PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A reminder to all families that this Friday 11 March is a student-free day. Students do not attend school on Friday and resume school after the long weekend on Tuesday 15 March. Please contact OSHClub if you need to arrange child care on 11 March.

The Year 5 camp students had a wonderful time at camp. Our staff were so happy with the new camp venue that it has been booked again for 2017. Thank you to parents Scott D, Denis K and Rob S, who accompanied the campers and provided assistance during camp activities. Our teachers really appreciated your support and Year 5 had plenty of fun camp stories to share. I hear the parma was a winner! See some great photos in this newsletter.

Last week we tested our new SMS system for contacting parents by sending a message to Year 5 parents regarding the return of Year 5 campers. The system was easy to use and effective. However, there was a handful of parents for whom we had no mobile phone number. As we would use this system in case of an emergency, please let us know if you need to add or update your mobile phone details.

You may have heard media reports last week about other schools’ concerns for students who arrive at school far too early. Unfortunately, we share those concerns. In the interests of your children’s safety, parents are reminded that students are supervised by teachers before and after school as follows:

- for students arriving before school, between 8:45 a.m. and the start of the school day
- for students after school until 3:45 p.m.

Outside of these times, the supervision of children is the responsibility of their parents/carers.

These supervision arrangements have existed for many years at Greythorn, as per the Parent Handbook, and are common across primary schools.

After school, at 3:45 p.m. each day, students remaining in the school grounds are brought to the office waiting area. Although we make every effort to contact parents who may be running late, our office staff also make arrangements for OSHClub to supervise students until parents arrive.

For working parents, the OSHClub program opens at 7 a.m. Many families receive a Child Care Benefit (CCB) discount on their fees, and most families receive the 50% Tax Rebate, which is not means tested. Please click here to find information on our website regarding OSHClub: you may be surprised to know how little this piece of mind costs.

As an initiative of the School Council Education Sub-committee, parents of children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will soon receive a link to the Strengthening our BYOD (iPads) program survey. Feedback from those parents who have had children in the program, as well as staff and some students, will help inform the next phase of our Bring Your Own Device program.

Finally, congratulations to our regional swimmers: Nick H, Maria K, Lily Mc, Stephanie B and Rachel L. I was very proud of the way they represented Greythorn on Monday. More details further in this newsletter.

Kind regards,

Kim Dray
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Please note that the dates of ICAS are correct but we require early indication of numbers.

Events
Please click on the “Event Consent/Payment required” if it is showing on your home page.
**Region Swimming**

Regional swimming trials were held at Ringwood Aquanation on Monday 7th March and Greythorn had 5 swimmers competing. Nick H swam in the breaststroke, Maria K swam in the freestyle, butterfly and Medley relay along with Steph B, Rachel L and Lily M.

Greythorn progressed through the heats and impressively, made it to the final in each event.

That concludes the swimming season at Greythorn - we now look forward to cross country running in Term 2.

**Lost Property**

We still have the following items of lost property in the office:

- valuable items relating to Chinese New Year
- A watch
- A child Myki card.

If you have lost any of these items please come to the office.

**Canteen Bites**

Volunteers are always required and your help is appreciated. Please contact Lynne on 9898 3649 (After hours) or email lynnescraft@hotmail.com if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Please find below the Roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 10th March to Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

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ICAS

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

Students from Years 3-6 have an opportunity to take part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Mathematics and English. The Science Assessment is also available to students in Years 5 and 6.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.

The dates of these tests are:

- **Science** – 31 May 2016 (Years 5 and 6)
- **English** – 2 August 2016 (Years 3-6)
- **Mathematics** – 15 August 2016 (Years 3-6)

Participation in any or all of these competitions is optional and each competition involves an $8 entry fee. More information is available on Compass where you can enrol your child if you wish. Enrolment is due by 22 March 2016.

We encourage students who feel capable and confident to participate in these tests as they are a valuable learning experience. If you are unsure about whether or not these tests are suitable for your child please seek advice from your child’s class teacher.

Liam Santamaria – ICAS Co-ordinator

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**House Points**

**House Points Results – Week 6**

1st - Gardiner

2nd - Wright

3rd - Woods

4th - Allen

Keep on earning house points for your house!!!

Allie and Kayla 6K
(Allen Vice Captain and Woods House Captain)
Social Service

For the past few weeks we have been so impressed with the amount of money we have raised ($117.20). Each week the amount of money that has been collected has been exceeding our expectations. So we have been inspired to create a new Social Service certificate, the SS certificate will be given at assembly when a class has gone over the target ($20). So congratulations to 2SB - the first award winners for raising $34.80, WOW! Remember if you have any spare change, it could be used for a very special cause!

