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**Principal’s Report**

Congratulations to our new Junior School Council (JSC) members in Grades 1-6. These students gave excellent speeches to their classmates explaining how they would represent them on the JSC and from what I’ve heard it was very difficult for students to select two candidates from the many worthy applicants in each grade. Student leadership is very important at Greensborough Primary and this week we have proudly published photos of our Student Leadership Team in this newsletter, as well as displaying their photos in the school entrance. It’s always interesting to note the younger students who stop to look at these photos and aspire to leadership positions in the future.

You will notice a slight change in staffing in the next couple of weeks as Anne Loney and Jen Farley take Long Service Leave. We are very pleased that Lyn Novak will replace Jen in the Library and also take the Grade 5/6 Literacy extension class and Salima Osborne will replace Anne and work in the Grade 1/2 Literacy block. Both Lyn and Salima are familiar with our school community and it’s a great opportunity for Salima to become more familiar with the Grade 1/2 students before their Science lessons begin next semester. We wish Jen and Anne a great break and look forward to their return in a few weeks.

Volunteers play an important role in the many programs we have on offer at Greensborough Primary and I’d like to thank the many parents and family members who have already volunteered for a variety of roles, including cutting fruit on Fruit Friday, helping with class reading and Magic Maths, walking to Interschool Sport events such as swimming trials, or putting their name down for future events such as the barbecue at Twilight Sports or Bunnings.
I know Parents and Friends are very keen to welcome new members, especially from the junior grades, as many existing members have their children in the senior grades and will soon be leaving the school. We’d love to see some new parents join P & F and ‘learn the ropes’ so that the expertise of existing members can be passed along. If you’d like to join Parents and Friends please leave your name at the office.

Storm Damage update
Contractors have been continuing to complete repair and preventative work required after the storm damage over the holidays. We were very fortunate compared to most schools as we have been able to continue our programs with no disruption to students. Last week work began replacing three skylights and repairing guttering. When we receive a date for the replacement of the floor tiles in the lower corridor we will let families know.

$125 Financial Assistance For Parents - Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
Attached to this newsletter is a form for parents to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund. The Victorian Government is providing this funding assistance for students if parents have a valid means-tested concession card. Extra copies can be obtained at the office and completed application forms should be returned as soon as possible. The funds can be used by parents to put towards the costs of any excursion, including swimming and camp.

Parent Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions, Wednesday 22nd February
Thank you to all parents who returned the request slip for Parent/Teacher meetings next Wednesday afternoon and evening. A note confirming times for this session will be sent home to families tomorrow or Monday. This meeting is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with their child’s new class teacher to share information about their child and discuss any relevant issues. Information about class programs, organisation and learning goals will also be provided to parents at this meeting.

Medication and Management Plans
We are required to update student medical action plans for asthma, allergy and anaphylaxis each year, so many families will receive a letter over the next few days requesting they visit their GP and return an updated copy to school. Similarly if your child has medication kept at school that is due to expire soon, you will have received a letter advising you of this.
We thank families in advance for responding to these requests in a timely manner, so that we can work together to keep your children safe at school. Class teachers will follow this up at the Parent/teacher meetings next week. We also ask families to ensure we have up to date contact details at the office.

Child Safety Standards
Last year we advised families of the new Child Safe Standards and requirements schools were mandated to develop. One of these is that all volunteers must be given a copy of our Child Safe Code Of Conduct and sign that they agree to the abide by the Code. Parents and Caregivers will be given a copy of this Code at next week’s meeting and we ask if all families could please sign the form and leave it with class teachers.

