PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last night the Greythorn School Council held its Annual General Meeting and met for the first time as the 2016 School Council. The complete list of councillors and office-bearers is as follows:

Parent Representatives: Rob Camm (President), Cameron Brown (Vice President), Karen Teo, Karen Dickson, Carol Keefe, Geraint Gibbin, Frank Koukounas and Kate Gunton.

Department of Education & Training Representatives: Kathy Verbi, Liz Miller, Denise Hartigan, Ken Darby and the Principal (Executive Officer).

Additionally, Lou Will was co-opted as PFA representative.

Thank you to all those interested parents and teachers who now comprise the new council.

Parents are advised that Geoff Agnew has notified the Regional Director and School Council President of his intention to retire from the Department of Education and Training, effective from the end of Term Two. Geoff's outstanding forty-six year contribution to education has included sixteen years at Greythorn, the last fifteen as Principal. Although Geoff will not return to work as Principal prior to his retirement, staff and parents are already discussing plans to honour his service and commitment to the school. I have agreed to stay on next term at the school while a principal selection process is initiated by the Regional Office.

Our teachers had an extremely productive day last Friday. As part of our Strategic Plan, we completed some in-depth planning of a Peer Observation program. This initiative will involve teachers visiting another classroom to observe teaching and give feedback to a colleague, with the aim of improving teacher practice and, ultimately, student learning. The program begins in Term 2.

The Year 6 camp students have arrived at their Portsea camp and are enjoying perfect weather for beach-side activities. Thank you to those staff who have organised and are attending the camp: Narelle Sime, Janice Miller, Megan Stewart-North, Daniel Zito, Helen Karvela, Matt Baker and Kylie Batten, as well as two pre-service teachers, Rita and Matthew. We used our Compass email system to update Year 6 parents yesterday. If there is any change to the return time of campers, our new SMS system for contacting parents will convey details to parents on Friday.

Finally, congratulations to Daniel Zito and some of our students who were involved in the launch of the MyGolfSchool Ambassador Program in March. This initiative, developed by Golf Australia and the PGA of Australia, makes golf more accessible for students. Read more here.

Kind regards,
Kim Dray
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The annual CSEF amount per student is $125 for primary school students.

To apply, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

Admin News

Statements

The Department of Education and Training has revised guidelines for parent payments and the issue of family statements. Schools can follow up notices issued to families with a statement once a term. Family statements will be sent home next week.

Statements are a useful tool to advise parents of outstanding family contributions, balance to pay for families who have chosen option B or C payment methods, and credits available to the family.

For families who have applied for the CSEF, the available balance for excursions or incursions will show on your family statement.

Every family has a unique Bpay reference number, this is clearly printed on the statement. Greythorn Primary School is able to offer parents a number of options for paying family contributions and excursion/incursion notices: Compass, BPay, eftpos, credit card, cash (in a clearly labelled and sealed envelope) and cheque.

Ricarda Lillis
Business Manager

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.
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Events
Please click on the “Event Consent/Payment required” if it is showing on your home page.
Please note - there will be no Honey Soy Chicken until Term 2.

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 17th March to Wednesday 13th April 2016.

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House Points

HOUSE POINTS LEADER BOARD
1st - Woods
2nd - Wright
3rd - Gardener
4th - Allen

Keep gathering those house points to see your team at the top!

Allie, Kayla
Allen Vice Captain and Woods Captain

School Banking

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO BANKING NEXT WEEK. School Banking will resume in the first week of Term 2.

Thank you to Michelle from the Commonwealth Bank for visiting us last week to allow students to open new Dollarmite accounts. Please return any new account applications to the Office for processing.

We congratulate 1W, 1T and 1B who have shared the banking trophy this week in a three way tie.

Don't forget also….

WIN A WILDLIFE FAMILY ADVENTURE HOLIDAY TO AUSTRALIA ZOO!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw.

Tanya, Dave and Kate
School Banking Co-ordinators (klocke@iinet.net.au)
Mothers’ Day High Tea

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](http://www.trybooking.com/KOSP) to reserve your place. We also welcome any donations that could be used for fundraising at this event.
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

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.

