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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Wednesday	14 October	Prep 2010 Transition session 9.30am to 12.45pm
Wednesday	14 October	PFA Meeting at 8.00pm in the staffroom
Thursday	15 October	Prep 2010 Transition session 9.30am to 12.45pm
Friday	16 October	Girls Softball Zone Final at Millgate PS—2pm
Monday	19 October	NO ASSEMBLY
Monday	19 October	Year 5 Shadow Puppet Festival 5pm.
Monday	19 October	Chess Victoria Girls State Final
Tuesday	20 October	Boys/Mixed Cricket Zone Final at Greythorn Park
Tuesday	20 October	Year 6 Shadow Puppet Festival 5pm.
Tuesday	20 October	School Council Meeting at 8pm in the staffroom
Wednesday	21 October	Prep—4 visiting performance 'Dance Around the World in 80 Days'
Wednesday	21 October	'Walktober' Walk to School Day
Thursday	22 October	Assembly at 12.00pm for 'Music Count Us In'
Thursday	22 October	JSC PINK DAY—Gold coin donation for 'Cancer Awareness'

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

There is currently so much to celebrate at Greythorn Primary. Monday's assembly was filled with awards and recognition of student success. Assembly began with a wonderful performance from Ellie M (6L) playing the saxophone whilst accompanied on the piano by her mum, Janine. Chess success, Hooptime finalists, UNSW Maths achievements, Alliance certificates and recognition of individual achievements reflected the diversity of programs and excellence in many differing learning areas.

Last Wednesday 18 students represented the North Balwyn Zone in the Eastern Yarra Zone Athletics Carnival. They braved trying conditions to achieve excellent results. It was wonderful to have the support of so many parents and family members on the day. Courtney M(6E), Rachel T (6E), Liam D (6L), Matt O (6L), Eleanor D (4N), Isobel F (4R), Danielle Q (4R) and Juliette D (4X) all successfully placed either first or second in their events and will now represent the Eastern Yarra Zone at the Edebone Region Championships today. We wish them the best of luck!

Our Mixed Chess Team competed in the Victorian Chess State Finals on Monday. The team consisted of Enoch (3V), Jackson (5A), Will (5A), James (5S), Paul (5S), Zheng Yao (6E), Jacob (6L), Denise (6K), Geoffrey(6K) and Carol (6K). All students were competitive and represented the school superbly. The team placed equal 7th on the day. On Monday 19th October our Girls Chess Team will compete in the State Finals, this is the first time we've had a girl's chess team in the state finals. Best of luck to Denise (6K), Carol (6K), Phoebe (1CM), Emma-Jane (5S) and Petra S (3S) who are the members of the Girls Chess Team.

Congratulations to the year 4 Hooptime basketball team who came runners up in the regional Hooptime basketball competition. Thanks to Mr Santamaria for his coaching and the parents who supported and transported on the day. Congratulations to all students who received a credit or a distinction in the University New South Wales English Competition. A particular mention to Alex M (6E) who achieved a remarkable high distinction. The UNSW Mathematics results will be announced at next week's assembly. Thanks to Miss Eva for organising both the UNSW Maths and

English competitions. Finally a congratulations to Eileen Z (4X) who achieved 94% in her year 3 Music Theory Exam, an outstanding result.

Next week assembly will take place on Thursday 22nd October at 12pm. **There will not be an assembly on Monday morning.** At 12pm all students will participate in a national musical event 'Music-Count Us In' celebrating Music in Primary Schools. Also on this day, the Junior School Council have organised a "Pink Day". This is a fundraiser for cancer awareness and research. So wear pink next Thursday and bring a gold coin donation.

Next week our year 5/6 students will be performing their shadow puppet plays. The students have written the scripts in their classes, created the puppets in art and composed music and rehearsed the plays during music. The students in years Prep to 4 will enjoy being an audience for these performances this week.