School Council Elections
One of the major tasks for first term is the election of the 2017 School Council. There will be four parent positions available for nomination for a two year term of office and a one year position to fill a casual vacancy. I would urge all families to consider involvement in this important aspect of school management.
The current Parent Representatives on School Council at Greensborough Primary are:

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Those parents whose two year term on School Council has come to an end have the opportunity to renominate for subsequent terms on School Council. School Council involvement includes two x 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 today Thursday 16th February and need to be returned to the office by Thursday 23rd February.**

If the number of nominations matches the number of vacancies, 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.

| Notice of Election and call for nominations | Thursday 16th February 2017 |
| Closing date for nominations | Thursday 23rd February 2017 |
| Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted | Monday 27th February 2017 |
| First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt Community members. | Monday 20th March (To Be Confirmed) |

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 Margaret or myself or a current School Council member.

**Twilight Sports**

Don’t forget to keep the evening of Tuesday 28th February free! This is our annual Twilight Sports Night and will be held on the oval at 6pm. Families are welcome to bring a picnic or purchase dinner from the Parents and Friends barbeque beginning at 5pm. For our new families, this is a terrific night where students compete in their grade levels in House Teams, cheered on by their parents and family members who line the sides in foldup chairs or picnic rugs. Students dress up in their team colors and there is a prize for the best dressed member of each House. 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! A schedule of the evening’s events will be sent home closer to the date.
Camp
Thank you to Gemma Pearce who ran a very informative Camp Information evening last week. It was very well attended and I know parents and students appreciated the opportunity to view the slideshow, meet some of the staff attending camp, and have all their questions answered. If your child requires medication or has any allergies, please return all the forms as soon as possible, as collating all the information is a very time consuming task and we often need to ring parents to clarify important details.

Emergency Management and Anaphylaxis Drills
Each term we conduct drills to ensure we are well prepared in the case of an emergency and to ensure we have quick response systems in place. We were very pleased yesterday with both students’ and staff fast response, when we practised evacuating to the oval during class time.

Our anaphylaxis drill also went well last week, with a swift response time recorded when a student feigned an anaphylactic reaction during recess. It was clearly evident that teachers had prepared their classes well and students are to be commended for acting responsibly. Thank you to all families who remain vigilant and refrain from sending nuts or nut products to school for snacks and lunches.

Free Pre-Loved Uniforms
A reminder that we have a number of pre-loved uniform items, generously donated by parents, which we are offering free to families. Usually these are sold for a gold coin donation, which goes to Grade 6 Graduation, however we have so many items that we are running out of storage space so we’re happy to give them to families for free.
Items are displayed in the foyer, however please ask Les or Christina if you can’t see the size you want as have more items stored in tubs in sick bay.

Free Junior Chairs
We still have a number of junior chairs which we are offering to families for use at home. If you would like to take any of these chairs please contact the office or Margaret or myself.

Angela Morritt
Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

Homework
Magic Maths homework commenced this week. Any students who have not returned their homework by Friday will complete their homework task at lunchtime in the library. As explained at Monday morning’s assembly, homework tasks give students the opportunity to practise the new skills learnt in Magic Maths classes, promoting confidence and automatic understanding which greatly assists students as mathematical tasks become more complex.

Attached to student homework books are each student’s individual ID password for Mathletics. A guide for parents to understand and use Mathletics has also been sent home. The student Mathletics subscription is one of the many items included in the 2017 $200 per student Subject Contributions.

In addition to the Maths Homework Club, this year we are introducing a Reading Homework Club as, once again, we recognise the benefits and gains made from reading practise at home. The processes involved in this will be:
  • Grades Prep/1/2 will continue with their daily checking /changing of home readers.
  • Grades 3-6 will check reading diaries every Friday. Students who have not been reading at home will attend Reading Homework in the library on Monday
  • If students do not return reading diaries a note will be sent home to parents.
• If diaries are lost students will require a new diary (parents can either provide a new diary or the school can purchase one on their behalf and the cost can be added to family accounts.)

We sincerely hope that students will be so engaged in reading at home and will diligently return their reading diaries and no one will need to attend the Homework Club however we feel it is important to have this program in place to ensure all students have the opportunity to have additional reading practise and derive enjoyment and satisfaction from reading.

