



**Edition 23 – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Thank you to all those families who responded to our request to **update family details**. Our busy office staff have almost completed this task and in time for the August schools census on Friday. As this important information impacts our school funding, we appreciate your support.

It has been great to hear of the latest developments in the new **Sensory and Friendship garden**. Due to the efforts of Karen D, Heidi R and Yelka M, planning is well underway for transforming the north-west corner of the school in Reading Avenue. The redeveloped area will include a quiet friendship area with seats, a sensory garden and the current vegetable and herb garden. Thank you to this group for all their work so far, which should go to School Council for approval soon.

We had a terrific turnout for last night's parent seminar, '**Protecting Kids Online**'. Thank you to parents Danielle B, Karol K, Carolyn C and Katherine D for organising this well-attended session. I'm sure many of our parents have a better understanding of the benefits and potential hazards of online activity after Catherine from KidProof detailed some fascinating insights and strategies.

Catherine suggests parents treat the web as a 'place', not a thing, and develop family rules for visiting it, just as you would if your children were physically visiting any public place. We urge families to have regular discussions about ways of staying safe online.

In trying to keep up with your e-savvy children, one useful resource for families is the Australian Government's [Social media services' safety centres website](#). It includes a parent-friendly overview of popular online sites, including Parent Tips and information.

Finally, congratulations to:

- Our Recorder and Percussion Ensemble. All of their persistence and practice was evident in the performance of a traditional French tune by Jon Madin, 'Shepherd's Dance', at Monday morning's assembly. Well done to our musicians, who played marimba, bass marimba, xylophone and treble recorder.
- Our Art captains, Shayna and Xavier, who have been displaying some new and beautiful student art works in the corridors. Looking fantastic!

Kind regards,

*Kim Dray*

### **BIKE RACKS**

The school bike racks have been relocated to a safer and more accessible area outside the staffroom window. Please remind your children to store their bikes and scooters there and secure their bike or scooter with a lock.



# SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Thursday	6 August	1W walk to Belmore Road Shops 11.10am-12.50pm
Thursday	6 August	3W to visit Friend Street Kinder 11.10am - 12.30pm
Thursday	6 August	1T walk to Belmore Road Shops 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Thursday	6 August	Garden Club at 1.00pm in the Gazebo
Friday	7 August	1A walk to Belmore Road Shops 11.10-12.50pm
Tuesday	11 August	UNSW ICAS Maths competition Year 3-6
Tuesday	11 August	2V walk to Belmore Road Shops 11.10am - 12.50pm
Wednesday	12 August	Group School Tour at 9.45am - please book at the office
Wednesday	12 August	3S visit Minifie Park ECC 10.50am - 12.00pm
Wednesday	12 August	2S walk to Belmore Road Shops 11.10am - 12.50pm
Wednesday	12 August	Chess Club in the Year 5 area at 1.00pm
Wednesday	12 August	PFA Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staffroom - All welcome
Thursday	13 August	Junior Hooptime - all day
Thursday	13 August	2B walk to Belmore Road Shops 11.10am - 12.50pm
Thursday	13 August	Garden Club at 1.00pm in the Gazebo
Friday	14 August	Hockey Division Semi Final
Friday	14 August	Chess Tournament at Weeden Heights Primary School
Friday	14 August	2A walk to Belmore Road Shops 11.10am - 12.50pm
Monday	17 August	Author Tristan Bancks visits Years 3 – 6
Tuesday	18 August	French Club at 1.00pm in the French Room
Tuesday	18 August	School Council Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staffroom
Wednesday	19 August	Group School Tour at 9.45am - please book at the office
Wednesday	19 August	Chess Club in the Year 5 area at 1.00pm (last session)
Thursday	20 August	3R to visit Friend Street Kinder 11.10am - 12.30pm
Thursday	20 August	Garden Club at 1.00pm in the Gazebo
Friday	21 August	<b>Curriculum Day - Student free day</b>
Saturday	22 August	Disco Bingo Night 7.00pm in the School Hall
Monday	24 August	Prep Swimming commences (concludes 4 September)
Monday	24 August	Waverley Music Eisteddfod - Senior Choir 11.30am-3.30pm
Wednesday	26 August	Group School Tour at 9.45am - please book at the office
Saturday	5 September	Working Bee

## iPads

### iPad reminders

Students are reminded to deliver their iPads to classrooms between 8.45am and 8.55am. If classrooms are unattended, students are to wait OUTSIDE instead of inside the corridor, as it becomes too crowded and noisy.

iPads are to remain inside satchels and are not to be used between school hours from 8.45am – 3.45pm unless they are under the direct supervision of classroom teachers for learning activities with school requested apps.

We thank parents for keeping all devices updated and charged ready to support your child's learning throughout the day.

## Scout Raffle

### School Raffle

Thank you very much to the families who have already sold their book of raffle tickets and also to those who have kindly taken extra books. We still have a number of extra books at the office. As soon as you have sold your tickets, it would be appreciated if you could return the **stubs** and money to the office as soon as possible.

