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GREYTHORN READING

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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Friday	28 August	Junior School Council Footy Fun Day
Wednesday	2 September	Father's Day Stall —bring your coins to buy Dad or Grandpa a gift
Thursday	3 September	Prep to Year 2 Tabloid Sports 9.00am to 12.50pm
Thursday	3 September	Oxfam Music Festival for Schools 7.00pm Senior Choir
Friday	4 September	Preps Healthy Lunch Day 11.30am—1.00pm
Monday	7 September	Prep Swimming begins
Tuesday	8 September	Education Committee Meeting at 5.00pm in the Staffroom
Wednesday	16 September	District Athletics at Rieschiecks Reserve Doncaster
Friday	18 September	Term 3 concludes—students dismissed at 2.30pm
Wednesday	7 October	Eastern Yarra Zone Athletics at Rieschiecks Reserve Doncaster
Saturday	10 October	GPS Disco at East Doncaster Secondary College Hall

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a magnificent day we had for our Athletic Sports last Wednesday. We couldn't have asked for better conditions or more enthusiastic participants for what was a most successful event. There were many impressive performances with everyone striving hard, doing their best to earn points for their House. I was particularly pleased with how our senior students led by example both on the track and with passionate support and encouragement for all competitors. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Athletics day. Thanks to the parents and teachers who officiated and supervised students, helping to make this day such a success. A big thank you to Ms Catia Durante for her superb organisation of the Athletic Sports. Good luck to those students who will represent us in the District Athletic Sports at the Doncaster track on Wednesday 16th September.

We have had some extreme weather conditions recently. I would like to assure all parents that we keep a close eye on the prevailing conditions and always ensure that the safety of our students is the first priority. Where necessary, alternative procedures and program changes are implemented. These include rescheduling outdoor activities and allowing students to remain inside at break times. Such was the case last Friday

when it was felt that the winds had reached a dangerous level, so students remained inside during the recess break.

We have also had a reminder that Spring is not far away and that the days will become warmer. This of course means higher ultra-violet rays. Our school Sunsmart policy says... "Greythorn Primary School recognises that cumulative exposure to sunlight increases the risk of skin cancer. Our sun protection policy is followed from the beginning of September through until the end of April and whenever the UV index level reaches 3 and above." As September begins next Tuesday all students will need to wear an approved school sunsmart hat.

Many of our students have been taking part in weekend sports finals over recent weeks. It is great to see the level of involvement and the range of sports represented, including netball, football, soccer and gymnastics. Good luck to the Greythorn Falcon's Under 11's football team as they take part in the Grand Final at the weekend.

Congratulations to:

- Our Year One students who were all in fine voice at Monday's assembly reminding us that it is National Book Week.

- Phoebe F (1CM) who won a gold medal at a chess tournament at the weekend.

Don't forget to show support for your footy team at this year's 'Footy Fun Day' on Friday. With the last round of AFL games this weekend, what a great opportunity to wear your team colours – some for the final time, for others.....the dream is still alive!

Student Safety

It is disturbing to continually receive reports of members of our school community – students and parents, taking unnecessary risks with road safety. Three instances were brought to my attention last week where a lack of common sense nearly had serious consequences. It appears a number of issues occur in the Reading Avenue vicinity. Incidents include, children running between parked cars to cross the road; playing around cars after school whilst parents are present and a general lack of concentration when crossing the road. Recently a very shaken motorist called into the school to relay information about some students who had narrowly missed being hit by a car because they assumed that all the cars had stopped at traffic lights. Whilst the students may well have crossed (ran) on the green light a high level of caution and care must still be taken. It is absolutely critical that where possible students cross the road at a supervised crossing and follow the supervisor's instructions. I have spoken to the Boroondara Council previously about a crossing on Reading Avenue, but have had little response. Often direct contact by parents has a greater impact. Please address these issues with your children. We are constantly reminding them of safety rules at school. In this case prevention is the only path to take; we do not want a tragedy to occur before taking action.

Accident Insurance

I am often asked about accident insurance coverage for students. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide accident insurance for students while they are at school. Parents who wish to have their children covered should take out their own policies. The following companies specialise in insuring school students, however it is likely that your own insurance company may offer a similar or better service. We suggest that you call the companies direct as we do not have the facilities to collect premiums or complete the necessary paperwork.