Breakfast at School
Many thanks to Simone Wilson for again liaising with Kellogs to support breakfast and fundraising activities at the school. We will have our first breakfast at school this Friday where, from 8.30, student leaders will serve cereal and juice from the netball court area of the school. We encourage everyone, where possible, to walk to school on these breakfast days but if this is not possible, a brisk walk around the school grounds can build up a hearty breakfast appetite.

Science in Schools
In Term Two we will be continuing our partnership with RMIT to deliver the Science in Schools program. For families new to the school, this is a program where teams of RMIT Science Majors come to the school to deliver three sessions of interactive Science education in Term Two (Monday 15th, 22nd and 29th May) from 11.30-1.30. This year the focus will be on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with the Prep/1/2 students designing and building a bridge made of straws and the Grades 3-6 designing and building a catapult. (Initially the Grades 3-6 were going to design and build a solar oven but RMIT felt with Melbourne’s fickle weather we could be setting everyone up to fail with this plan so we changed tack!)

We are extremely lucky to be involved in this program and, along with the excellent outcomes from our school based science program we are ensuring that students across the school are gaining access to an exciting and comprehensive range of science experiences.

Student Accounts
On Friday student accounts will be sent home which will include all charges up until the end of first term. For those families who are eligible for CSEF (Camps, Swimming and Excursion funding) the 2017 funds will be credited to your school account after families have submitted the paperwork and required supporting documentation to the office. We are very appreciative of the prompt payment of these accounts and, as always, are happy to work with families by facilitating direct debits, payment plans or any other processes which assist families to manage the costs of camps, excursions and other associated costs.

Starting to Read
As we have done for the past two years, we will be running Starting to Read at school which is program for children starting school in 2018 to assist them to gain basic reading skills and strategies in a fun, interactive environment. The sessions will be run on the last two Mondays in Term One and the first two Mondays in Term Two from 9.30 -10.30. If you would like your child to attend please put their name down at the office as places are limited to ensure the group size is not too large and quality outcomes are obtained.

Margaret Hirth
Assistant Principal

Student Wellbeing News

Bounce Back
We have had a wonderful start to the year in Bounce Back revisiting our school values CARE – Cooperation, Achievement, Respect and Empathy. In Prepland the students have been very engaged and are improving their listening, sharing and turn taking skills. The Preppies have learnt all about our first school values, and will continue Bounce
Back for the next two weeks as part of our Start Up program. The 1/2s and 3/4s have also started the year focussing on our school values, with 5/6 beginning next week. The students identified lots of positive outcomes of good teamwork and cooperation. They also revisited the importance of having a growth mindset, and made a list of positive self-talk they can use when they are learning something new.

**Friendship Tree**

Our 2017 Wellbeing Leaders have started the year with enthusiasm and commitment to their roles, which is great to see! The Friendship Tree was redecorated at the beginning of the term and is looking fresh and ready for a wonderful year, and the Wellbeing Leaders have worked together to create a program of different activities at the tree each day.

Take care everyone,

Ellen.

**Student Wellbeing Coordinator**

**Sports Update**

Last Friday’s first Interschool Sports Match against Streeton was a great start to our Summer Season. Our students played with excellent sportsmanship and a smile from ear to ear. The bat tennis team was victorious, so a big congratulations to them. This week’s game will be played at Watsonia North Primary School at 9:30am. All parents are invited to spectate and assist if you are free and able.

Swimming Trials took place on Monday. A big shout out goes to all the students who gave it their best and tried out for our school’s swim team. I will be pleased to announce our district team and hand out the notice with relevant information on Friday to those who were successful. Our Team will compete against the district schools on Thursday 23rd February at Watermarc from 10am.