Today our first transition morning is being held for our 2010 Prep students. We welcome all of these new students and their families to our school. It certainly has been a busy, yet exciting, start to the term.

2010 BOOKLISTS

2010 Booklists have been sent home today. If you have not received your booklist please contact the office and we will organise for one to be sent home. **Please read the instructions very carefully.** Collection day for all booklists packages will be **Tuesday 8^h December from 2.30pm – 6pm in the School Hall.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- All booklist orders must be prepaid by credit card. Unfortunately, cheques or cash will not be accepted this year. **The option to pay on collection is also no longer available.**
- All orders must be returned to the school **no later than Friday 30 October 2009.**

Sue Broadbent—Business Manager

MOBILE PHONES

Just a reminder that all students must sign in and leave their mobile phones at the office during the school day. Mobiles are not to be left in bags or classrooms during the day.

MUSIC NOTES

Shadow Puppet Festival

Performances for Parents -
Monday 19th October 5pm - Year 5 Hall
Tuesday 20th October 5pm - Year 6 Hall

The Year 5/6 students have been working very hard putting the finishing touches on their performances and we look forward to sharing them with you next week. **Students performing will need to arrive at the Hall at 4.45 in their 'all black' performing clothes.**

We anticipate the performances will go for an hour and a half.

Students in the school will have an opportunity to see the plays this week and we will also feature some of the plays over coming weeks at Assembly. Looking forward to a fantastic show!

Music, Count Us In

There's only one more week until our special singing celebration on Thursday 22nd October. At 12.00pm we will gather in the Hall while thousands of students around the country do the same, and we will sing 'The Music is Everything'. The GYPSIES have been working hard on learning the music and everyone in the school is bubbling with the song. It's going to be a very exciting event to hear 500 voices accompanied by a live orchestra. Get ready to lift the roof!

Visiting Performance - Dance Around the World in Eighty Days

Students in Years Prep to Year 4 will participate in a Dance Performance presented by *Theatre in Education*. The performance involves dances from around the world. \$5.00 will be deducted from the Excursion Levy for this performance.

Joy Odou
Music Teacher

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Pink Day

On Thursday 22nd October the Junior School Council have organised a fundraiser to raise money for cancer research and awareness. Everyone is encouraged to wear the colour pink to school and bring along a gold coin donation. We hope everyone participates in this worthwhile fundraising event.

Thanks
Junior School Council

REGIONAL HOOP TIME

Last Thursday the Year 4 Boys Basketball Team competed in the Junior Boys All Stars Regional Hoop Time Competition at Dandenong Stadium. The team received a wildcard entry into the tournament having come Runner's Up at their initial Hoop Time day last term. The boys put in a sensational effort at the Regional Tournament – making it all the way to the Grand Final, before falling short to an experienced team from Warranwood Primary School. What a terrific effort! Well done to Dion K (4N), Will M (4N), James W (4N), Ben J (4R), Nick K (4R), Jason K (4X) and Nick G (4X) for playing so well, forming such a great team and displaying tremendous sportsmanship. Thank you to Caita Durante for her organisation in the lead up to the day and to Andrea Johnston for assisting with transport and scorekeeping.



Liam Santamaria.

CHESS CLUB

CHESS STATE FINALS

Our Chess teams have recently been preparing for the State Chess Finals. On Monday 10 students from the Masters group at Chess Club competed in the State Open Final against 25 other top Chess schools. Against very tough opposition, we finished in equal 7th position overall with a very respectable score of 19 points. Congratulations to Enoch (3V), Jackson (5A), Will (5A), James (5S), Paul (5S), Zheng Yao (6E), Jacob (6L), Denise (6K), Geoffrey (6K) and Carol (6K) for their tremendous efforts. Many thanks to Phillip and Vivien Choo, George Fan and Bin He for their assistance on the day.

