

GREYTHORN READING

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GREYTHORN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Edition 12– 10th May 2017

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's A Boy

Congratulations to Krystina Simpson and her partner Oshi, on the birth of their son, Koa. He was born on Sunday, May 5 and weighed in at 2.7kg. Both Krystina and Koa are doing well and have now returned home. We look forward to meeting him in the near future.

Mothers' Day Stall

With such a wide range of wonderful products for sale last Friday, it was a difficult choice for many students when selecting items to purchase. But every student went away happy with their selections and excited about the prospect of presenting mum with the gifts on Sunday.

Once again, Anna Toth has done a magnificent job in organising such a wide range of excellent items for sale and coordinating. Sincere thanks to all of the PFA members who assisted with the organisation and coordination of the sale of items on the day.

District Cross-country

The school's district cross-country team is competing this Friday in the District Cross-country Carnival being held at Maclay Park. More than 70 students will be representing Greythorn Primary School and we wish them well and know that they will represent our school with pride and distinction. Thank you to Claire Knell for training and coordinating the team for this event.

Prep Information Sessions

The first of two information sessions this week was held last night in the Hall. For those in attendance it was an excellent opportunity for them to hear about the wonderful teaching and learning and programs that the school not only offers new prep students, but every student across all year levels. The second session is being held this Saturday morning at 9:30am.

Presentations were given by myself, Ken Darby, Narelle Sime, Terry Price and PFA president, Danielle Brown. Our school captains, Veronique and Tom also spoke with a speech they had written titled, 'Life At Greythorn'. Veronique and Tom did an outstanding job and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Many, many hours of work goes into promoting the school, conducting school tours, preparing information packs, liaising with local kindergartens and coordinating the prep transition program. I would like to thank in particular Narelle Sime who coordinates our transition program and the many hours of extra work involved in this. She is extremely well supported by her prep team colleagues, Juliette Browne, Andrea Bentley and Terry Price.

Thank you also to others who assisted with the information sessions including, Ken Darby, Joy Odou, Beck Birch, Helen Karvela, Danielle Brown and the Year 1 parents who supplied the food for supper.

Boroondara Eisteddfod

The Senior Choir is competing in the Boroondara Eisteddfod next Monday. They have been rehearsing intensely for this competition and are looking forward to showcasing their talents next week. The choir sang two songs at assembly this week and gave beautiful performances, so going by this, I am sure that they will diligently perform strongly on Monday. We wish them well and thank Mrs Odou for preparing the students so well for this event.

Education Week

A reminder that all grandparents, or special friends are invited to Greythorn Primary School on Wednesday, May 24 as part of Education Week celebrations. This will commence at 2pm when visitors will be able to tour the school and visit classrooms, which will then be followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. During afternoon tea the visitors will be entertained by the school choir.

Prep Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for Prep in 2018. If you are going to enrol your child at Greythorn for next year then we ask that you complete this task as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available online or via the school office. If you have any questions or queries about the enrolment process then the office staff are only too happy to assist you with enquiries.

If you would like to take a school tour then bookings for these can also be made via the school office.

*Andrew Searle
Principal*



**GPS PFA
BAKE SALE**

**FRIDAY
26TH
MAY
3:15-4PM**

**HOMEMADE
SWEETS**

**HOMEMADE
TREATS**

**BAKED
BY OUR
GRADE
3-4'S**

PIC-COLLAGE

The poster features a red and white checkered background. It includes images of chocolate-covered biscuits, lemon squares, colorful cupcakes, a round cake with a floral border, and brownies. The text is in a bold, black, serif font.



SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Wednesday	10 May	Yr 3 - 6	Naplan
Thursday	11 May	Yr 3 - 6	Naplan
Friday	12 May		District Cross Country
Saturday	13 May		Prep 2018 Information morning
Monday	15 May		Boroondara Eisteddfod—Senior Choir
Wednesday	17 May		Story Time (Transition) in the library
Sunday	21 May		Eisteddfod Final
Wednesday	22 May		Story Time (Transition) in the library
Tuesday	23 May	Yr 2 3MW 3SR	Year 2 Swimming until 2nd June Balwyn Kinder Visit 10 -10:30am Minifie park Kinder 10 -10:30am
Wednesday	24 May		Grandparents and special friend day 2pm
Thursday	25 May	3KA	Friend St Kinder visit 11:30am -12pm
Friday	26 May		3:30 PFA Parent cake stall after school
Tuesday	30 May	Yr 5 – 6	ICAS—Science Test
Thursday	1 June	3KA	Minifie Park Kinder visit 10 -10:30am
Tuesday	6 June	3SR	Balwyn East Kinder 10 -10:30am
Monday	12 June		Queen's Birthday public holiday
Tuesday	13 June	3KA	Balwyn East Kinder 10 -10:30am



Working with Children Check - a reminder for all parents:

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the Working with Children Act 2005 for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis.

All parent helpers in the school, as well as attending excursions and swimming, are now required to have a current Volunteer Working with Children Check and provide the details to our office.

The application process is available online. For more information, or to apply, see our website under the Parent Information tab.