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

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.
Program Update

Hello Everyone!

Last week we celebrated sports week by playing lots of group games, outdoor and indoor sports. With the help of our group games, children learned how to be a good sport by appreciating the fun in games rather than worrying about winning or losing. They showed amazing sportsmanship and optimism during team play. We could see all our grade 4 and grade 5 children helping and mentoring our preps and grade 1’s. It was a week full of fun, learning, helping and accepting each other’s abilities.

We had a great afternoon with Harry from Head Office who ran an obstacle course on Thursday last week - nearly all of the children at Aftercare participated and won prizes after successful completion.

Next week we will be doing all fun Easter activities which involve making Easter cards, Easter egg hunt, making Easter bunny rabbits, and not to forget our week’s special baking of Easter Hot cross buns.

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 re-arranging our OSH room so if you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to give them.

That’s it from us this week,
Rashmi Gandhi
Greythorn Co-Coordinator

OSH program phone: 0411392707
Assistants: Grace, Kate, Lachlan, Helen
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

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.
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.

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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.
Dunyazad
Fine Middle Eastern Cuisine

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

3F - Kate Locke - klocke@iinet.net.au
1H - Stella Axup - saxup@deloitte.com.au
3MV - Danielle Brown - danielle.brown7@gmail.com
3R - Jodi Russell - jodisarahrussell@gmail.com

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‘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 -
greythornfalcons.com.au
REGISTER NOW

PLAY ON AFTER THE BELL!

A fun, professionally run after-school care AFL program for boys & girls of all ages.

WHERE: AT YOUR SCHOOL (Go to After School Care)
WHEN: EVERY THURSDAY STARTING 21 APRIL

Play On Tooty, powered by NAB AFL Auskick, provides every school AFL endorsed staff to ensure your child is given the greatest opportunity to develop their AFL skills and enjoy active sports participation.

The cost of the program for each family may reduce depending on your Child Care Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefit (CCB) entitlements.

Register now at: playonsports.com.au/register
GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

EURO 2016 SOCCER

SOCCER CRAZY? Join me a former professional at Southampton Football club in the premier league and currently the captain of Helderberg United in the NPL for after school soccer training, I will be working on all the skills required to become a better soccer player. First touch, passing, dribbling, shooting are just a few aspects we will be learning and putting them into match play. So hurry up to secure your place as they are limited.

WHEN: Tuesday
COMMENCING: 19/4/16
CONCLUDING: 21/6/16
TIME: 3.35pm – 4.35pm
YEAR LEVELS: 2 – 6
COST: $120

AWESOME SPORTS

TEEBALL - DODGEBALL – AFL – BASKETBALL - HOCKEY

This program is a great way to challenge and improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a fun environment. We aim to develop and enhance ball skills, catching, kicking, throwing, co-operative skills and teamwork while improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination and spatial awareness. The program offers an introduction to 5 popular sports over the course of 10 weeks.

WHEN: Tuesday
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TIME: 3.35pm – 4.35pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4
COST: $120

Simply go to www.kellysports.com.au enter your post code and enrol from there or fill out the below enrolment form & send with a cheque or credit cards details to:
PO BOX 480, ELWOOD, 3184

ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Champions league Soccer (after school) ☐ Awesome Sports (after school)

School: ________________________________ Year Level: __________________

Name: ________________________________ Room No: __________________

Address: ________________________________ Post Code: __________________

Phone: ________________________________ Mobile/Work: __________________

Email: ________________________________ Medical Conditions: __________________

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child? ☐ Go to after care ☐ Get collected

Parents’ consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Camberwell from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Caregiver name: ________________________________ Signature: __________________

Amount Paid: __________________ Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Master card

Card Number: __________________________ Expiry Date: __________/________ CVV: __________

THINGS TO KNOW
Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider
Don’t leave forms at the School Office
Spaces are limited so please make sure you enrol online or return form to Kelly Sports.

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