PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

At assembly on Monday we announced the ‘House’ groups for the Preps and new students to Greythorn. House Captains and Vice-Captains formally presented the badges during the day. I’m sure that all new members are all looking forward to proudly representing their ‘House’ in the classroom and in a range of school activities.

From the online bookings received it would appear that most parents have taken the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher and specialist teachers this week. These ‘getting to know you’ interviews are designed to enable you to meet your child’s teacher/s and share any relevant information about your child. Interviews where teachers provide details of student achievement will be held toward the end of Term Two.

Rob Exell (GPS parent), representing the Greythorn Falcons Football Club spoke at assembly about the benefits of being part of a club. He also mentioned the benefits and opportunities for boys and girls to join Greythorn Falcons Football Club. He also presented us with a number of training footballs that will be very handy as we head towards the football season. Many of our students and families are involved at the club and we sincerely thank Rob for visiting us and for the generous presentation.

Following some excellent performances at the District Swimming Carnival, eleven of our students will compete in the Divisional Swimming Sports at the Monash Aquatic Centre tomorrow. Congratulations to Nicholas H, Noah D, Lachlan M, Daniel S, Maria K, Jacques W, Isaac D, Thomas H, Jerway Z, Jameson F and Lachlan J.

PFA Welcome BBQ – Friday 27th February, 5.00pm – 7.30pm - This event is for all school families and an opportunity to welcome new parents at the beginning of the school year.

Last week’s Newsletter included a call for nominations for School Council. Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and contribute to help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a School Council find their involvement satisfying and a great way to be directly connected with the school. No special skills are required just an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future. Nominations will close tomorrow at 4pm so if you are interested please collect an appropriate form from the office.

Admin Matters

Working with Children Check

Just a reminder that all Parent Helpers in the school as well as attending excursions and swimming, will need a current Volunteer Working with Children Check. Applications are made on line at the following website: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au.

All Parent Helpers also need to sign in at the office and collect a yellow Visitor’s badge prior to going to the classroom.
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Canteen Bites

Please note: Slushies and Crazy Lemonade are no longer available from the Canteen. ‘Juicies’ may be pre-ordered.

Volunteers are always required and your help is appreciated. Please complete the attached Canteen Volunteers form if you are interested or contact Lynne in the Canteen.

French News

FRENCH CLUB EASTER BOXES

Our first meeting of French Club will be in Week 8, the second last week of term, after Year 3/4 Swimming and Year 6 Camp are over.

It has become a lovely tradition to decorate small boxes for Easter treasures.

You will need to supply the box and we, at French Club, will supply beautiful decorating materials. So start looking for a small box, no bigger than 6 cms x 6 cms, with a lid and a nice smooth surface that you can bring along on Tuesday 17 March.

Mme Holt, Sara, Jasmine and the French Club Committee

Lost and Found

Found - A key with an owl cover has been handed into the office. If this belongs to you, please come and collect it from the office.

We also have a pink scooter that was found near the small playground at the end of last term in the office. If this is yours or you know who it belongs to, please come to the office.

Recycle Uniform

Recycle Shop hours are:

Wednesday 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm
Friday 9.00 am to 9.30 am

The shop is located next to the French Room.

If your children have outgrown any uniform items, we would love to have them. Items can be left at the office at any time. Thank you to those parents who have donated so far.

We also sell brand new art smocks.

Please come and visit the shop as it is a great way to contribute to the school. All proceeds from sales go to the school.

Regards
The Recycle Shop Volunteers

School Photo Day

School Photo day is this Thursday 26th February 2015.

Please ensure you have handed in your photo envelope to your teacher. If you have ordered online, you do not require an envelope.

Sibling Order envelopes (Family photo) are available from the office. Please return the Sibling Order envelope to the office not to the class teacher.

NO CHANGE can be given by Advanced Photography so please have the correct money.