Canteen Bites

Please find below the roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 11th May to Wednesday 31st May 2017.

New item Tuesday Special Lunch

Lasagna \$4.50

Lasagna plus garlic bread \$5.00

Hot MILO now available for \$2:00

Thursday 11th May	Katie
Friday 12th May	Monica Creedon
Monday 15th May	Young
Tuesday 16th May	Grace (9-11am)
Wednesday 17th May	Young
Thursday 18th May	Lydia Winstanley
Friday 19th May	Fiona Casey
Monday 22nd May	Young
Tuesday 23rd May	Grace (9-11am)
Wednesday 31st May	HELP NEEDED

Greythorn Primary School

**Parents who wish to enrol
siblings of existing GPS students**

For Prep 2018

PLEASE DO SO NOW

Please visit the office for an enrolment form

Music News

Boroondara Eisteddfod

The Senior Choir will be singing at the Boroondara Eisteddfod next Monday 15th May at the Hawthorn Arts Centre and we're getting excited! Thank you to those parents who have consented and paid on Compass – it will be open until midnight Wednesday 10th May to do so. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. There is a small entry fee for audience members (\$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 Concession, \$18.00 Family). The venue address is 360 Burwood Road Hawthorn and the session begins at 10.00am. Choir members will wear their choir uniform and need to arrive at the school Hall at 8:30am on Monday morning. We're looking forward to a fabulous performance!

Joy Odou
Music Teacher

Administration News

State Schools' Relief - Prep CSEF uniform support

All Prep parents who have applied for the CSEF grant, are entitled to a "Uniform pack"

Refer to the CSEF information in the newsletter to check your eligibility.

STUDENT BANKING

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



Thank you to Michelle from the Commonwealth Bank for visiting us at Assembly on Monday.

Don't forget that **Wednesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Well done to 4RB for taking out the Banking trophy for this week!

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

Greythorn Entertainment Book 2017

The new Entertainment Book will be available for pre-orders soon. If you've enjoyed the savings from the book this year, why not pre-order to qualify for the bonus vouchers. There are limited numbers available, and you need to pre-order before 31 March to qualify, however it's first in, first served!

Simply save the link below as a favourite & look out for the launch coming soon. Greythorn receives 20% from the sale of every book & digital membership, so jump in and support your school.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1896r19>



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2018 Prep Enrolment Information Sessions

Tuesday May 9, 7:00pm and Saturday May 13, 9:30am

Greythorn Primary School Hall

Story Time in the Library

Wednesday May 17 and Monday May 22

Details on the school website: www.greythornps.vic.edu.au

School tours available by appointment



Greythorn Primary School | Reading Avenue | Balwyn North | 3104

p: 98579762

| e: greythorn.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au



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Prep Transition Calendar for 2018 Preps

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 new relationships.

At Greythorn Primary School we provide a range of activities to support children and families through this transition.

Wednesday mornings 9:45am during School Terms	School Tours Bookings through our office ph. 9857 9762
Term 2 Kinder Visits	We have strong relationships with our local kindergartens, with our year 3 students visiting local kindergartens throughout the term and our nearby kindergartens invited to visit Greythorn
Tuesday 9th May at 7:00pm in the School Hall	2018 Prep Information Sessions and School Tours
Saturday 13th May 2017 at 9:30am in the School Hall	2018 Prep Information Sessions and School Tours
Wednesday 17th May 2017 Session 1: 9:15-10:00am Session 2: 2:30-3:15pm	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
Monday 22nd May 2017 Session 1: 9:30-10:15am Session 2: 2:30-3:15pm	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
16th-22nd May 2017	Education Week An opportunity to visit the school - the Prep classrooms will be open to visit on Wednesday morning via a school tour More information on the school website
Thursday 31st August 2017	Enrolment forms to be returned to the Greythorn Primary School office
Wednesday Transition Sessions 11th October, 18th October, 25th October, 1st November, 22nd November, 29th November	Prep Transition Sessions (for enrolled Prep 2018 children) *Information packs provided These sessions allow the children to see other areas of the school and meet the specialist teachers
Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 9:15am in the School Hall	Prep Orientation Day (for enrolled Prep 2018 children) Meet the teacher Parent information session

Story Time in the LIBRARY



Wednesday 17th May 2017

Monday 22nd May 2017

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 Wednesday 26th April 2017.

Session Times

Wednesday 17th May and Monday 22nd May 2017

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

Bookings open online on Wednesday 26th April at 9:00am

Online Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/269423>



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.ns@edumail.vic.gov.au

FATHER SON CAMP FOR YEARS 2 and 3 2017

Following on from the highly successful father daughter camp last year, we are delighted to offer the opportunity for Year 2 and 3 boys to enjoy a weekend away with their dads.



Camp Manyung Recreational Camp
Sunnyside Road, Mount Eliza



Saturday 14th October - Sunday 15th October

Total cost - \$140 per person

Includes one night accommodation, activities and 4 meals per person
(Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, Sunday lunch)

In order to secure the whole camp, there is a minimum amount of campers required, so please return the below form to school by the end of Term 1, 2017 and pay a deposit of \$50 per person to reserve your spot.

