PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parents are reminded that Monday October 3 is a student-free day. If you need to arrange child-minding, please contact OSHClub.

The end of Term 3 is fast approaching. This week’s specialist timetable has been rearranged to accommodate planning days for each team, as teachers organise Term 4’s teaching and learning programs. As next week marks the end of term, parents are reminded that school will finish at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

Thank you to our Wellbeing team, led by Narelle Sime, which has been exploring ways of enhancing student wellbeing while maintaining the successful programs already used at Greythorn. Although we are fortunate to have very few ‘discipline issues’, all primary school students need to learn how to develop and maintain positive relationships. Over the last month, staff have had some professional learning with consultant David Vinegrad on ways that teachers can model and use positive, consistent approaches in dealing with student incidents, no matter how minor. At the core of this work, we teach our students to take responsibility for their actions and repair harm done to relationships with their peers. These skills are essential foundations for young people as they learn to develop respectful relationships into adulthood. At planning days this week, teams will discuss implementing some suggestions in classrooms and the playground.

Thinking ahead beyond the holidays, the first day of Term 4 is a student-free day, which we are using for staff professional learning on English (EAL and Reading). To support those students who are new arrivals to Australia or still learning English, the regional expert for English as an Additional Language will work with teachers on the EAL continuum and reporting to parents. Following on from her coaching in classrooms this term, teachers will also spend another half-day with Di, our literacy consultant, on the Reading Workshop approach. Thank you to Simon Judkins and the English team for leading this work. Please contact OSHClub if you need to arrange child minding for Oct 3.

Last Saturday fifteen students competed at the ‘Spring Aerochallenge’ event as part of our new AeroSchools program. As always, they represented Greythorn with talent, sportsmanship and pride.

Their impressive results are as follows:
1st- Aerodance Division 1 Junior Team (Mia C, Alison W, Natalie T, Catherine L & Mikayla A)
2nd- Aerodance Division 1 Junior Team (Izabella P, Zoe B, Kiarra C, Marianna F & Lauren D)
3rd- Aerodance Division 1 Intermediate Team (Maddy D, Lia K, Isabella F, Olivia G & Chloe M, who competed against 6 other secondary school teams!)

A special mention is made of Lia K and Isabella F, who also competed in the Level 3 Junior Individual category, placing 12th and 14th respectively, in a very large field of experienced competitors.
After lots of practice and organisation, congratulations to coach Caitlin Shipsides and thank you to all those parents who again supported this event. We wish the 36 students in the AeroSchools team the very best as they travel to Bendigo to compete in the Australian Championships on September 16.

Finally:
- Congratulations to the many Greythorn students, and the teachers who supported them, in competing at District Athletics this week. Greythorn was placed third overall in points, a result to be proud of. The students who came 1st or 2nd in their events will now move onto Division Athletics.
- Welcome to Julie Crema, who has started working in the canteen on Wednesdays.
- Thank you to Anna Toth and the PFA, who organised those beautiful gifts for the Father’s Day Stall. We hope all our dads had a great day opening those special presents.
- Congratulations to Amber D (6M) who wrote the song ‘Always Your Friend’ which was performed by the senior choir at the Artsfest Closing Ceremony. We are very proud of you Amber!

Kind regards
Kim Dray

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**REMINDER**

Parents of children in Years Prep to 5, who are **leaving at the end of this year**, are reminded to advise the office staff either by phone on 9857 9762 or email greythorn.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

......thank you Greythorn Primary School from Geoff Agnew,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all members of the Greythorn Community for making my farewell so special. I am extremely grateful to everyone for the thought and time that they contributed to each aspect of my farewell celebrations.

The assembly was a highlight for me – hearing the choir sing so beautifully; receiving so many magnificent messages and ‘words of advice’ from students; being interviewed by the school captains; the many kinds words that were expressed; the wonderful gifts from the school community and of course looking at the hundreds of pairs of ‘red sox’ that were worn in my honour! Sincere thanks to all who played a role in arranging the assembly and to Rob Camm, Danielle Brown and Ken Darby for their extremely kind words and good wishes.

The afternoon tea gathering was such a buzz – catching up with parents who are at GPS now and those from years gone by. I was amazed at the number of former students who came along to say hi – a poignant reminder of the influence that teachers and schools have on these young people. Once again many thanks to those involved in making the afternoon tea possible and to all those who took the time to drop by.

The staff farewell was a most enjoyable occasion where I was able to express my gratitude to present and former staff who played such a major part in making GPS such a successful and strong school. I also mentioned the great support that I was fortunate to receive from my Assistant Principals – Sharon Saitlik, Fiona Limoli, Kim Bride and Ken Darby. Many thanks to Kim and Fi for their reflections and kind words. I will most definitely put my gift to great use in the surf this summer!

