PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

With Education Week just around the corner, we invite grandparents to visit us on Thursday May 19. Children love to have their grandparents visit them at school and happily ‘share them’ with other students. Grandparents are invited to sign in at the office from 1:50 p.m. and, after visiting their chosen classes, join our PFA for afternoon tea in the hall at 2:45 p.m.

On Friday, we held an ANZAC Day ceremony. Our school captains, Georgia and Oliver, delivered an informative and sensitive speech about the history and importance of this day. While Prep - Year 5 students listened, Year 6 students gathered at the flag pole, and were invited to bring a flower to lay during the commemoration. Many students did so and I was very proud of the respect they demonstrated.

Finally, our environment captains, Amelie and Will, planted an Aleppo pine tree. This small tree was grown from the seed of a tree at the Australian War Memorial, which in turn was grown from seed of the Lone Pine, the remaining tree left on Lone Pine Ridge in Gallipoli. The story of the special Aleppo pine can be found on the War Memorial’s website here. We hope that our Aleppo pine tree eventually reaches its adult height of 20 metres, providing a living memorial. Thank you to our Year 6 teachers, Ken Darby and our Year 6 students for leading this special event, Cheryl Williams, Krystina Verhagen and Daniel Zito for organising the Aleppo pine and all those parents who assisted their children with flowers and floral arrangements.

Parents are advised that Parent Teacher meetings are tentatively scheduled for the afternoons & evenings of August 2 and 4, unless your child’s teacher is on leave at that time (in which case, alternative dates will be provided). This completes the term-by-term cycle initially conveyed to parents in the February 10 newsletter and now updated as follows:

The school follows a cycle of reports and meetings as follows:
Term 1 Meet the Teacher: Initial parent-teacher meetings.
Term 2 and 4: Reports are sent home at the end of term.

Between the Term 2 and 4 written reports, parent teacher meetings are held again. In 2016, these will be held on August 2 and 4 for most teachers. This meeting offers parents an opportunity to discuss their child’s progress since the June report was written.

If you have concerns at any time, please feel welcome to arrange a meeting with your child’s teacher. Appointments with all staff can be arranged by phoning or emailing our office.

Students in Years 5 and 6 are participating in the Attitudes to School survey this week. This annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students, conducted by the Department of Education and Training, assists schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and all responses are anonymous.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3 and used to inform our Annual Report and Annual Implementation Plan. We hope your child enjoys this opportunity to give us feedback. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

If your child is starting Prep at Greythorn in 2017, please enrol now. In order for us to make informed decisions regarding class sizes, requests from families outside our neighbourhood area and our staffing needs, we ask all parents to enrol 2017 students. We’d also like your child to join us for our full transition program starting in May, so please contact our office to start the enrolment process.
Finally:

- Thank you to all those teachers involved in planning or attending last week’s fantastic Year 4 camp: Kathy Verbi, Caroline Eva, Mel Darby, Liam Santamaria, Daniel Zito, Catia Durante and Rachel Wallace, as well as brave parents Frank Aromataris, Scott Whitely, Lilly Ling and Michael Tarrant.

Kind regards,
Kim Dray

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**Sports News**

**GPS Fun Run and Cross Country - Training Tips**

For all the information you need on the Fun Run and Cross Country, go to [gpsphysed.weebly.com/cross-country](http://gpsphysed.weebly.com/cross-country)

1 and a half weeks to go!

These training tips weekly will help you reach your goal at the GPS Fun Run and Cross Country.

A good goal would be to run the entire distance without having to slow to a walk.

Throughout the school week there are many chances to run in Phys. Ed, Sport, Recess and Lunchtime. To continue your training though, go for 1 more run this weekend, either Saturday or Sunday. Aim for this distance:

- Prep: 450m
- Grade 1: 700m
- Grade 2: 900m
- 10 & under: 1.8km
- 11y.o: 2.75km
- 12 & over: 2.75km

This is about as far as you need to run in your training. If you can run this distance then you know it is just a tiny bit further for the complete run. Try to run these training runs at a speed where you are very tired by the end, but not so fast that you have to slow to a walk at any stage. Check here again next week for your final challenge!