Thank You
Jono and Chloe your Social Service Captains

School Banking

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Congratulations to both IT and 1W, for winning the banking trophy for this week.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is now School Banking day!

Kate, Tanya and Dave
School Banking Co-ordinators (klocke@iinet.net.au)
At the recent PFA AGM, we were fortunate to elect a full executive of office bearers:

President - Danielle Brown  
Vice President - Kathryn D’Alessandro  
Secretary - Carolyn Camm and Liddell Dawes  
Treasurer - Nicola Harvey  
School Council Representative - Lou Will

We are all excited about many events ahead for this year. If you have any ideas, questions or comments for the PFA, please do not hesitate to email greythornpfa@gmail.com. You do not have to be a “member” of the PFA to contribute ideas, support events or be involved.

You can now purchase your tickets for the Mothers’ Day High Tea on Friday 15th April at 11am at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Go to http://www.trybooking.com/KOSP to reserve your place. We also welcome any donations that could be used for fundraising at this event.

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**IT’S NEARLY HOT CROSS BUN TIME!!!**

Greythorn Primary PFA, supported by Bakers Delight Whitehorse Road, Balwyn are pleased to offer our families the chance to order hot cross buns for Easter, raising funds for the school at the same time.

The hot cross buns will come in packets of 6 at a cost of $7. This is the bakery counter price. For every packet sold, the school will receive $1.50 from Bakers Delight.

An order envelope has already been sent home with your eldest child. Please return your order, WITH EXACT MONEY, to school by no later than Wednesday 16 March. The buns will be delivered and distributed at school on Wednesday, 23 March.

We thank Bakers Delight Balwyn for their assistance in this fundraiser.

Should you require any further information, please contact Kate at klocke@iinet.net.au

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Bakers Delight Balwyn  
377 Whitehorse Road  
Balwyn Vic 3103
RICHMOND at GPS!

Four of the mightiest Richmond players paid a visit to Greythorn Primary School. The players who came were Ivan Maric (20), Liam McBean (34), Todd Elton (43) and Ben Griffiths (24). They spoke to us about their diets, sportsmanship and what they do for a living. Grace and Piera 5N

At the end of their talk, we lined up to get our merchandise signed. All four players signed my jumper and football. I was so excited as I didn’t have their signatures! Cooper B 5P

I got my Richmond bag signed by all the players. They were all very friendly. Go The Tigers! Allan 5N

I was really excited to see my favourite players. They don’t have much in common outside footy but they play well together as a team.
Lachlan 5J

Oh we’re from Tigerland
A fighting fury we’re from Tigerland
In any weather you will see us with a grin
Risking head and skin
If we’re behind, we’ll never mind
We’ll fight and fight and win
Oh where from Tigerland

We never weaken till the final siren goes
Like the tigers of old
We’re strong and we’re bold
Oh we’re from Tiger
- YELLOW AND BLACK -
Oh we’re from Tigerland!
Year 5 Log Cabin Camp, Creswick

Sovereign Hill
Life Skills Program

Year 3 and 4 Term One and Two 2016

Beginning Week 4 Term 1 Wednesday / Thursday
1. 17th/18th Feb
2. 24th/25th
3. 2nd/3rd Mar
4. 9th/10th Mar
5. 16th/17th

Continuing Week 3 Term 2 Wednesday / Thursday
1. 27th/28th April
2. 4th/5th May
3. 18th/19th May
4. 25th/26th May
5. 1st/2nd June

Free Family Sessions
To ensure that our students take what they learn in class and integrate those skills into their everyday lives, we will be inviting their families at the end of Term 2 to a free family session. Parents and carers will be invited to attend and will learn techniques and exercises to try at home with the children.

Training teachers to teach their students to:

- Relax and center
- Focus and concentrate
- Be self-aware and responsible
- Manage anxiety
- Use mindfulness techniques

Through their participation in a series of interactive, progressive lessons students develop their self-awareness, increase impulse control, focus and empathy.

This program combines visual and auditory stimuli with physical movement exercises which will promote:

- Self-discipline
- Improved confidence, resilience and respectful behaviour techniques
- Stronger communication skills
- Improved response to physical change and peer pressure
- Increased balance, posture and natural flexibility
- Increased empathy & understanding of others

The Healthy Life Skills Program enables classroom teachers to build awareness and develop effective social, emotional, health and wellbeing skills in the classroom. This program equips teachers with a range of practical skills, mindfulness techniques and relaxation strategies. It assists teachers’ understanding of how to develop their student’s physical agility, ability to relax, focus and concentrate within the classroom.

The student sessions provided within this program supports our Term One Inquiry Unit “Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies”.

