PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Term 1

The start to the school year has been very smooth and positive with the first few weeks passing by swiftly. Our new prep students have settled in extremely well and are all enjoying their transition into primary school. With the 8:50am bell, it has been pleasing to see all students entering classrooms and organising themselves each morning so that they are ready to start the day promptly at 9 o’clock.

Thank you to all families who are endeavouring to arrive at school by this time. The class teachers are very appreciative of this as having the students ready by 9am is enabling them to commence teaching in a timely manner.

PFA Welcome BBQ

The weather is looking to be perfect for this Friday’s Welcome BBQ (3:30 - 6:00pm). Sausages and cordial will be provided and you will be able to purchase coffee and ice-creams from the on-site vans. All families are invited with a special invitation to all of the new families who have joined the Greythorn community this year. I look forward to seeing you and your family for some fun and socialising.

Assembly

The first Assembly for the year was held last Monday morning. We welcomed everyone back to the new school year as well as our new prep students and other students who are new to Greythorn. As will be the case throughout the year, our School Captains as well as House Captains will be leading it each week.

Congratulations to Veronique and Tom for the outstanding job they did this week to lead their first Assembly so confidently.

Cheryl Williams Retirement

After many years in Education as well as at Greythorn Primary School, Mrs Cheryl Williams has announced her retirement. Cheryl has been an outstanding teacher/librarian at the school as she has inspired every student, through her passion for literacy, to read and enjoy all that literature has to offer. She has maintained a wonderful library that is an amazing resource for the students and teachers alike. Cheryl will be missed by us all with her last day being Wednesday, March 1st.

Further details will be released about her farewell from the Greythorn Community.

Congratulations Alicia

Alicia B (5SJ) has achieved more success over the summer break with her canoeing skills. Following on from her success last year in the Victorian Schools Canoe Slalom Championships, she qualified to compete in the Australian National Schools Wildwater/Slalom Championships. This was held in the first week of January at Barrington Tops in NSW.
Alicia achieved outstanding results at this competition by winning Gold in the U12 K1W Canoe Slalom as well as a Bronze in the U12 C2W Canoe Slalom. She also won Gold in the U14 C2 Mixed Canoe Slalom after stepping in at the last minute to assist a boy whose partner had missed the championships.

We congratulate Alicia on her outstanding sporting achievements and look forward to hearing about further successes.

Allergies

Many children have diagnosed allergies to a wide variety of foods. For some it is a serious health risk which requires careful monitoring. At Greythorn Primary School, like all primary schools, we ask parents to avoid sending certain foods to school to help alleviate contamination with the affected children. The following foods are the main ones to avoid where possible; nuts, eggs and fish.

We do understand that students bring a wide range of foods to school to eat as part of a varied diet, but being aware of avoiding certain food is very much appreciated.

District Swimming

Our school swimming team will be competing on Friday at the District Swimming Carnival. This is being held at the Boroondara Sports Complex and we wish them well and know that they will represent the school with pride and distinction.

Thank you to Claire Knell for her organisation and coordination of the team. Also to the staff and parents who will be supporting the team on the day.

Principal Forums

This year I would like to introduce forums for parents to attend so that they can discuss school issues with me. The forums will give me an opportunity to outline school initiatives and programs to those in attendance, as well as be an opportunity for parents to ask questions, present ideas and suggestions or discuss any school-based issues that they may have.

I understand that with work and family commitments there will be times in the day when interested people cannot attend, so each forum will be scheduled at different times. The first one is to be held on Tuesday, March 21 at 9am. Subsequent forums will be held in the afternoon as well as evenings.

A reply slip will be in the newsletter closer to the date.

Andrew Searle
Principal

GREYTHORN PFA

would like to invite you to our

WELCOME BBQ

Friday, 17th February
3.30pm - 6pm (please note earlier time)
on the netball courts off Greythorn Road

Families are invited to drop in anytime, have a bite to eat, make new friends, catch up with old friends and celebrate the new school year!

Cordial * Sausages * Ice Cream * Coffee Van * Games
BYO snacks, salad, drinks, blankets etc

RSVP not required

Preps to Year 6 All Welcome!
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Online ordering only from Term 1 2017

Thanks you to everyone who is ordering on line now. It really makes a huge difference to the running of the Canteen as I’m sure it does to you too!

Please note all canteen orders are to be online from the beginning of term 2.

New Menu Items

Fruit salad cups (made with seasonal fruit) are available for $1.00

Jelly Cups also for $1.00

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome.

