



GREYTHORN READING

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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Thursday	16 July	Prep V walking to Balwyn East Shops
Monday	20 July	Presentation of Prep Junior School Council badges at Assembly
Tuesday	21 July	French Club at 1.10pm
Wednesday	22 July	Chess Club begins
Thu & Fri	23 & 24 July	Year 1 & 2 Woodwork incursion
Friday	24 July	State Cross Country at Bundoora park, Bundoora
Monday	27 July	3S visit Balwyn East Kindergarten
Thursday	30 July	3V visit Friend Street Kindergarten
Thursday	30 July	Fire-fighters visiting Prep students 2.00pm

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school after the term break. I am pleased to be assisting as Mr Agnew enjoys his overseas holiday. I am sure there will be opportunity for me to see many of the fabulous educational happenings around the school as this term begins. Term 3 is a little quieter than the previous term and I'm sure classes will be undertaking exciting new areas of study. Mrs Fiona Limoli will be undertaking the Assistant Principal role for this term and I gladly welcome her assistance.

The Junior School Council will be joined by four new Prep members for the second part of the year and their badges will be presented at next Monday's assembly. I've been told that the Junior School Council's efforts raised \$1356.25 for Toolangi Primary School to assist with a gym program as they recover from the Bushfires. A spectacular effort!

The Year 3 & 4 classes are embarking on swimming lessons for the next two weeks. These programs are quite intensive for students and teachers and may require some modifications to programs, however I am assured that the staff will cater for this beautifully. Thanks also to the parent helpers who help make these programs run smoothly.

There may be signs of some new building works soon on the lower oval area. It will be necessary to keep

students safely clear as works begin. Any small inconveniences will be rewarded with great new facilities in the future.

Leanne Fraser
Acting Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible to claim the second instalment of this allowance you must have a card current on 13TH July 2009. Parents with continuing eligibility, who have been paid the first instalment for 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who have transferred children to Greythorn Primary after 28th February 2009 and prior to or on 1st August 2009, must reapply for the second instalment. New applications for the second instalment must be completed by Friday 31st July 2009.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

MUSIC NOTES



COMING UP!
*The Gypsies
are performing on stage
at Assembly
next Monday 20th July*



Steve Schultz presents 'The Big Samba'

As this Newsletter goes to print, students in Year Prep to Year 6 will be experiencing a dynamic workshop/performance with accomplished musician and performer, Steve Schultz. Steve presents a participatory performance where students engage in playing percussion instruments using rhythms based on Brazilian Carnival street music. This is an explosive percussion experience and a treat for all involved! \$4.50 will be deducted from the Incursion Levy for this performance.

Joy Odou—Music Teacher

VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

LAST DAY FOR LOGGING ON BOOKS
FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST

We have over 400 students reading in the Challenge this year – our best ever result! To make sure all students complete the Challenge all books need to be logged on to the system by the above date. This allows teachers to verify all information. Students in Years 3 – 6 will be expected to log in and update during library sessions, classrooms or at home. The junior classes will be organised by Teachers (or Parent Helpers.) Students need to continue reading suitable books: 30 books for Prep – Year 2, 20 of these from the Challenge list. Most junior classes have read these in class with Teachers keeping a list. Years 3 – Year 6 are to read 15 books, 10 of these from the Challenge list. The Library is set up to find Challenge reads easily or we can be asked for help. Over 7,000 books have been read so far!



We look forward to all students who have entered the Reading Challenge to achieve success and receive a certificate. Keep reading.

Liz Miller Sharon Roth Cheryl Williams

TOY TECHNOLOGY IN LEVEL 2

Can you help? This term the year ones and twos are learning about toys and technology. As part of our Inquiry we are wanting to pull apart toys to see what makes them move. If you have any toys you no longer require, particularly toys which use cogs, gears, levers or pulleys, we would love to put them to use.

Liz Miller

☺ CANTEEN BITES ☺

THE NEW PRICE LIST IS NOW IN OPERATION!

Please use the new menu sheet dated

JULY 09



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

The Department of Education requires that if a student is absent from school that a written note is provided to the teacher upon returning to school.

When a student arrives late, leaves early or returns to school, parents or authorised representatives are required to fill out the sign out/in book and also a late form or early release form. This form should be signed and authorised by an office staff member, and handed to the class teacher upon dropping off or collecting your child. The sign out/in book and late/early release forms are located on the desk in front of the office window.

GYPSIES

Dear Gypsies Parents and Students,
We will be performing at assembly next Monday July 20th (all parents welcome). Students will need to be at school at **7.45am** to help. See you all then.
Marita Rosenberg. 0439 350 480

BOYS' SOCCER

On the last day of term 2 the boys soccer team played a District Grand Final against Belle Vue Primary School. It was a big match, especially considering that Belle Vue had defeated Greythorn in the grand final last year - a match that was decided by a penalty shoot-out. This year's grand final was another exciting contest.



After some brilliant teamwork led to a Greythorn goal in the opening half, we led 1-0 for the majority of the match. With 90 seconds remaining, however, Belle Vue equalised with a goal of their own. It was a tense final few seconds in which a Greythorn strike bounced off the upright. As the game was tied 1-1 at full-time, we were forced to play extra time. Unfortunately, Belle Vue made the most of their momentum and scored the winning goal in extra time.

It was a fantastic game of soccer and I am very proud of the Greythorn boys for their efforts. We enjoyed a tremendous season and it was great that the final game was such an exciting one. Well done to Lucas for his terrific leadership throughout the season and thank you to all the parents who came along to support the team.

Liam Santamaria – Boys' Soccer Coach

FRENCH CLUB

Next Tuesday 21st July is the first session of French Club for Term 3. All Year 3 to 6 French students are welcome to our sessions. Next Tuesday we are going to design the French room's very own flag. There will be a prize for the winning design. You will be supplied with a card of all different colours but bring your own colouring utensils, glue, scissors, ruler and pencil case. Bring anything else that you think would create the winning design. See you at 1.10pm in the French room.



Melissa, Madame Holt and the French Club Committee