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**Artsfest News**

**Artsfest is Coming!**

Every three years at Greythorn we hold a week long celebration of the Arts and we are pleased to announce this year’s Artsfest theme – ‘Up Up and Away, the Sky's the Limit!’ This theme lends itself to many aeronautical explorations as well as the opportunity to expand our limits of personal possibilities. The Specialist team are busy planning a very exciting, stimulating and inspiring week of learning which students will prepare for during the next two terms. Artsfest will be held in Term 3 from 29th August – 2nd September. Its bound to be a blast!

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**Music News**

**Boroondara Eisteddfod**

The Senior Choir will be singing at the Boroondara Eisteddfod on Friday 6th May at the Hawthorn Arts Centre. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. There is a small entry fee for audience members ($8.50 Adults, $5.00 Concession/child, $17.50 Family- 2 adults/2 children). The venue address is 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn and the session begins at 10.00am. Students will wear their choir uniform for this performance and these are currently being distributed to new choir members.

Joy Odou
Music Teacher
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Please click on the “Event Consent/Payment required” if it is showing on your home page.
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 21st April to Wednesday 4th May 2016.

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School Banking

Thank you to all our bankers who have been busy ordering their reward items. The items available at the moment are:

- Flying Snake Tail (whilst stocks last – from Term 1)
- Wildlife Writer Set (whilst stocks last – from Term 1)
- Mud Splat Handball and
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

Rewards are ordered from the Bank every Wednesday and are generally received by the next week. Just remember you need 10 silver tokens to qualify for a reward item. If you have any queries about your reward item, or any other banking issue, please email the banking co-ordinators or include a note in your deposit book on a Wednesday.

Well done to 1T for taking out the Banking trophy for this week!

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

School Photos

The Special Group Photos are available to order and are displayed in the office. If your child is an Art Captain, Environmental Captain or Music Captain etc the order envelopes are at the office. The close off for ordering is the 13th May. Please see information further on in the newsletter.
Welcome to Greythorn Primary School.
Starting school is an important time for children and their families. It’s a time for children and families to adjust to new roles, identities and expectations, becoming familiar with our school and developing and new relationships.
At Greythorn Primary School we provide a range of activities to support children and families through this transition.

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| Wednesday Mornings 9.45am during School Terms | School Tours  
Bookings through our office #9857 9762 |
| Term 2 Kinder Visits          | We have strong relationships with our local kindergartens.  
Our year 3 students visit kinders throughout the term. |
| Monday 9th May 2016 at 7:00pm in the School Hall | 2017 Prep Information Sessions and School Tours |
| Saturday 14th May 2016 at 9:30am in the School Hall | 2017 Prep Information Sessions and School Tours |
| Wednesday 18th May 2016        | Story Time in the Library and an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal  
Limited places. Bookings through www.trybooking.com available in April  
More information on the school website |
| 15th-21st May 2016            | Education Week  
An opportunity to visit the school  
More information on the school website |
| 29th August-2nd September 2016| Greythorn Artsfest  
An opportunity to visit the school and see the Arts program. Dates and times to follow.  
More information on the school website |
| August 31st 2016              | Enrolments for 2017 Prep Students in Boroondara Primary Schools are due |
| Session 1-Group 1: Tuesday 25th October 2016 | Prep Transition Sessions  
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)  
*Information packs provided |
| Session 1-Group 2: Wednesday 26th October 2016 | Prep Transition Sessions  
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)  
*Information packs provided |
| Session 2-Group 1: Tuesday 15th November 2016 | Prep Transition Sessions  
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)  
*Information packs provided |
| Session 2-Group 2: Wednesday 16th November 2016 | Prep Orientation Day  
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)  
Meet the teacher |
| Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 9:15am in the School Hall | Prep Orientation Day  
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)  
Meet the teacher |
STORY TIME
IN THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2016

Greythorn Primary School is offering Story Time sessions for pre-schoolers in the school Library with our Prep teachers. During the 45 minute session, the children will be engaged in an interactive story. Parents will also have an opportunity to meet with the Principal.