If you can spare an hour either after morning drop off (9-10am) or between 12 and 1pm it would be greatly appreciated.

Suzy
Canteen Manager

Please find below the roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 16th February to Wednesday 1st March 2017.

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OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

No more paper bags or loose coins.

You can now order your kids lunch with ease, no cash required its all pre-paid online. It's so easy even your kids can do it!

Access My School Connect, Anytime, Anywhere!

Simply download the App for your iPhone or Android to ensure you have access in one location across all devices.

IT’S EASY JUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO GET STARTED;

Step 1: Register your account on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au/greythorn and click on “Create Account”, follow the prompts to add your email and password.

Step 2: Add your Child/ren as a “Student”, make sure you select your school and classroom details.

Step 3: Select “Top Up” to add money to your account via Bank Transfer, Credit Card or Paypal. (please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

Step 4: To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click “Buy Now”, this will take you to the provided lunch menu and you can order for the day or week. Its that simple! (please note; an order fee of 33c per order per child will apply)

My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact via email or phone

REGISTER TODAY

GYPSIES 2017

Our school orchestra, the GYPSIES began rehearsals this week but it's not too late to join. GYPSIES is open to anyone who has some experience playing an orchestral instrument and rehearsals are held on Mondays from 3:40 – 4:40pm in the school hall. If you are interested in joining or continuing in the GYPSIES, please see myself or the school office for an enrolment form.

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons are available after school in 2017 on a range of instruments including violin, viola, flute, clarinet and saxophone. There are still some places left so now is a good time to start learning! Please see myself, or the school office for details if you are interested.

School Concert

At Greythorn Primary we have a whole school Concert every three years and this year is a concert year. We now have our dates confirmed and the Concert will be held in Term 3 on the evening of Tuesday 1st August and Wednesday 2nd August at the Besen Centre in Burwood. Please note which performance(s) your child will be involved in:-

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will perform on both evenings
Students in Years 1 and 3 perform on the Tuesday evening
Students in Prep and Year 2 perform on the Wednesday evening
The school's performing ensembles will perform on both evenings.
We look forward to another fabulous Greythorn production!

Senior Choir

Senior Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday mornings from 8:15 to 8:55am. Senior Choir members had their first rehearsal for the year on Wednesday 8th February. We look forward to a wonderful year of performances.

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Joy Odou
Music Teacher

Girls Rounders

It was a great game playing against St Clement of Rome Primary School. They hit very well and took amazing catches. Anna and Charlotte were excellent fielders and stopped the other team getting home runs. Greythorn won 19-11.

Ellie B (Captain) 6MN
Olivia D (Vice) 5AN
Sports News continued

We played St Clement of Rome PS. The game was interesting as they were short some players so we rotated our players to make it fair. There were some falls and good catches. They tried there hardest to beat us but we came out the top. It was a great first game for us winning 23-3.

Rafael (Captain) 6HK
Harry (Vice) 5RW

Outdoor Cricket

The outdoor cricket team played St Clement of Rome at Bulleen Sport Complex. It was our first game and we had a close battle. Unfortunately we lost by only one run! We are looking forward to playing next week. Well done to Peter and Tommy for getting a wicket. Well done to Rishi who scored 17 runs. We are pumped for the rest of the season!

Eli and Ollie

Girls Softball

Last Friday, the girls in the softball team played against St Clements of Rome, a new team in the district. It was our first game and everyone played really well. We scored seven runs in both innings and so did they so it was a draw 14-14. Good game girls! Thank you to Miss Knell and Scott Dawes for coaching.

Isabella 6JM

Boys Softball

The boys softball team played in great spirit hitting some great shots to help the team take the win for Greythorn. Noah D pitched outstanding to only give away one home run for St Clements and some good outs on first and second base by Nick and Cooper. The final score was 12-1, Greythorn with the win!

Lachie 6HK
1st February 2017

Dear Parents,

The Chess Club will commence in its regular Wednesday lunchtime (1pm to 1.45pm) slot in Term 1, 2017.

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The fee for the 5 sessions will be $50.00 per student.

PLEASE NOTE: Year 3 students will only be able to attend the first three sessions due to the swimming program. Year 3 students are only required to pay $30.00 as they will not be able to attend on Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 8th March.

If you wish your child to be involved, please complete the form and return to school with payment by: Wednesday 15th February, 2017

New members welcome.

The Chess Club will operate in the Year 5 classrooms.

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CHESS CLUB 2017

Term 1, 2017 – Fee $50.00 per child

Child’s Name: .......................... Grade: ............

