art room to see for yourself!

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher.
Physical Education News

Eltham Wildcats Basketball Clinic
In weeks 2 and 3 of the term students were visited by Eltham Wildcats Basketball club. Prep students were introduced to the ball bounce for the very first time. Grades 1-2 extended their knowledge of the ball bounce and types of basketball passes. They were introduced to shooting! Grades 3-6 students were tested on their skills of bouncing, dribbling and passing as well as their knowledge of attacking and defensive strategies that can be used in a game of Basketball. All students enjoyed the two weeks with the Eltham Wildcats Coach.

Football Australia: Play Project Workshop
In week 6, students were visited by Coach Stephanie from Football Australia. Stephanie delivered students from grades 1-6 with a workshop educating students on the importance of being active and brainstorming ways to be active in the yard and after school.

Stage one: Grades 1-2
Concepts covered include the relationship between active play and our bodies, minds and emotions, and active play for indoor settings.

Stage two: Grades 3-4
Concepts covered include active play through the ages, and the impacts of excessive recreational screen-time on our bodies.

Stage three: Grades 5-6
Concepts covered include the five key benefits of daily ‘huff’n’puff’, as well as the recommended amount and intensity.

What’s coming up!
Coming up in Term 4, a House lunchtime European Handball competition will be taking place. Grades 3-6 will compete in the competition! September is around the corner and AFL Footy finals are coming up! On Tuesday September 15th, Miss Hart has organised for some AFL activities to take place during Lunchtime. Activities will include; Handballing competition and an AFL trivia competition. Keep an eye out for more details!

Kimberly Hart
PE Coordinator
MUSIC FOR LEARNING Project

Our CASS project has had final sessions in the school this week, where all children again worked with Sarah Brooke and their teachers in class, trying music activities using percussion instruments.

Last week was a big one for our "Music for Learning" project, with the Family Music and Dance Night on Tuesday, the final session of the Music Extension groups, and the Marimba Groups performing in the Oxfam concert at the Montmorency Secondary College on Thursday night, along with groups from four other schools.

The final performing students who represented the school at the concert were:
5/6 group: Tara, James, Ala, Grace, Michael, Emily, Khushi, Scarlett, Charlotte, Jaxon, Paris, Sarah, Cooper, Jayde, Maddy, Molly.

Well done all, and thank you to the families for coming along and supporting us.

Heather McLaughlin
CASS Co-Ordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Food Days
Thursday is our Footy Pie day. Thank you to everyone who supported this.
Next term we are anticipating having 4 food days, which will include a Sushi day and Bakers Delight Day.

Scouts Raffle
The raffle is drawn on September 11th, so good luck to all those who purchased a ticket!

Father’s Day Stall
Thank you to all the people who helped assist us with the stall. It was a great morning, and the children had lots of fun shopping!

Fruit Friday
Thank you to those parents who have assisted with Fruit Friday this term. We now need volunteers to assist with Term 4. So, if you have an hour or two to spare on a Friday morning, and would like to help, please fill out the form at the end of this week’s newsletter or let the front desk know.

Food Share
The cupboards are bare at Diamond Valley Foodshare. Please help our school support the local community.
Next week we are supporting Foodshare by bringing items for pets and personal hygiene eg. dog/cat food, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste etc. Please drop all donations in to the Foodshare boxes in your classroom or at the office.

Help Greensborough Primary School's Junior School Council give back to the local community.

Kim Hill
On behalf of Parents and Friends
Hello everyone. Canteen has been up and running for a few weeks now and it has been a pleasure to serve you. We are glad to be offering this service to you and we hope to see more of you in the coming weeks.

Just a couple of things we wanted to remind families of:

Please enclose TWO paper bags if you are ordering hot AND cold items as legislation forbids us to combine these items in one bag.

We can supply paper bags if you don’t have any at an ADDITIONAL cost of 10c PER BAG.

Next term we will be holding a special lunch order day: Chicken Burger Meal Deal – Details early next term.

There will be NO canteen operating on FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2015.

How to write out your lunch order bag

Thanks for your support

Child’s name:

Grade:

Room number:

Food

1 salad sandwich .......................... $4.50
1 apple .......................... $1.20

Drinks

Juice/Milk ................. $2.20

Total : $7.90 enclosed

Change Required:

NOTE THAT ALL LUNCH ORDERS MUST INCLUDE:

- Child’s name
- Grade
- Room number
- Items required
- Money enclosed
- Change required

Bags can be provided at a cost of 10c each

Please list hot food on a separate bag (Please provide separate bags for both HOT and COLD items)

Additional price lists available at the office

Linda and Joy

STUDENT WELLBEING

Mindfulness and the Science of Happiness

Last week I visited the Preps and we had a lovely session where we talked about mindfulness. We tried several mindfulness activities including a 5 Senses meditation, Find your Anchor, a Systematic Muscle Relaxation (otherwise known as Squish and Relax) and a lovely Guided Relaxation toward the end.