Please see the full page flyer in this newsletter.
Congratulations to our District Swimming Champions!

**Tennis**
Greythorn has the opportunity to send 1 boy and 1 girl to a district tennis competition to represent our school. If your child has had previous success at a representative level in tennis, please contact Mr. Zito about this opportunity (zito.daniel.j@edumail.vic.gov.au).

**BOYS' SOFTBALL**
On Friday the Boys' Softball Team dominated against Boorondara Park. It was a fair game and we had a convincing victory, even though they had some good plays. Well done to the team!
Jack T - 6S

**GIRLS' SOFTBALL**
Last Friday the Girls' Softball team played Boroondara Park Primary. Greythorn were victorious with a score of 9 to 0. Everyone contributed to the winning game.
Jacinta C – 6D

**CRICKET**
On Friday the 20th of February the cricket team played against Boroondara Primary. The final score was: GPS 4-56 and BPPS 1-55. WE WON!!! It was a nail-biting game the whole time. A big congratulations to Jacques who got 2 wickets in bowling and to Rahul who scored 21 runs not out in batting. Well done to the whole team for a great effort with lots of support.
Nick D - 6D

**Sports Reports**

**Student Banking**

**School Banking - every FRIDAY except the last day of term.**

**SCHOOL BANKING TROPHY:** Congratulations to Prep M who won the School Banking Trophy this week. Well done to all our amazing bankers. Who will win this week?

Kirrily Turnbull & Elena Berrell
School Banking Co-ordinators
johnkirrily@yahoo.co.uk
Dear Parents

We are presenting an information session on how children develop skills in literacy and what you can do to support them with their literacy learning at home. We will talk about the stages of writing and reading from beginning to fluent, looking at various examples and discussing the importance of building a foundation and developing strategies. This information session will be held in the school hall on Thursday 5th March 7.30 – 9.00pm.

If you are wishing to help in the classroom attendance at this session together with a short follow up session covering the expectations of being a classroom helper will be most beneficial. This follow up briefing will be held on Friday 17th April at 3.00 – 3.30pm in the school staffroom.

If you wish to attend the information session(s) please sign your name on the form outside each of the prep classrooms or at the office. This is to give us an approximate idea of numbers.

A similar session on how children develop numeracy skills will be held in Term 2.

Liz Miller and Michelle Freeman
English and Early Years Literacy Co-ordinators
18th February 2015

Dear Parents

The Chess Club will commence in its regular Wednesday lunchtime (1pm to 1.45pm) slot in Term 1, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: Chess will commence on, Wednesday 25th February 2015.

The fee for the 6 sessions will be $42.00 per student.

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

Wednesday 25th February, 2015

New members welcome.

The Chess Club will operate in the Year 5 classrooms.

Steve Pertz

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CHESS CLUB 2015

Term 1, 2015 – Fee $42.00 per child

Child’s Name: ………………………… Grade: ………

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Total amount enclosed: $…………..
ENVELOPE AND ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents & Students,

Greythorn Primary School Photo Day: 26-Feb-15

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [BKZ YKQ X5D]
- Step 2: Enter your student’s details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection).
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).
- Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day).

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [BKZ YKQ X5D]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the day of photography.
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

- Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
- Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
  - Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
  - Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change given.
  - Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife with your name & address on back of cheque. Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised. A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.

Phone: 9852 1133 Email: info@advancedlifevic.com.au
Greythorn PFA

Would like to invite you to the

2015 WELCOME BBQ

Friday 27th February
From 5-7:30pm under the Oak tree

All families are invited to drop in, have a bite to eat, make new friends, catch up with old friends and celebrate the new school year.

PFA are providing FREE cordial & sausages in bread. Please BYO anything else you may want on the night (snacks, salad, drinks etc.)

RSVP not required

Questions? Email greythornpfa@gmail.com
RUN FOR THE KIDS 2015
Sunday March 22nd

Dear Parents,

‘Run for the Kids’ is a charity fun run held every year as a major fundraiser for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. It is an event that brings people of all ages and levels of fitness together to run for a great cause.

Every year we participate in this wonderful event. This year our very own children insisted on participating in the 5.4km distance. As such, the idea was born, to take a group of willing Year 5 & 6 Greythorn PS students to run in the event. At this stage, with the support of Mr Agnew & Mr Zito, we would like to determine which students want to participate. We will need to act promptly as it is a very popular event and places for the shorter distance- the 5.4km event, fill quickly.

The details are as follows:

Run for the Kids 2015
Sunday 22nd March
Cost: $48 (of which $29.60 is donated to The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal)
Start time: 9.40am, starting from Alexandra Avenue

If you would like your child to participate please register your child on the ‘Run for the Kids’ website. Pick “join a team”, under the team name of "GREYTHORN SENIOR TEAM". Please pick "Green Zone Active runners". This is not a Greythorn PS event, therefore travel to and from the event will need to be arranged by individual parents. We will all meet at an organised location on the day for the start of the race/event.

Please email details of your child’s full name, class, age and whether they want to participate in a few training sessions (to be held before school at Greythorn Park) to stella.parissis@gmail.com OR elena@berrell.net - Subject – ‘Run for the Kids 2015’. This information will give us an idea of how many children will be running on the day. We can then arrange how many adults are needed to run with the children.

We will also arrange 6 training sessions to be held at Greythorn Park before school, to prepare the children for the fun run.

Come join us for a fun morning and a great cause.

Yours sincerely,

Stella Parissis (Libertone)
Elena Berrell
Shannon Ferris
Dear Parents

The Canteen needs your help to fill our roster commencing March 2015. If you would like to volunteer your time, we have lots of vacancies available.

Please fill in the form below and return either to the office or the Canteen.

Name........................................................................Phone No......................................................

Email Address.................................................................................................................................

Child's Name................................................................Grade........................................

Please circle the appropriate day:

I am available: Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

We especially need help on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

If you have any queries I can be contacted via the following:

The Canteen (School Hours)
Telephone: 9898 3649 (After Hours)
Email Address: lynnescraft@hotmail.com

Many Thanks
Lynne Archdall ~ Canteen Manager
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 the Prep’s are settled now and they are enjoying their time here.

As everyone is aware our Program Coordinator is on holidays for 2 weeks therefore myself, Rashmi Gandhi, is in charge of the program. I have been working in the program for the last 1 year and I know all the children and families very well along with their routines and interests.

Over the next two weeks 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 science experiments.

As always we appreciate any donations of old toys, dress ups and sporting equipment. We also 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 OSHClub 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

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Upcoming Events at Osh:

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0411 392 707
Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi
Assistants: Nick, Harry, Azucena
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.
School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children important money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dottamaris on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome rewards items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDS, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Marbles, Space Race, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers/Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland!

In a School Banking plan, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights’ accommodation, transfers and three days’ park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Save and win a trip to Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is taking you on a mission to Planet Savings. There are eight new awesome rewards to choose from, plus we’re introducing a new Grand Prize competition where you could win a family trip to Disneyland.

How to enter

All you need to do is simply make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 and you’ll automatically go into the Grand Prize competition.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

The Grand Prize

A family trip for up to two adults and two kids to California’s Disneyland, including:

- Return flights to LA and airport transfers
- 5 nights at a Disneyland hotel
- 3 day pass to Disneyland
- Enjoy Space Mountain, rollercoasters and hundreds of rides
- Meet Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters
- AUD$2,000 spending money

Things to know before you enter:

- Conditions apply: Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 19/12/15. Entry is open to all Australian account holders aged 8-13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.00pm AEST on 20/12/15 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn wins a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at AUD$2,540. The winners’ names will be published in the public notice section of The Australian on 5/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 121 125 407 of Level 2, 1 & 3, Gusher Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.