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Total amount enclosed: $............
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2017

On behalf of the school community, the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) warmly welcomes you and your child to Greythorn Primary School.

The PFA is a sub-committee of the School Council. It enables parents to participate in the school community by providing support for the school and teachers. Anyone can be part of the PFA, including Class Representatives.

Each class has at least one Class Representative (Class Rep) who is the main point of contact between the class teacher and class parents.

Class Reps are responsible for:

- collating a list of parent contact details for the class (a template is provided by the PFA)
- organising class social events, such as morning teas and dinners
- coordinating parent help from class parents if requested by the teacher or PFA
- organising a birthday celebration for the class teacher
- forwarding emails from the PFA to class parents.

Attendance by Class Reps at PFA meetings is welcomed. Meetings are generally held twice a term.

If you are interested in becoming a Class Rep, or helping the PFA in other ways, please complete the slip below and return it to school or EMAIL greythornpfa@gmail.com (to let us know that you would like to volunteer) by Friday, 10 February 2017.

Thank you.

PFA CLASS REPRESENTATIVE 2017

Name: ..............................................................................................................

Telephone: ..................................................................................................

Email Address: ..............................................................................................

Name of Child: ...............................................................................................

☐ I am interested in becoming a Class Representative for class(es): .................

☐ I am interested in helping with PFA events

☐ Yes, I consent to my email address being provided to other Class Representatives
SCHOOL BANKING

SCHOOL BANKING – EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

WELCOME BBQ
School Banking Account Opening Day

THE COMMONWEALTH BANK WILL BE HOLDING AN ACCOUNT OPENING DAY AT OUR SCHOOL FOR ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN SCHOOL BANKING AT THE WELCOME BBQ AS FOLLOWS:

Date: Friday, 17 February 2017
Time: From 4pm
Location: Just outside the school hall on the netball court

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Account Opening Day to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver’s licence and your child’s birth certificate, but if you don’t have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Congratulations to Grade 3MW who is the winner of the School Banking Trophy for this week.

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

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Kingswood College Scholarships 2018

Education is a gift that lasts a lifetime...
Kingswood College is offering you the chance to share in our education experience by providing Scholarships to students from Years 3 to 11 in 2018. Scholarships are available in the following areas:
- Academic
- General Excellence
- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts

Applicants for all types of Scholarships are required to apply via our website and to complete the Edutest examination to be held on Saturday 4 March 2017.

www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

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Kingswood College Scholarships 2018

Academic General Excellence Visual and Performing Arts

Come and enjoy some jazz at our Open Evening Thursday 23 March 2017 4.00 – 7.30pm
Program Update

Dear parents and families,

Thanks for all the support which parents and teachers are providing to our program. Definitely your support and our team members hard work has made this program a real success and we are proud to announce that prep’s are settled now and they are enjoying their time here.

As everyone is aware that in Oshclub we drop preps every morning to their classroom and in afternoon pick them up from their respective classroom. Last one week we are working on building a positive relationship with children and getting to know each other by playing group games and doing activities like cooking, bug hunting, memory game and simple construction.

We encourage community involvement throughout the program. If you would like to share any skills or would like to participate in the program please feel free to contact any of the staff at OSHclub.

We are always trying to improve the OSH program, so if you have any suggestions please feel free to contact me or the staff 😊

If you have any problems, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me on the details below at any time or at the program 😊

Hope to see you at OSHClub soon!

Kind regards,
Rashmi

Upcoming Events at Osh:

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0411 392 707
Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi
Assistants: Chris, Grace, Nasreen
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

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 before 9am.
GRANDPARENTING
A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME

What does it mean to be a grandparent in today’s world of changing expectations and needs? What are YOUR needs?

- Do you want to connect with other Grandparents and share stories and support?
- Do you want to know more about how to cope with being a grandparent in a world where things are very different from when you were raising your own children?
- Do you want to talk about some helpful strategies to use so you can all cope better?
- Do you want to “be there” for your grandchildren in a way that you weren’t able to be for their parents?

Grandparents are very important people in children’s lives

WHEN:       Wednesdays
            1st March to 29th March 2017
            1pm to 3.30pm

WHERE:     Blackwood Room
            Camberwell Civic Centre
            8 Inglesby Road, Camberwell

COST:   FREE ** BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

CONTACT:
Please contact Julia at Parentzone on
9735 6190 or 0400 866 495
julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

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Visit website fireballtennis.com.au
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMP, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef