Many thanks to those families who joined us on Sunday morning at the Working Bee. The school looked fantastic for Education Week after planting, weeding, sweeping and general cleaning up. A large skip was filled with rubbish and a shelter shed cleared out as well.

A special thank you to the regular ‘drain cleaners’ who did such a terrific job. We appreciate the assistance of those parents, teachers and children who attended.

In the lead up to Education Week this week, it was a busy weekend at school, as we also held our second 2017 Prep Information session on Saturday. This was followed today by Storytime in the Library sessions for our incoming Preps. It is always a special time as we welcome these newest families into the school as part of our formal Kinder - Prep transition program. This includes visits by our Year 3 students to our main feeder kindergartens, as these students will become the Preps’ Year 4 buddies next year.

Tomorrow afternoon is Grandparents’ Day: an opportunity for grandparents to visit the school and their grandchildren during Education Week. We will welcome grandparents at the office to sign in from 1:50 p.m., before our student leaders escort them to classrooms. Following their class visit, grandparents are invited to join us for afternoon tea and a choir performance in the hall. Thank you in advance to our PFA for organising these refreshments.

With Technology as the theme for Education Week, it is timely to highlight our new Robotics Club. Catering for Year 5 and 6 students this term, this extracurricular activity is held on Tuesday lunchtimes (usually in the Discovery Centre) and, not surprisingly, has been over-subscribed. By all accounts these students are thoroughly enjoying learning how to build Lego robots, guided by Lorraine Howell.

Parents of students in Prep - Year 2 are advised that a date has been set for the Fun Run that was postponed last week. Please mark your diaries: Friday June 3rd from 1:00p.m. - 3:30p.m.

Junior School Councillors met yesterday with our architect to begin gathering student opinion on concepts for a new school master plan. Next week’s newsletter will contain more details about this process, which is a key element of our Annual Implementation Plan.

Last night School Council approved our fourth Student-free Day for 2016. This will be on Monday October 3rd (the first day of Term 4). School Council also ratified our Refunds Policy, which can be found on our website here.
Finally, congratulations to:

- those sixty students who represented Greythorn in the District Cross Country on Friday. Five of those students now move onto Division - what a great achievement!
- the Year 4 choir who sang an entertaining rendition of “When I Was Small” at Monday’s assembly;
- the helpful work experience students from Carey Grammar School who assisted us last week at Greythorn;
- Kay Gardner, who has secured a promotion to Business Manager at Ringwood Heights Primary School. We will certainly miss Kay’s friendly and welcoming smile after four years in the GPS office. Kay finishes this Friday. Thank you Kay and best wishes in your exciting new role.

Kind regards
Kim Dray

Sports News

Cross Country

60 students represented Greythorn at the North Balwyn District Cross Country Event. There were plenty of highlights, students showing real endeavour and enjoying the challenge. There were a number of unfortunate crashes which impacted some of our runners and this goes to show that in sport you have to expect the unexpected. Not every race will be your best but it’s how you go on to prepare for your next challenge that makes you a great athlete. We also had a lot of students achieving their personal best placing. Some of the more notable results were Jack M (2nd 9/10y.o. Boys), Sienna M (2nd 9/10y.o. Girls), Zahara M (6th 9/10y.o. Girls), Georgia G (1st 12/13y.o. Girls), Lia K (8th 12/13y.o. Girls). These students will now compete at the Boroondara Division Cross Country on June 2nd at Ruffey Lake.

Have a look at the photos from cross country later in this newsletter.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Noah (5J) who has been accepted into the 2016 State Gymnastics team. He will represent Victoria at the Australian Gymnastics Championships which run from May 23rd to June 4th. This is an incredible opportunity which he has worked hard to achieve. Greythorn wishes him all the best and we know he will represent our state with pride.

Interschool Sports

This week is the first round of the district winter interschool sports competition. We play Mont Albert Primary in a home match. Students selected from Years 5 and 6 will compete in Football, Soccer, Netball and Teeball. This is a great opportunity for students to be part of a team and exercise our values of Pride, Optimism, Integrity and Respect.

Prep to Year 2 Fun Run

A Prep to Year 2 Fun Run has been scheduled for Friday June 3rd from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Students will leave school at 1pm after eating lunch and walk to Greythorn Park.

A compass event will soon be released with all the necessary information and you will be able to provide consent. (June 10th will be used as a backup date in the case of severe weather)

Parent assistance is required to run this event - if you are able to help, please enter your name on this form: http://goo.gl/forms/7OL2iHedQHD74LNU2

School Banking

SCHOOL BANKING

Thank you to all our amazing bankers who opened a new account or made a deposit during Term 1. Due to your efforts, an amount of $711.67 has been received from the Commonwealth Bank by way of commission and other payments.

Congratulations to 3H for being this week’s winner of the School banking trophy.

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

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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 18th May to Wednesday 1st June 2016.

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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
Compass

The following excursions/incursions are now requiring parent consent and/or payment.