As this is parent-organised, and not a 'school camp', there will be no Greythorn teachers attending this camp. It is essential that children are accompanied by their own parent or guardian.

Queries : Patricia Ingram 0410 721 311 or pkahats@bigpond.com

Year 2 and 3 Father Son Camp 2017

Name of Child Camper: _____

Child's Class: _____

Name of Parent Camper: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment amount - **\$50 deposit per camper** (\$100 for a father and son)

Payment Method: Cash / Cheque / Credit Card ONLY

Credit card payments can be made at the school office.
(NO BPAY or Direct Credit payments please)

Make your move to the Chess Club!

Starts in week 5 on Wednesday the 17th in 5SP and 5RW all students are welcome.

Please pay at the office.

The fee for the 6 sessions will be \$66.00 per student.



Bakers Delight Balwyn
377 Whitehorse Road
Balwyn Vic 3103

Greythorn Primary School is fortunate to participate in the Dough Raiser Program at Bakers Delight Balwyn.

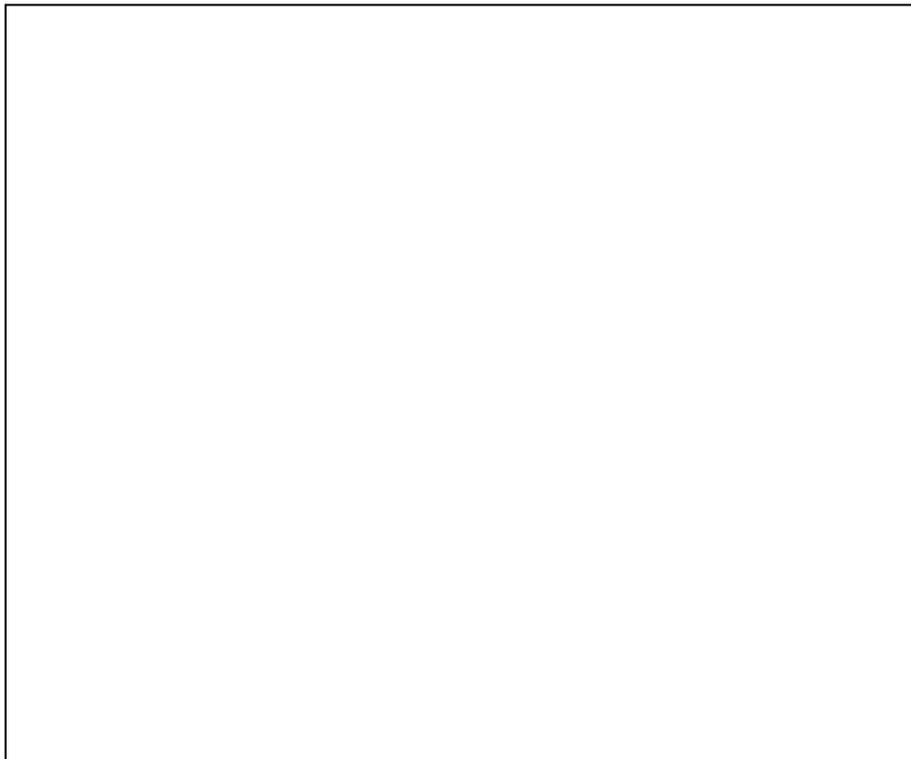
How the Dough Raiser Program works

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.
2. 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.

Please note that 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





AN INVITATION

Grade 2 Dinner

24 MAY (WED)
7:30PM

Doncaster Creek Tavern
14 Jackson Court
Doncaster East
Pls RSVP by 19 May
to your class rep



PLACE A LUNCH ORDER ONLINE THROUGHOUT
TERM 2 AND GO IN THE RUNNING TO WIN!



2 GOLD CLASS MOVIE TICKETS

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, REGISTER FOR ONLINE
ORDERS AT WWW.MYSCHOOLCONNECT.COM.AU/GREYTHORN

OR DOWNLOAD THE FREE MY SCHOOL CONNECT APP



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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

www.myschoolconnect.com.au/greythorn



KBH Brumbies Hockey

JUNIOR HOCKEY



Junior Teams winter 2017

- U10's through to u18's
- Mixed and Girls only teams
- Games Friday nights for U14, 16, 18's
- Saturday Mornings for U10, 12's
- Sunday mornings (term2) for 5- 7 Years old

Places still available for boys and girls for the current season.

Age groups are based on age as of 1/1/2017.

Where

- Home ground and training at Elgar Park,
- Corner Elgar & Belmore Road, Mont Albert North (47 B3)

Contact

- juniorsvp@kbhbrumbies.org.au
- further information www.kbhbrumbies.org.au



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from two
years of
age!

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Saturday 20th May, 10am - 12pm

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- No zoning rules apply • Experienced Educators

Balwyn East Kindergarten

2A Caravan St, Balwyn ☎ 9857 8710

✉ info@bek.vic.edu.au 🖱 www.bek.vic.edu.au





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email: memberservices@fireballtennis.com.au
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.

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



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