**DON'T FORGET** – there are great incentive prizes to be won for the 2 highest ticket sellers, and all sold books go in the draw for the "Scouts Seller Prize", a chance to win an "A Grit Atom Scooter". So just call in and see me if you would like some extra books.

Ricarda Lillis  
Business Manager

## Music News

*Coming Up!*

*Year 4  
will be performing at Assembly next  
Monday 10th August*

**Students need to be on stage at 8.45am**

## Canteen Bites

Please find below the Roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 6th August to Wednesday 19th August 2015.

Thursday 6 August	Carolyn De Jong
Friday 7 August	Ana-Michelle Floros / Fiona Casey
Monday 10 August	
Tuesday 11 August	
Wednesday 12 August	HELP NEEDED
Thursday 13 August	HELP NEEDED
Friday 14 August	Monica Creedon
Monday 17 August	
Tuesday 18 August	
Wednesday 19 August	Marianne Diennes

If you are able to assist at all, please contact Lynne on 9898 3649 (After hours) or email [lynnescraft@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnescraft@hotmail.com). Thank you.

## Lost and Found

A stroller was left in the Prep area on Friday afternoon. Please come to the office to collect it.

A watch was found on Monday after school in the Year 6 area - if you have lost your watch please come to the office. You will have to correctly identify it.

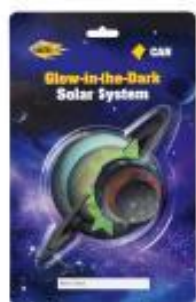
## School Banking

**School Banking - every FRIDAY except the last day of term.**

**SCHOOL BANKING TROPHY:** Extra special congratulations to **Grade 1W** for their first time as winners of the School Banking Trophy for last week. Well done to all our amazing bankers. Will we have another new winner this week?

**COMPETITIONS:** Don't forget that just 3 deposits this term automatically enters you in the running for hundreds of prizes including iPad minis, headphones and gift vouchers. If you achieve 25 or more deposits this year you will also be entered automatically into the trip to Disneyland competition.

**REWARDS:** In Term 3 you can choose from either a Cosmic Light Beam Torch or Glow in the Dark Solar System. The ET DVD, Planet Handball (almost gone), Intergalactic Rocket and Invisible Ink Martian Pens are still available to order. Rewards usually take one or two weeks to be received.



Kirrily, Elena & Kate  
School Banking Co-Coordiators  
[kirrily@turnbulls.co](mailto:kirrily@turnbulls.co)

## PFA News

### GRADE 6 MUMS LUNCH

Where: HELLENIC REPUBLIC KEW, 26 Cotham Road

When: Wed 12th August

Time: 12.15pm to 2.15pm

Cost: \$25 banquet lunch with the option to add ouzo for \$5! They will adjust for dietary requirements.

RSVP: Class reps Kate, Elena, Doris, Kirrily, Shannon

We hope to see you there!

## SIBLING ENROLMENTS 2016

**Greythorn Primary School**

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

**For Prep 2016**

**PLEASE DO SO NOW**

**Please visit the office for an enrolment form**





Last week the Preps enjoyed celebrating their  
'100 Days of Prep'.

During our Prep Assembly on Friday, each student received a special certificate to keep as a memento. The students pasted their certificate in their workbooks.

The Preps concluded their celebrations with a commemorative photo!



# Thank You From the Preps!



**Thank you to everyone who donated old mobile phones for our *Save the Gorilla - They're Calling on You!* campaign. We are delighted to announce that you helped us exceed our goal!! We collected a total of 56 old mobile phones!**

**It is great to know that GPS has played a part in helping to save wild Gorillas and their habitats.**

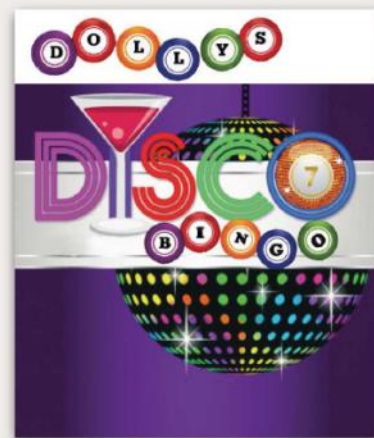




Greythorn Primary School Presents

# Disco Bingo Night

Saturday 22nd August at 7pm



Don't miss out on this hilarious alternative to traditional bingo! Players will hear well known songs, and mark them off on their bingo cards.

- ▶ Wear your favourite disco gear to really enjoy the night!
- ▶ Be sure to bring your gold coins so you can join in the fun.
- ▶ BYO any food or drinks you like.

Dolly will also run lots of games - "Name That Tune", "Best Dressed", "Sing the Next Line", etc! There will be heaps of fabulous prizes, silent auction items, sports memorabilia, and more.

Table lists will be displayed near the school office. Gather a group of friends and book out a whole table, or simply add your name to a table – everyone welcome! If you can't get to the office, email [greythornpfa@gmail.com](mailto:greythornpfa@gmail.com), and we will add your name to a table.