It is now time to turn our attention to this Monday's State Girls Final. For the first time ever, we have qualified a team of 5 girls to compete at this prestigious event. Best of luck to our five fantastic female players; Phoebe (1CM), Petra (3S), Emma-Jane (5S), Denise (6K) and Carol (6K).

Liam Santamaria – Chess Club



SPORT

Last Wednesday eighteen students from Greythorn PS participated in the Eastern Yarra Zone Athletics Championships at Rieschiecks Reserve, Doncaster. The competitors braved windy, sometimes wet conditions to achieve many outstanding individual performances.

Special congratulations to the following students who have qualified for a place at the Edebone Region Championship Athletics which are being held today.

- Courtney M (6E) – 1st, 12/13yrs Girls 100m
- Rachel T (6E) – 2nd, 12/13yrs Girls Shot Put
- Liam D (6L) – 1st, 12/13yrs Boys Hurdles
- Matt O'D (6L) – 1st, 12/13yrs Boys 800m & 1500m
- Juliette D (4X), Isobel F & Danielle Q (4R), Eleanor D (4N) – 2nd, 9/10 yrs Relay

First and second place competitors will qualify for the State Championships on Monday 26th October. No doubt our competitors will perform to their best. Many thanks to the staff members who have assisted with training the students for their events and to the parents who came along and supported the competitors.

Congratulations to the Boys/Mixed & Girls Bat Tennis teams, Boys/Mixed & Girls Softball teams and the Boys/Mixed Cricket team who are the North Balwyn District Summer Sports Champions for 2009. The Girls Softball team will be playing against Millgate PS this Friday at Millgate PS and the Cricket team are playing against Ivanhoe PS at Greythorn Park on Tuesday 20th October in the 1st round of Zone finals. We wish them and the other teams all the very best of luck as they play their Zone final matches in the upcoming weeks.

Congratulations to the Junior Hoop Time competitors - Dion K (4N), Will M (4N), James W (4N), Ben J (4R), Nick K (4R), Jason K (4X) and Nick G (4X) who were runners up at the Region basketball competition held last Thursday. What an excellent achievement boys! Thanks to Mr Santamaria for coaching and transporting the students and also to Mrs Johnston for her assistance with transport.

2009 GPS Mega Raffle

As part of our Fundraising Program at Greythorn Primary School, we are running a fantastic Mega Raffle. Tickets are being issued this week—one book of 10 tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 and all profits will go to Greythorn PS.

Prizes are:

- 1st Prize – One week's accommodation at Paradise Grove Resort (4 star) in Burleigh Heads, Queensland during June 2010 school holidays. (or 2 weeks during off-peak periods)
Also a \$1,500.00 travel voucher.
- 2nd Prize – Nintendo Wii
- 3rd Prize – Westfield Voucher

Total value \$3,250.00

\$500.00

\$100.00

Fundraising activities such as this raffle make a vital contribution towards improving facilities and resources for the benefit of our children.

OCTOBER MEETING: TONIGHT!

Wednesday 14th October 8pm

Venue: Staff room

Come along for a chat to find out what is happening around the school and stay for some wine and cheese.

AUSSIE FARMERS

We are still accepting families if they want to link their Aussie Farmers account to Greythorn Primary. If you are a new customer and want to try Aussie Farmers, email us your details so we can also link it to Greythorn.

This program will be ongoing so we can always add in new families and reap the fundraising benefits.

Email: Kathy Jackson on jackofmail@hotmail.com

SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to the Fundraising Committee for a fantastic night at the School disco on Saturday! It was great to see so many parents having a boogie with the kids as well! Overall a very fun night for the family.

CANTEEN HELP NEEDED!

Canteen Committee:

The PFA is wanting to start a Canteen Committee. This Committee will help co-ordinate the canteen roster and also review the current menu to help Lynne our Canteen Manager.