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Events
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    | 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| 2017 Prep Information Sessions and School Tours                                   |
| School Hall                  | 2017 Prep Information Sessions and School Tours                                   |
| Saturday 14th May 2016 at 9:30am | Story Time in the Library and an opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal |
| School Hall                  | Limited places. Bookings through www.trybooking.com available in April           |
| Wednesday 18th May 2016       | More information on the school website                                            |
| Session 1: 9:15-10:00am      | Education Week
An opportunity to visit the school
More information on the school website |
| Session 2: 2:30-3:15pm       | Greythorn Artsfest
An opportunity to visit the school and see the Arts program. Dates and times to follow.
More information on the school website |
| 15th-21st May 2016           | August 31st 2016
Enrolments for 2017 Prep Students in Boroondara Primary Schools are due          |
| 29th August-2nd September 2016| Prep Transition Sessions
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)
*Information packs provided |
| 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 Orientation Day
(for enrolled Prep 2017 children)
Meet the teacher |
| 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 |
On a perfect autumn morning – a balmy 16°C – we welcomed our extended GPS family to our second working bee for 2016. There was lots to do – sheds to be cleared, vintage furnishings to be disposed of, plants to be planted, branches to be trimmed, weeding, sweeping, and a general tidy up. There was much enthusiasm and eagerness to get gloves on and work done to make our school more appealing to students, staff and parents.

The walk to the stadium is greener…

The prep area is looking tidier…

Old school equipment was disposed of – with the help of parents, students and staff.
Many hands make light work; be it with friends or family …

Overall a great morning.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following parents, students, past students and GPS staff who helped on the day – a wonderful group of volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the morning:

Lee/Lowe (3H, 6N), Georges/Locke (3A, 5P), Winstanley (3MW 65), Williams (3H), Wongko (2B, 4D), Robb (1B, 4V), Kidd (4DE), Treip (1W, 3MW), Didelis (2SB, 4S, 6N), Dickson (5N), Pollak (6N), Casey-Summons (1S), Jao (1S), Yasiu (1W, 3A), He (5J) Moloney (3A, 4V) Dr Dray, Mr Darby, Mrs Darby, Ms Verhagen, Ms Howell (apologies if I have missed or misspelt your name.)

We would love to see more of the GPS family helping out at the working bees - our aim is to transform Greythorn Primary School’s grounds into one of the better looking grounds amongst the Boroondara schools. Your thoughts, ideas and man power are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at our next GPS Working Bee to be held on Sunday 11 September - enter the date into your diaries

GPS Working Bee – 15 May 2016
PREP CLASS AWARDS

May 16th 2016

Congratulations to this week’s Prep Class Award recipients for displaying persistence, confidence, getting along, and learning their Magic 100 Words!
Cross Country
COME & PLAY AT OUR
OPEN DAY

Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12pm
• Hamper Giveaway • FREE Sausage Sizzle & Coffee Cart
• No zoning rules apply • Experienced Educators

Balwyn East Kindergarten
2A Caravan St, Balwyn 09857 8710
info@belviek.edu.au • www.belviek.edu.au

FRIEND STREET
KINDERGARTEN
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 21st MAY
10am-12pm
5 FRIEND STREET, MONT ALBERT NORTH
Talk with our educators about your child
Meet our current committee and families
Play in our spacious playroom and playground

Open Day

Saturday 21 May, 10am - 12pm
The Merrell Kindergarten
92 Maud Street, Balwyn North

At The Merrell Kindergarten, we understand the importance of a positive start to your child's educational journey.
Join us on our open day and explore our centre, learn about our innovative educational programs and meet our dedicated educators.
For more information please call us on 9859 1259.

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
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

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Nancy P. (Via Facebook)

Greythorn Primary School
Annette Lawrie nlawrie2@csc.com.au

Thank you for your support!
Are you under 21 or 60+? Boroondara Arts is looking for you!

Share your memories of places in Boroondara with Australian theatre icon Evelyn Krape!

Be involved in an intergenerational oral history/theatrical experience

ONLY EIGHT SPOTS AVAILABLE

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Telling Tales is an intergenerational exploration of the relationship people have with place and history.

Older and younger residents of Boroondara are invited to participate in Telling Tales. The project entails oral history interviews and/or workshops where participants’ relationship with Boroondara is discussed and their memories and experiences of places of interest to them in the region are shared. These memories may be hilarious, poignant, celebratory or commemorative. Our Tale Tellers’ unique stories will enrich the city’s history while strengthening the community’s sense of place.

These interviews will be recorded by historian Dr Vivienne Nicholson and the stories shaped into a theatrical presentation by Evelyn Krape. Evelyn will lead the Tale Tellers in the performance of their stories as part of Telling Tales at Seniors’ Week in October 2016 at the Hawthorn Arts Centre, Hawthorn.

The Telling Tales oral history interviews can be held at a location convenient to you and/or at the Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn (bus parking available). The workshops and rehearsals will be held at the Hawthorn Arts Centre.

Project objectives:
- Have fun
- Strengthen self-expression
- Explore connection to place and community
- Provide an opportunity for intergenerational engagement
- Challenge age stereotypes
- Enhance positive views around ageing and young people

Telling Tales is a strategic and innovative project of Hot to Trot Productions, a collaboration between award winning actor/dramaturg Evelyn Krape and historian, Dr Vivienne Nicholson. Utilising oral history and theatre, this project aims to strengthen the connections between younger and older people and the broader community through the arts.