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr Kim Dray who has so capably led Greythorn since I commenced leave mid-way through 2015. Kim has been such a strong leader and has provided Greythorn with many opportunities to further enhance a powerful learning community. I sincerely thank Kim and wish her the good fortune she deserves in the future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my sixteen years leading Greythorn Primary School. My farewells were a magnificent way to finish off my 46 year career in education, although I am delighted that I can still play a role in working with Principals and pre-service teachers. Thanks again to the students, parents and staff - you have all been an amazing part of my life. My best wishes to you all for a happy and successful future.

Regards,

Geoff Agnew
## Working with Children Check - a reminder for all parents:

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the Working with Children Act 2005 for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis.

All parent helpers in the school, as well as attending excursions and swimming, are now required to have a current Volunteer Working with Children Check and provide the details to our office.

The application process is available online. For more information, or to apply, see our website under the Parent Information tab.
Volunteers are always required and your help is appreciated. Please contact Suzy on 0422 588 731 or email suzyd33@gmail.com if you are able to assist on any of the blank days.

Thank you.

Please find below the Roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 8th September to Wednesday 21st September 2016.

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North Balwyn Cricket Club (NBCC) offers a safe, fun environment for children aged 8 – 17 who want to play, or learn to play, cricket.

The North Balwyn Cricket Club is located in Macleay Park, off Belmore Road in North Balwyn.

A family friendly club with great training facilities and vacancies in teams to suit all ages and standards, your child is always very welcome at NBCC.

This year we are also entering an all girls team in the Anna Lanning Shield Competition at Hislop Park on Wednesdays (5pm-7pm)

For more information please contact Alex Berry (NBCC Junior Coordinator)

E: juniors@nbccbulls.com.au
M: 0400 254 090
Congratulations everyone on a fabulous Artsfest week!
Congratulations to the Prep Class Award recipients for showing persistence and getting along.

Also, well done to the Preps who received their Magic 100 Words awards!
A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated for the Las Vegas Night on September 10th. We are still taking donations. You will find a box for donations at the school office. We are putting together hampers, so we would be most grateful for donations of items for these. Items need to be new and in good condition.

Hampers will include:
- Beauty Hamper (skin care, make up, perfume, etc.)
- Toy Hamper
- Baby Hamper (baby goods)
- Kitchenware Hamper
- Homewares Hamper
- Gourmet Food Hamper (non perishable food items)

Our final request is that each class provides 2 bottles of something (non alcoholic). This can be olive oil, soft drink, shampoo, sauce, juice, cleaning liquid - anything that comes in a bottle!

Many thanks

International Food Day Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who made our international food day such a success, especially Liddell Dawes, Nopi Kenos, Kate Locke, Monica Creedon, Kate Hart, Karen Kalamias, Danielle Brown and Richard Workman! Please also support the following organisations who provided the yummy souvlaki, pizza and fried rice:

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As we have just enjoyed a delicious International Food Day lunch, we thought we might try something different this year for Footy Fun Day.

**On Thursday, normal counter sales will be available at recess.**

In addition, **at recess time**, mini cupcakes will also be available for purchase for **$1**.

![Cupcakes](image)

**At lunch time, lunch orders will be available.** In addition, after you have finished your lunch, you can come to the canteen and for **$2**, buy a scoop of vanilla ice cream with your choice of toppings including hundreds and thousands, choc bits, milo etc.

There is no need to pre order a cupcake or ice cream for the day, just come along to the canteen at recess or lunchtime with your money.

A dairy free ice cream alternative will be available on the day. For further information about this, or any other questions, please contact Suzy at the Canteen or Kate at [klocke@iinet.net.au](mailto:klocke@iinet.net.au)
STUDENT BANKING – EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

NEWS:
Thank you to all our school bankers for another fantastic term of banking.

We look forward to new reward items being available in Term 4.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FLYING SNAKE TAIL, MUD SPLAT HANDBALL AND WILDLIFE WRITER SET FROM TERM 1 ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

The Term 1, 2 and 3, 2016 reward items that are still in stock are as follows:

![Rewards Image]

School Banking Rewards Program
Some great 2016 rewards are still available!

- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope

All reward items are only available while stocks last

Please note there is some limited stock of 2015 reward items available:

![Rewards Image]

School Banking Rewards Program
There is limited stock available of some of the 2015 rewards!

- Galaxy Glider
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Intergalactic Rocket
- ET DVD

All reward items are available while stocks last

Should you wish to order one of these items, please fill in the form above and send in with you next banking. While stocks last!

SCHOOL BANKING TROPHY:
Congratulations to PR who is the winner of the School Banking Trophy for this week.

Tanya, Dave and Kate
School Banking Co-ordinators (klocke@iinet.net.au)
2017 Enrolments

To current families with siblings:
If you have not handed in an enrolment form could you please collect an enrolment form and return it to the office ASAP as we are preparing 2017 classes.