Join our morning 9:15am session or afternoon 2:30pm session.

Places are limited; tickets only required for children.

This session is for children aged **4 years and above**, parents are required to stay at school during the session.

Bookings open 9am Monday 11th April 2016.

**SESSION TIMES**

*Session 1*: 9:15-10:00am  *Session 2*: 2:30–3:15pm

Bookings open online on Monday 11th April at 9:00am

**Bookings:**  [https://www.trybooking.com/193549](https://www.trybooking.com/193549)

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A positive and smooth transition for your child at Greythorn Primary School

Greythorn Primary School

Reading Avenue, Balwyn North 3104

Phone: 9857 9762  Fax: 9857 8175

Email: greythorn.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Website:  [www.greythornps.vic.edu.au](http://www.greythornps.vic.edu.au)
Greythorn Primary School is fortunate to belong to the Dough Raiser Program at Bakers Delight Balwyn.

**How the Dough Raiser Program works**

1. Each time a family makes a purchase with Bakers Delight Balwyn, simply tell the bakery staff **AT THE START OF THE TRANSACTION** that they are from Greythorn Primary so that the sale can be recorded electronically. The sales attributed to our school are totalled at the end of each year and **5%** is then given to the school via cheque or electronic payment.

This Program is on all Bakers Delight products and has no time limit.

This is a great fundraising opportunity for Greythorn Primary and we appreciate the support of our local school community by Bakers Delight Balwyn.

Greythorn Primary PFA
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.
Order an Entertainment™ Membership and support Greythorn Primary School

We’re fundraising with entertainment™

We’re very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your NEW 2016/2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our School.

Order your new Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership before 26 April 2016 and you will receive over $160 worth of additional offers that you can use right away!

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, café, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more.

ORDER FROM US TODAY

Available as a traditional Entertainment Book - or - Digital Membership on your smartphone, your Membership gives you over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2017!

“The Entertainment Book is such great value! We’ve discovered so many new favourite restaurants and attractions while saving!”

Nancy P. (Via Facebook)

Greythorn Primary School
Annette Lawrie njlawrie2@csc.com.au

Thank you for your support!
OPEN DAY
Saturday 21st May 2016, 10am - 12pm
Cnr Midvale Ave & Turnley St, North Balwyn

Come and experience Boroondara Preschool, where children learn and grow through positive play in a stimulating indoor and expansive outdoor learning environments.

For enrolment enquiries please contact
City of Boroondara on 9278 4444
The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria, Inc presents a professional development workshop for teachers and practitioners working with children with Ruth Rosalion, Clinical Psychologist working in Private Practice

Overview

This workshop will describe and explain the origins and “red flag” symptoms of Separation Anxiety Disorder, with reference to formal DSM-5 criteria. Psychological assessment measures and methods will be discussed, including child-friendly play and game orientated materials. Details will be provided of a comprehensive, evidence-based cognitive behavioural treatment program, and will include a workshop outline, references and resources. Read more

Target audience

The session will be suitable for professionals working with children in a variety of settings, and will address the needs of teachers tackling school refusal. Parents grappling with the strain and distress of trying to help their child suffering from Separation Anxiety Disorder would also benefit from this workshop.

About the presenter

Ruth has worked in adult and child mental and medical health settings in Australia and in the United States as well as holding a post as a school counsellor. Currently Ruth is in private practice in Heidelberg, working across the life span with children, adolescents, adults and families. Special interests include anxiety disorders and autism spectrum disorders.

Ruth is committed to ongoing professional development and also in developing the skills of trainee psychologists, having taught at three universities and supervised many postgraduate Masters and Doctoral students in their clinical work.