**Alison Gibson**

**Sports Co-Ordinator**

The students had a great start to the New Year. This year is the year of the Rooster, the tenth sign of the Chinese zodiac symbolizing carefulness and decisiveness. The students have been learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated including how the Lion Dance and Dragon Dance are performed. The students were very excited about watching them on the videos. Some students have also shared their experience of watching them live at the Greensborough Plaza. The Year 1 & 2 students also enjoyed listening to the story of ‘Nian’, a legendary New Year monster. The Year 3 – 6 students have started making the New Year decorations for class display.

**Tanya Dulics**

**Chinese Language Teacher**
School Captains and Vice Captains

Acacia House Captains and Vice Captains

Banksia House Captains and Vice Captains

Eucalyptus House Captains and Vice Captains

Grevillia House Captains and Vice Captains

Student Wellbeing Leaders
Greetings to everyone in the school community and welcome to the 2017 school year. Thanks to those students who allowed us to retain their artwork from last year so that we could return from holidays with some lovely displays already up around the school. This year, I am working at GPS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the Art timetable is as follows:

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SMOCKS
The Art room now provides smocks for students, so there is no need to purchase a smock. This means that every student has access to an appropriate long-sleeved waterproof smock for occasions when we are working with paint, clay or other messy media.

VISUAL DIARIES
The majority of student work in Art is completed in a visual diary, which is retained in the Art room. This book lasts for around 2 to 3 years and is an excellent way of acknowledging and keeping a record of each student’s work. Once their first visual diary is full, the student can bring it home and will be provided with another one. If you would like to see more of what your child is achieving in Art, you are most welcome to come to the Art room and view their Visual Diary. They are located in labelled tubs on the bench just inside the Art room door.

ART FOCUS FOR TERM ONE
This term’s focus for Visual Art is construction. Our students are honing their skills in cutting, joining, folding, making cylinders, cones and flanges, then extending these skills to create 3D sculptures and masks.

ART EXTENSION – ‘COSY COOP’
This term the Art Extension group will consist of a group of Grade 3/4 students who will be working on designing and painting some graphics on the exterior of the chicken coop. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected: Amber, Evie, Kate, Xander, Harvey, Ethan, Kleio, Cash, Oliver, Magnus, Lucas, Holly M, Emily, Ella, Toby, Anwitha.

Janet Troy,
Art Teacher
Junior School Council

A big congratulations to our new JSC members. Well done to Lola and Adrian from 1/2A, Jake and Sienna N. from 1/2B, Harvey and Amihan from 3/4A, Amelia and Lachlan B from 3/4B, Stuart and Monique from 5/6A, and Olivia N. and Max from 5/6B. I look forward to working with you this year.

Maria Grima
JSC Coordinator

Enrolment into the Subway Sounds Program

Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone. This is a quick reminder about the enrolling arrangement for the Subway Sounds Instrumental Program. For any new students, I have been handing out forms during the first week of term, however if your child did not obtain a form there should be spare enrolment forms at the school office. I will accept new enrolments up until Friday the 17th of February for starting in term one this year.

If, for what every reason, you wish your child to discontinue in the music program, please let me know in writing as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Christian Duboudin
(Subway Sounds)

Parents and Friends

Food Day's
Our first food day for the year will be a Baker's Delight day this Friday. Thank you to those who have ordered.

Twilight Sports
Twilight Sports is on Tuesday 28th of Feb. We will be needing volunteers to assist with setting up, cooking and selling. Setting up starts at 3pm, and the BBQ finishes around 7.30pm. If you have missed the form, there is a signup sheet at the front office.

Kim Hill
On behalf of Parents and Friends

Diamond Valley Food Share

Diamond Valley Food Share provide support to families in the local community. We have had an ongoing collection of egg cartons in the school. This collection is continuing this year so if you have any clean egg cartons they can be left in the tub in the foyer.