PLAY IT SAFE

Parent information session

Teenage parties get a lot of bad press but, they can be a positive aspect of your child's social life and development. There’s no one right way to handle parties but, if you plan well and keep the lines of communication open, you can help your teenager stay safe – and have fun.

Join the Victorian Police and Access Health and Community to learn how to keep your young person safe during the party season. The Victoria Police Party Safe Program is about minimising risks at parties such as violence, intoxicated guests, or gate crashers.

Alcohol and other drug counsellors from Access Health and Community will speak about how to reduce the risks of alcohol and other drug use for young people, and how to have conversations with your teenager about looking after themselves and their friends at parties.

The session will include an opportunity for questions.

When
Wednesday
2 November 2016

Time
7pm to 9pm

Where
Camberwell Civic Centre,
Parkview Room
(next to Camberwell Library)
340 Camberwell Road,
Camberwell

Book online via Eventbrite: partysafe.eventbrite.com.au
For more information contact Clara Yip:
clara.yip@boroondara.vic.gov.au or 9278 4439
Las Vegas, with all its lights and entertainment, is coming to Greythorn Primary School

YOU'RE INVITED TO FABULOUS LAS VEGAS NIGHT

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
7.30pm – 12pm
$35 pp

A great night of dancing, games, casino tables, auctions, prizes and fun

Ticket includes:
Live entertainment from cover band Humble Mischief,
Play money for casino games tables, Finger food and Door prizes

DRINKS: Beer, wine, bubbly and soft drinks for sale on the night. EFTPOS facilities available. BYO: plenty of gold coins for other games. DRESS CODE: Bling it up!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/MKUH
Program Update

Dear parents and families,

Last week was a great success in our MasterChef week where we did lot of cooking activities and children enjoyed healthy snack like lentil soup, Sushi, potato curry with rice and Risotto. Children made Father’s day cards and cookies for their Dad.

This week we are doing science experiments every day in before and after care sessions like volcano eruption, air pillow, lava lamp, coke and Mentos, rainbow swirls, coke and milk and crystal making.

Our sports activities like Soccer, Footy, Tennis and basketball are still the most loved activities for our aftercare children. It is great to see so many of our students improve their sporting skills!

Although we’ve mentioned this over the last couple of weeks, parents/carers are continuing to drive into the school grounds for pick up and drop off. Please ensure that you do not do this as it is a real safety hazard for smaller children. Please park outside the gate to ensure the safety of others.

*One persons junk is another ones treasure*

Parents, if you have any craft items at home that don’t quite fit in the recycle bin, we would love them. Our creative OSHClub students would like to recycle your ‘rubbish’ and turn them into masterpieces. We are looking for old jars, cans, paper rolls, newspapers, scrap material and more. Please make sure items are cleaned prior to bringing them in.

That’s it from us this week,

Rashmi Gandhi

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0411392707
Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi
Assistants: Chris, Grace, Sherry
Program email: oshclub.greythorn@gmail.com

OSHClub Head Office:

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://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 before 9am.
**Golf Day**

Sunday 21st Aug saw the playing of the Inaugural Greythorn Primary School Golf Day at Freeway Golf Course in Bulleen. Eight players braved the weather and a great day was had by all. The competition was close with only one shot separating the two groups after the 9 holes Ambrose competition. Congratulations to OC, Sun Luk, Steve Ingram and Dave Axup for their close win. Special thanks to the GPS office for their help, to the Freeway Golf Course and to those who took part. No doubt the day will be bigger and better in 2017!

David Axup

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**Year 5 Dinner**

For parents and teachers from all Year 5 classes

**Wednesday 12th October**

7.30pm

Augello’s Restaurant

200/202 Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn VIC 3103

+61 9830 4700

RSVP to your Class Rep by 7th of October

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**Contacts:**

5P - Liddell (liddelllawses@gmail.com) or Kate (klockes@einet.net.au)

5N - Nopi (nopi@optusnet.com.au)

5F - Kate (klockes@einet.net.au)
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

90 Instant Cameras

200 Magazine Packs

50 Camping Kits

50 PlayStation 4 Packs

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This offer is open to all School Banking customers. Terms and Conditions apply. CommBank.com.au/prizelights. Promotion starts on 1 October, 2023 and ends 15 October, 2023. Student Element. Entry is open to all individual customers aged 5-15 years. A student must log in to their own School Banking account to deposit the required amount. No deposits can be made on behalf of another student. Students will also complete a Stargazing activity at commbank.com.au/prizelights and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 1 entry per person per draw. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: Term 3/4 School Banking deposits of $50 (or more) for 1 month, $100 (or more) for 2 months, or $150 (or more) for 3 months. The grand prize will be a PlayStation 4 pack valued at $499.95, and the total value of all prizes is valued at $100,000. Each winner will be notified by email. All winners will be published on commbank.com.au/prizelights.