If you would like to be a part of the Committee, please email

Kathy Jackson on jackofamily@hotmail.com

Canteen Roster:

Our canteen is in desperate need of some volunteers to help over the lunch break. This involves only a short amount of your time; from 11am – 1.30pm. You will help with lunch order preparation and lunch time counter sales

If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the form below and return to the office:

2010 DATES

Term 1	27 January—26 March
Term 2	12 April—25 June
Term 3	12 July—17 September
Term 4	4 October—17 December

Thank you to Janine Wan, Kerryn & Marisa Archdall for your help on our first Milkshake Monday. And a big thank you to our Preps, Grade 1's & 2's for their patience and lovely manners as we made 130 Chocolate Milkshakes.

Change to Canteen Menu

Thursday Daily Special - Pasta Napoli (Pasta with tomato Napoli Sauce and Grated Cheese) with a choice of: Mini Iced Cupcake or Mini Bread Roll. \$3.50

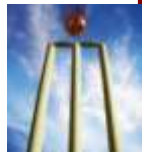
CANTEEN ROSTER

Fri 16 October	Kathy McGregor/Janine Wan
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Helpers needed—please contact Kathy Jackson on jackofamily@hotmail.com

CRICKETERS WANTED

North Balwyn Cricket Club still has a couple of vacancies for 8 and 9 yr olds interested in joining its U10 Cricket team which has its home ground at Macleay Park off Belmore Rd. All matches are on Saturday mornings between 8.30am and 11.15am with training on Wednesday afternoons between 4.30pm and 6pm. First game is on 17th October. To register or for more information please contact the junior co-ordinator, Charles Cohen on 0402 252 053 or by email on cjcohen@bigpond.com



JOB VACANCY—UNIFORM CO-ORDINATOR

PSW are looking for a Uniform Co-ordinator for Greythorn Primary and St Dominics.

St Dominics	Tuesday	8.30-9.30am
Greythorn PS	Wednesday Friday	3.00-4.00pm 8.30-9.30am

More shifts can be organised if required.

Please contact Shanaka on 0423 592 748

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CANTEEN HELP

NAME:.....PHONE:.....EMAIL:.....

Please note that **Mondays** and **Fridays** urgently require volunteers.

Please tick (✓) the day you are available to help and return to the office.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY



Walktober Walk-to-School Day is coming up next week – 21 October!

Mark Wednesday 21 October in your calendars as our school will be taking part in the state wide Walktober Walk-to-School event.

We want everybody to “commute actively”, i.e. walk, part-walk, ride, scooter etc. - anything but **NOT DRIVE!**

This event gives us an opportunity to be part of a global event as we celebrate the many benefits of walking as a part of International Walk-to-School Month:

- Children who actively commute to school have higher levels of physical activity and improved cardiovascular fitness compared with children who do not walk or cycle to school;
- Students feel awake, alert and are more attentive in class after some fresh air and physical activity in the morning;
- There are fewer cars on the road making it safer for children around the school; and
- Walking to school gives families and neighbours the opportunity to form new relationships and ongoing informal support within local communities.

There are **great prizes** to be won for the school with the highest %age of kids walking to school that day – **so Let’s Make a Big Effort!**

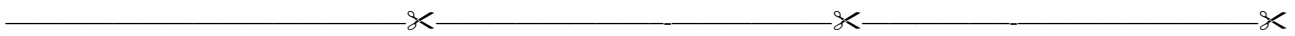


Milkshake Monday!

19TH OCTOBER 2009

Years 5 & 6

(YEAR 3 & 4 SOON!)



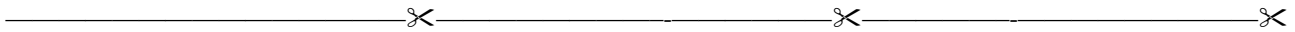
A yummy Chocolate Milkshake—\$2.50

These must be pre-ordered by Friday 16th October

Please complete the form below and enclose correct money
(No change given)

NAME:.....GRADE:.....

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$.....(correct money please)
Return to the office by 16th October 2009



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