Ruth is a Member of the Australian Psychological Society, APS Clinical College and the APS Interest Group in Child, Adolescent and Family Psychology, and further holds membership of the Australian Psychologists and Counsellors in Schools Association (APACS). Ruth is registered with the National Psychology Board and holds registration for supervision of probationary psychologists. She is also a registered Medicare provider. Most of all, Ruth loves practicing as a clinician and working alongside people to help them make positive changes to their lives.
Professional Development Program: Separation Anxiety in Children

Half-day Interactive Workshop

Please note:

APS Members can accrue Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours by participating in CPD activities that they determine to be relevant to their individual professional skills, learning plans and goals. These may be self-initiated. CPD activities do not need to be endorsed by the APS.

| Date:       | Monday 2nd May 2016  
|            | 10.00am to 3.00pm (9.30am registration) |
| Presenter  | Ruth Rosalion |
| Venue:     | Knox City Council (Function Room 3)  
|            | 511 Burwood Hwy  
|            | Wantirna South, VIC 3152 |
| Additional Details: | • Presentation handouts and Reference Materials  
|            | • Morning tea and lunch provided |
| Cost:      | • Standard Fee $225.00  
|            | • Early Bird Price (payment must be received by 1 March 2016) $200.00  
|            | • ADAVIC MEMBER $200.00  
|            | (*ADAVIC does not charge GST) |
| Bookings: | • Limited to 25 professionals  
|            | • Bookings close Friday 22 April 2016 |
| Bookings through ADAVIC via: | • Our online store: [click here](#)  
|            | • Or for a registration form see bottom of document |
| Enquiries through: | Phone: (03) 9853-8089  
|            | Email: [adavic@adavic.org.au](mailto:adavic@adavic.org.au) |

Proceeds from this event help to maintain ADAVIC services

ADAVIC is a not-for-profit organisation providing community-based support, information and resources for anxiety and depression
Tuning Into Teens™
Parenting Program

Six week parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 10-18 years.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking to your teen?
- Be better at understanding your teen?
- Help your teen to learn how to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Boroondara Youth Services in partnership with Camcare is offering

A FREE COURSE to parents who are residing in Boroondara
The program is commencing Wednesday 25th May 2016.

For more information and program details, please contact Vanessa Virgato on 9835 7824 or Vanessa.virgato@boroondara.vic.gov.au.
2016 Special Group Photos
Ordering Options

Dear parents and students,

Greythorn Primary School SPECIAL GROUP PHOTOS have been taken

ONLINE ORDERING Your child’s special group photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SPECIAL GROUP PHOTO ORDERING $17.00 EACH
- Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device Click Here
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code [BKZYKQXSD]
- Step 2: Click on the Group Photos tab (top of the page)
- Step 3: Choose the groups you would like to order from the list
  (left side of the page, you can view them at this point)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE – SPECIAL PRICE $14.00 EACH

ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR PAYMENT WITH CASH/CHEQUE
- Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
- Step 2: Order Details: Complete the order 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 is given under any circumstances
- Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's special group photo order.
info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133
Advancedlife Team
PLUGGED IN: KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SCREEN SAFE

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD GETS UP TO ONLINE?

Join three of Melbourne’s leading experts on cyber safety and learn tips on how to keep them safe.

This free forum will showcase:

SUSAN MCLEAN:
Australia’s leading expert in the area of cyber safety.

STEVEN DUPON:
Expert on gaming and its impact on young people.

JEREMY SHUB:
Supports young people and their families experiencing problematic technology use.

When: Tuesday 24 May 2016, 7pm to 8.30pm
Where: Auburn High School, Burgess St, East Hawthorn

Light refreshments will be served from 6.30pm onwards. The night will conclude with an opportunity for questions. Parents of young people aged 10 to 14 years are encouraged to attend.

To RSVP, please visit http://screensafe.eventbrite.com.au or contact the Community Planning and Development Department on 9278 4753.