At this age there is a large variability amongst children in their ability to be still and focus (or self regulate). Mindfulness is beneficial for those who find it quite easy, but is even more beneficial for those who find it difficult. It is worth persisting even if your child finds these sorts of activities challenging. It might just be that they haven’t found the right mindfulness activity for them. They will get better at it over time. If you have tried all sorts of mindfulness activities with your child and you still can’t get them to be still, and/or interested, come and see me and I can make some suggestions.

This week I started talking with the 5/6s about the latest research on Happiness. It is important to make clear that happiness researchers do not define happiness as elation or pure joy, but as a feeling of contentment where there is a sense of overall life satisfaction.
Happiness research is not about feeling fabulous all the time, nor denying adversity, but about cultivating the skills that we can practise to improve our overall life satisfaction and sense of well being. When children have an increased sense of well being they learn more, they focus better, they tend to be healthier and they find ways to flourish and thrive. In the next newsletter, I will outline some of the instant ways to boost your happiness levels that I am teaching the students, including savouring and gratitude.

Take care

Emma
Student Wellbeing Coordinator
Yarra Plenty Regional Library School Holiday Program

Yarra Plenty Libraries are running their “Weird Science” program from Saturday 19th September to Sunday 4th October. Activities explore many areas of science. Details are on their website www.yprl.vic.gov.au

Pupil of the Week

Term Three - Week 6  Week Ending August 28th 2015

Prep ~ Whole Class ~ For excellent behaviour at the zoo.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Whole grade ~ For a sensational excursion to Werribee Zoo. It was a marvellous day!
Grade 1/2 B ~ Kleio ~ For representing our school so well during our excursion to the Werribee Zoo.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Angus ~ For his outstanding Book Parade costume.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Bailey ~ For writing an amazing poem during Literacy.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Ashley ~ For her outstanding effort during Script Writing. Keep it up Ash!
Grade 5/6 B ~ Bailey W ~ For his fantastic effort during Script Writing. You are a natural!
Art~ Mikaela ~ For challenging herself and persisting with a difficult task in Woodwork.
Student Wellbeing ~ Zayne~ For his excellent focus and concentration during Bounce Back.
PE ~ Hudson H ~ For his sportsmanship displayed during our class Soccer Championship. Well done!

Term Three - Week 7  Week Ending September 4th 2015

Prep ~ Willow ~ Showing beautiful manners and always listening carefully to instructions.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Amihan ~ For working so hard on her writing goals all term. Keep up the great work.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Grace ~ For her fantastic effort in Magic Maths this term. Well done!
Grade 3/4 A ~ Harley ~ For being an amazing friend in the yard, helping others participate in games. Keep it up Harley!
Grade 3/4 B ~ Olivia and her Mum Vivian ~ For her bright, cheery, great work and for the best rainbow trout birthday cake ever for Mr Blake.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Leonid ~ For his insightful comments during discussion times.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Orlando~ For his wonderful knowledge of places around the world. He astounds us in Geography.
Art ~ William B ~ For his amazing skills in sewing.
Student Wellbeing ~ Alicia ~ For her stillness and focus during Bounce back.
Holiday Tennis Programs
St. Mary’s Tennis Club
State & National Award Winning Program

Thursday 24/9 & Thursday 1/10
Full Day and Half Day available
For ages 5 to 15

For information or bookings:
The Tennis Guru
0488 722 538
info@thetennisguru.com.au

Bookeeping Course
The Nuts & Bolts of Bookkeeping course is being run at Diamond Valley Learning Centre on 19 September, 2015. This is a great course for people who might like a refresher course. Course details are as follows:
Nuts & Bolts of Bookkeeping
Refresh your maths skills, learn how to budget, and be able to tell the difference between debits and credits, accounts payable and receivable and general ledgers. This course gives you the firm foundation you need to do your own bookkeeping or for further study.
Dates : Saturday 19 September - 10 October, 2015
Time : 10am - 4pm Cost: $120 Concession $95.60

Greenbriar Little Athletics Club
Children aged 5 to 15 are invited to join the club for Little Athletics. Registration day and come and try days are Saturday 19th and 26th September with the season starting Saturday 3rd October. Proof of age is required to register. Events are held at Willinda Park Beatrix Street Greensborough.
For further information refer to greenbriarlac@hotmail.com.

Fruit Friday
Volunteers are needed to help in Term 4 with cutting up fruit on a Friday morning. If you have an hour or two to spare, we would greatly appreciate it. Everything is provided and it is done in the staff room, generally after 9am. Generally, you would only be required to help for 1 or 2 Fridays a term. If you are only available on certain dates, please let us know. Thank you

Name: ___________________________________________ Child’s Year: _________
Contact number: ________________________________
Available: _________________________________________