The cost is $24.00 per Term. The total cost of $48.00 will replace any excursions for Terms One and Two and the Life Education Program in Term 3.
# HOUSE T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

ORDERS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE

BY Wednesday 9th March

Student Name: ___________________________ Class: ___________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

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Payment Method: Cheque / Cash / Credit Card   Please make cheques payable to: Greythorn Primary School.

Some samples will be available at the office for you to help with sizing selection.

Please choose carefully as we only refund items that are faulty within 30 days of return. We cannot exchange as all goods are made to order so please ensure that you check sizing prior to purchase.

For all enquiries please contact Karinda Barnard-Brown (karindabb@gmail.com)
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.

CAMPS, 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

Application forms can be obtained from the office.
Year 3 Dinner

For parents and teachers from all Year 3 classes

Wednesday 23rd March 7:30pm
Dunyazad Lebanese Restaurant
329 Doncaster Road, Balwyn North

Banquet Menu
($45 per head or $44 for vegetarian)

BYO wine

3A - Kate Locke - klocke@iinet.net.au
1B - Stella Axup - saxup@deloitte.com.au
3MW - Danielle Brown - danielle.brown7@gmail.com
3R - Jodi Russell - jodisarahrussell@gmail.com
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 member’s 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.

In the last 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. Our safety poster competition and stress ball making activity was a hit and children were enjoying the activity throughout. This week is our sports week, where we will be doing lots of sports challenges and group games which will teach children about being fair, helping others and learning good sportsmanship.

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 running a Pupil free day on Friday 11th March, so if you haven’t booked your children in yet please ensure that you book them in ASAP before it’s too late. Casual booking charges may incur for last minute booking.

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 😊

Kind regards,
Rashmi

Hope to see you at OSHClub soon!

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0411 392 707
Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi
Assistants: Kate, Grace, Lachlan
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.
Mother's Day High Tea

Greythorn Primary School

Celebrate the significant women in our lives

Mother's Day High Tea

Inviting all mums and significant women in the Greythorn Primary community

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
489 Glenferrie Road. Kooyong VIC 3144
Friday 15 April 2016
11 am
$60 pp includes high tea and glass of bubbles.

RSVP by March 31 at
http://www.trybooking.com/KOSP

Any questions, please email
liddelldawes@gmail.com
COME AND
CELEBRATE WITH US
AT THE EASTER WORKSHOP
FOLLOWED BY A PERFORMANCE BY YOUR CHILDREN

All are invited to a performance by your children at 5:15pm.

FOR PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN
3:45 - 5:30 TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH 2016
AT Koonung Heights Uniting Church

Come at 6thavenue and Windmill Road - (about 5km from the Balwyn East shopping centre)
Combining: Song, dance, story and craft into a spontaneous pop-up performance by the children, telling the Easter story and celebrating the courage, love and healing which gives new life.

Easter Egg hunt begins at 3:55
5:15PM POP-UP PERFORMANCE
Parents are invited to come (or stay) at 5:15pm to watch the pop-up performance by your children.
email: koonungheightsuniting@gmail.com

‘Playing, Growing, Learning’

FRIEND STREET KINDERGARTEN

Friend Street Kindergarten offers 3 & 4 year old programs led by dedicated and experienced educators. This service is “Exceeding the National Quality Standards”. Enrolment applications accepted now.

5 FRIEND STREET, MONT ALBERT NORTH 3129
9857 6583
friend.st.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
Educational Leader: Jane Bliss
Falcons Season Launch!
& 2016 Jumper Presentation
Sunday 20th March - Greythorn Park 10.00am - 12.00pm
Fun activities for the whole family - Everybody welcome

Fly with the FALCONS in 2016
Currently accepting registrations

- Under 8s - Under 17s
- Auskick for kids 5 & up
- Skills coaching
- Modified rules for youngsters
- Fun family atmosphere

- Kid’s footy fun
- New families welcome

For more info or to register on-line
for both Auskick and Falcon’s team footy visit -
greythornfalcon.com.au
After School Program
Term 2

For Grades 1 to 6
8 sessions, Tuesdays, starting on 12 April
4pm to 5.30pm
Greythorn Primary School (Hall)

Come play and learn with lego robotics,
Sphero (the inspiration behind BB-8 in Star Wars), Ozobots, and more!

Enrol online at www.techkids.com.au
For more information contact Karen Teo
Email karen@techkids.com.au
Phone 04 33183695

Our after-school workshops aim to extend the student’s learning in Science, Technology and Mathematics.

- The workshops are designed to allow students to learn with the latest innovations in educational technology.
- We teach by utilising the hands-on method where the students learn to be independent and learn by doing.
- In our workshops, we cover the basic principles of robotics and programming.

Students will have fun building, experimenting and learning at the same time!

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