School Banking

Next Monday morning Joanne from Commonwealth Bank will be here to talk at assembly about the school banking system. She will be available after assembly to answer questions about the system including how to open new accounts.
A message from one of our school’s sponsors

Fossick Clothing...Huge Summer Clearance Sale!
All items priced to go, till end of Feb. This is a sale not to miss!!
2/3 Inglis St, Diamond Creek ph 9438 4813

Thunderstorm Asthma

The Department of Human Services is running community information sessions regarding what is known as Thunderstorm Asthma and what steps you can take to help you and your family for the next pollen season.
The nearest venue is The Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre 1093 Pascoe Vale Road
Broadmeadows on Saturday 18th February. Registration opens at 10 AM and the seminar runs from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
Information about other venues and times are available at the school office.

Term 1 ~ Week 1  Week Ending February 3rd 2017

Prep ~ Zak ~ For settling so well into school and setting such a great example for the other students.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Hollie ~ For a sensational start to Grade One
Grade 1/2 B ~ Brendan ~ For his positive attitude during his first week at Greensborough Primary School.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Nimarsh ~ For sharing her bubbly personality with us. Welcome to GPS.
Grade 3/4 B ~ Nate & Holly ~ For an excellent start to school at GPS. It’s wonderful to have you here!
Grade 5/6 A ~ Jack C ~ For an incredible start to Grade 5. Keep up the fantastic work!
Grade 5/6 B ~ Stefan ~ For being such a wonderful addition to our classroom. Congratulations on a great start.

Term 1 ~ Week 2  Week Ending February 10th 2017

Prep ~ Tahlia ~ For always trying her best and having a go at new things.
Grade 1/2 A ~ Milly ~ For displaying all the school values and being a great role model.
Grade 1/2 B ~ Jake ~ For staying focused during classroom activities to ensure that he completes all his work.
Grade 3/4 A ~ Heath ~ For an exceptional start to Grade Three. You should be so proud!
Grade 3/4 B ~ William ~ For being a great worker during class. It’s great to see you trying so hard.
Grade 5/6 A ~ Olivia H ~ For working exceptionally well and ensuring her work is at a high standard.
Grade 5/6 B ~ Luke ~ For working with persistence and a positive attitude. A great start to Grade 5!
Chinese ~ Brendon P ~ For being a good listener and always following class instructions.
Program Update

Welcome all our families to another fantastic year here at OSHClub. The children have been settling in to the routines wonderfully with the older children being great role models to all our new prep students. Everyone is doing a fantastic job ensuring they make their way to the program without any delays.

This term our theme is Under the Sea. The children have been enjoying making lots of wonderful art pieces to put on our display. Everyone has been expressing their ideas for upcoming activities and games we can all enjoy together. Our favourite piece so far has been our lovely octopus that has currently made a home over our office doorway. Thank you to Chloe D and Sophie for their help with our octopus. We all would like to thank Talina for her amazing background painting for our children’s art display.

I would just like to ask parents could they please provide your child with an old hat that can stay with us here at the program. This will ensure your child is able to enjoy all our fun games and outdoor activities during the year. Also please remember to check your bookings to ensure your child is booked into required sessions. If you have a late booking for a session you can call or message us here at the program on 0447868204.

Jacqui, Adina and Talina

Upcoming Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0447868204
Coordinator: Jacqui Baker
Assistants: Adina Morrow, Talina Ellis
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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If you are able to assist with the BBQ at the Twilight sports please return the slip below or add your name to the roster in the school office, thank you.

Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________ Child’s Class: ___________________

I can assist with (please circle):
  - BBQ
  - Money
  - Selling Drinks
  - No Preference

Time: setup (3pm-4pm) 4pm-5pm 5pm-6pm 6pm-7pm clean up (7pm-8pm)
Starting to Read

Commencing on **Monday 20th March** from **9.30am-10.30am** and running for four weeks (27th March, 24th April and 1st May). This program will introduce children commencing school in 2018 to the concepts of:

- Sound /symbol relationships
- High frequency words
- Reading strategies

Sessions will be interactive, promoting confidence and excitement with reading and each week children will leave with a take home activity or book.

For enquiries or bookings please contact Greensborough Primary School on 94351496.