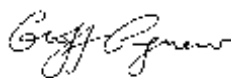
INSURERS:

Jardine Lloyd Thompson: Phone 96131415

EBM Insurance: Phone 1800688820

AON Risk Services: Phone 92113000

JUA Underwriting: Phone 99097480



☺ CANTEEN BITES ☺

The Canteen will not be open for any lunch orders or counter sales on FOOTY FUN DAY—FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST (Pre-ordered Footy Lunches ONLY)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Change of Meeting Dates

Education Committee will now be held on Tuesday 8th September at 5pm instead of September 1st. Parents are invited to attend this meeting. If you'd like to find out more about the committee please contact Fiona Limoli. Thanks.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

SECOND PAYMENT FOR 2009

For the families who requested that the above allowance be paid by cheque, the second instalment has been received at the school. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to sign over or collect your cheque. If anyone who claims this allowance has any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Sue Broadbent—Business Manager

SPORT NEWS

P-2 SPORTS DAY

Next Thursday 3rd September the students in Prep, Years 1 & 2 will be participating in a Tabloid Sports morning at school. The Prep events will be held from 9.00am – 10.40am and the Years 1 and 2 will be held from 11.10am – 12.50pm. Students will need to come to school dressed in their House colours. Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer. Hope to see you there.



PREP SWIMMING

Prep Swimming will commence on Monday 7th September until Thursday 17th September. If there are any outstanding payments could these please be finalised this week as numbers need to be confirmed with the pool staff. Thank you.



♪ ♪ ♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪ ♪ ♪

Shadow Puppet Festival

Preparations for the Year 5/6 Shadow Puppet Festival are well on the way with students busy writing scripts, making shadow puppets and composing music. The Festival will take place in the school Hall during the second week of Term 4, with performances for parents on -

Wednesday 14th October 5.00pm Year 6

Thursday 15th October 5.00pm Year 5

Performances are also being planned for the rest of the school earlier in that week. We know you are going to enjoy the fruits of the students' work as they present this exciting performance venture.

Oxfam Music Festival for Schools

The Senior Choir will be performing at the Oxfam Music Festival for Schools on Thursday 3rd September, 7.00pm at Blackburn High School. Tickets are available from the school office or at the door on the night (\$10 per adult/\$5 concession/students & children, free). All welcome.

Senior Choir members please return your attendance forms by this Friday 28th August. Thanks.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

The Father's Day Stall will be held on **Wednesday 2nd September, 2009**. Gifts from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Students will have the opportunity to buy during the day with their class so don't forget to send along some money to purchase a fantastic gift!

Thanks—Anna Toth



The cut off date for the next

Trading Bulletin

is Friday 28th August 2009

\$30 per full A4 page
\$15 per half A4 page

It's a great opportunity to find a bargain, sell your unwanted goods or advertise your business. Contact Heather or Jenny in the Office or email: billing.heather.l@edumail.vic.gov.au



PFA UPDATE

NEWS

The PFA donated 2 soup warmers to our teachers. They are now enjoying lovely homemade soup over these cold winter months! The teachers think this is 'souper'!

FOOTY TIPPING

Only 1 week to go in the AFL season.

This is how the Top 10 looks. With one match to go, will there be any changes?

Up for grabs for the top 3 places are some Westfield vouchers.

1st: \$100

2nd: \$50

3rd: \$25



RANK	NAME	POINTS
1	Mark Di Marzio	125
2	Gabrielle Ryan	124
3	Andrew Poulton	124
4	Jason Korfiatis	123
5	Kay Gardner	121
6	Bella Romanella	121
7	Ella Pike	120
8	Aaron Douglas	120
9	Matthew Walker	119
10	Angus Jones	119

Trolley Coins Fundraiser

Cost \$3.00 each



The trolley coin easily detaches from your key ring and can be used in place of a coin. Return your trolley, get your trolley coin back and you're ready for your next shopping trip.



Name _____
Class _____



Pink Daisy _____	Cat _____
Smiley Face _____	Dog _____
Shop til' you drop _____	Soccer Ball _____
Golfer _____	I Love Shopping _____
Retro Flower _____	Butterfly Purple _____
Hearts _____	Princess _____
Yummy Mummy _____	Cup Cake _____
Camper - Blue _____	Rubber Duck _____



**Return your order with money to
GPS by Friday September 4th, 2009**

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

What an outstanding day we all had at the Years 3-6 School Athletics at Rieschiecks Reserve in Doncaster last Wednesday. We were very fortunate with the beautiful weather, making conditions ideal for the competitors. The students looked fantastic dressed in their House colours. So many students gave determined efforts to compete to the best of their abilities and they achieved many successes. Each House competed enthusiastically in the House relays which concluded the day's events. House points were allocated to competitors who finished in the top 4 places and they are still being tabulated. Thank you so much to the parents and staff who assisted in making the School Athletics a highly successful and enjoyable day. Eligible students will receive notification shortly to compete in the District Athletics to be held at Rieschiecks Reserve in Doncaster on Wednesday 16th September.

Catia Durante
PE/Sport Coordinator