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## THE DETAILS

When: 22 August 2015

Where: Greythorn Primary School  
Reading Avenue, Balwyn North

Time: 7pm - 11pm

Tickets: Buy your tickets at  
<http://www.trybooking.com/ILSP>



## FINAL GPS WORKING BEE 2015

### SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 9AM-1PM

**AIMS:** paint rotunda in south west corner of school | tidy up garden beds |  
Trim back & hedge | tidy up behind art room | clean drains | repave |  
Recap amphitheatre | sweep | planting

**BYO:** Gloves, a roll of garbage bags (for weeds) & gardening tools

**WEAR:** Appropriate clothes and closed toe shoes.

**NEEDED ON THE DAY:** Power/specific garden equipment, wheel barrows &  
trailers for rubbish removal

To help us plan for the day, please let us know if you can attend and what part of the school you can help with (e.g. Painting, repaving, gardening, etc. Please return this form to school reception or e-mail: [greythorn.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:greythorn.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Family Contact Name:				
Mobile				
E-mail:				
No. of helpers	Adults		Children	
Class				
Area of Interest:				
Est arrival time: (please circle)	9 am / 10 am / 11 am / Midday			



# Greythorn Primary School Oaks Day Luncheon

*An afternoon of fun, fascinators and fabulous food! Put on your favourite dress and hat and join us at **HELLENIC REPUBLIC KEW***

*Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November 11:30am-  
3pm*

*\$50 per person- Includes a 3  
course meal & a glass of  
champagne in a private dining  
room*

**NUMBERS  
LIMITED**

**TICKETS  
AVAILABLE:**

<http://www.trybooking.com/IOHH>

ENQUIRIES: LIDDELL  
[liddelldawes@gmail.com](mailto:liddelldawes@gmail.com)



# OSHClub News

## Before School / After School Care Program



### Program Update

Dear Parents and Families,

We had a healthy week at OSHClub where children made their goals for healthy living and also participated in healthy cooking activities. Making health posters and recipe books were the most loved activity by the girls, and the boys enjoyed playing soccer and ball tiggly.

This week our theme is, "Belonging- Where do I come from?" where we will be able to get to know each other and learn some fun facts about different countries. Next week we will be multicultural week where learning about different food cuisine and different languages are on our top list.

There are number of children with health and allergy requirement at the Program. We ask all the parents to please make sure updated action plans are given to the OSHClub staff member to copy your child requires an Epi-pen, please make sure the Epi-pen is stored at the program. If you would like a copy of OSHclub's anaphylaxis policy please feel free to ask the Coordinator at OSHClub.

Thanks to all the parents who have already provided me all the necessary forms related to health needs of their child.

Regards

Rashmi

### Next Week's Activities

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	New Zealand Maori culture	Multicultural Room book	Aboriginal Art	Flags around the world	Learning a new language
After Care Activities	African Biscuits	Australian floral and state emblems	Bollywood Dancing	Mexican Tacos	Make your own sushi

### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0411 392 707

Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi

Assistants: Lucy, Helen, Nick, Kate

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](http://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.



# Have you viewed



# your child's

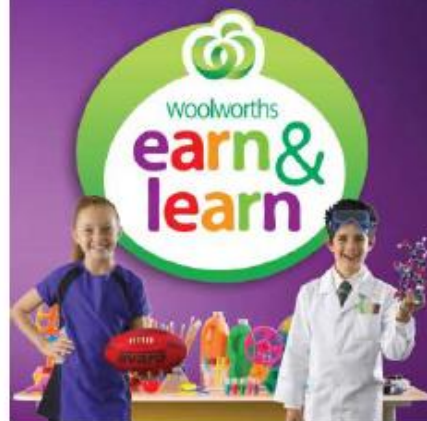
# BLOG lately?

find the url on the gps website



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## It's back!



**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is collect the stickers when you shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** to **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at the school in reception.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

## Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.



We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo<sup>3</sup> Headphones
- 200 x \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

**Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win**

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal) to double their chance of a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning).

**Win books for your school library**

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at \$200.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal)



**CAN**

Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply. See [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal). Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11.59pm AEST 25/9/15. Student Element: Entry is open to all non-union customers aged 4-15 years. 1 entry received when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking Program. 1 bonus entry received when completing a Money Mission activity at [commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://commbank.com.au/prizeportal) and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 2 entries per person. Entry will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 400 prizes comprising 75 iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB space grey tablets valued at \$299 each, 125 Beats by Dr. Dre Solo<sup>3</sup> On-Ear Headphones valued at \$259.95 each, and 200 \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates, will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The winners' names will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 22/10/15. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking Program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a selection of children's books to the value of \$200 for each winning school's library will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEST 13/10/15 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value \$75,000.75. Apple is not a participant or sponsor of this promotion. iPad mini and Beats by Dr. Dre are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the US and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 49 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No. TP15/05517, VIC Permit No. TP15/05517, ACT Permit No. TP15/05517, SA Permit No. TP15/05517.



## Winner of two international language competitions



**WINNER:**  
French Dis-moi dix mots Competition



**WINNER:**  
Global Village Bilingual Chinese Speech Competition

Whether you are passionate about languages or interested in our other programs, come and see our exciting new school at work.

Call **9822 3247** or visit [www.auburnhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.auburnhs.vic.edu.au) to book a tour.