With winter only just finishing, it seems strange to already be talking about SunSmart. However, it’s time to start searching for those school hats. Between September and April, the average UV levels in Victoria are above 3. At 3 or above, your child needs some protection: this is most easily achieved by using shade, sunscreen and a hat. Some of us realised this at the recent Athletics Day!

As a SunSmart school, we require all students to have their hat at school from September 1st- next week- and the ‘no hat, no play’ rule will be reinforced. Families can check daily UV levels on the SunSmart widget on our website home page.

Despite spring being almost upon us, the winter chills and bugs have been in full force at Greythorn. Unfortunately, we have had many students sent to school in the last two weeks with gastro-type conditions, including stomach pain, fever and vomiting. We remind parents that ill students should not be sent to school and ask you to keep your unwell child (and their germs) at home to recover.

Believe it or not, we are already working on our 2017 school structure to determine expected numbers of students and classes, which enables us to employ our teachers and be sure we are ready for the start of next year. If you know your children are leaving Greythorn (other than current Year 6 students) please let our office know ASAP, either by phone on 9857 9762 or email greythorn.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Later this week, builders will continue their work on the admin building repairs. The next stage includes replacing the barge boards on the eastern and southern walls (near the canteen) and repairing the corridor ceiling. We apologise for any inconvenience during these works over the next few weeks.

Last term our Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN. The NAPLAN report indicates to parents their child’s individual achievement for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. As a school, we gain useful information from examining trends in each of the NAPLAN test areas. Our staff will analyse the NAPLAN data and discuss any implications for teaching and learning programs. For parents of students in Years 3 and 5: your child’s NAPLAN results have been sent home. Please check those school bags!

School Dental will visit us from September 6, providing dental visits for eligible students who return their forms by September 1. Please check your child’s school bag for details.

Finally, congratulations to our winning boys’ tee ball team who now head to the regional finals, and those 68 students who have qualified for District Athletics. Parents should receive a Compass email soon with more details.

Kind regards

Kim Dray
**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.

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Volunteers are always required and your help is appreciated. Please contact Suzy on 0422 588 731 or email suzyd33@gmail.com if you are able to assist on any of the blank days.

**THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY IS INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PLACED ORDERS ON TIME.**

Thank you.

Please find below the Roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 24th August to Wednesday 6th September 2016.

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**CANTEEN BITES – NEWS FLASH**

Homemade mini muffins are now available at the canteen for $50 cents.

Regular homemade muffins $1.00

Varying flavors include Apple and Cinnamon, Banana and Choc Chip, Raspberry and White Chocolate

Large Chocolate muffins will remain at $2.50

Over the coming weeks we will be trialing other snack/lunch options so please keep an eye on the newsletter.

**SCOUTS MONSTER RAFFLE 2016**

Thank you to all our families who have agreed to sell a book of raffle tickets in this year’s Scouts Australia annual raffle. Please note that all monies, ticket stubs and/or unsold tickets need to be returned to the School office urgently.

For any further information, please contact Kate at klcke@iinet.net.au
FATHERS' DAY STALL

Our annual Fathers' Day Stall will be run on FRIDAY 26th AUGUST during school hours. Please note that this date is a week earlier than usual. Don't forget to bring money to purchase a special gift for Dad.

Gifts will range from $2 - $15.
Gifts include:
- Tie Sets
- Tools
- Mugs
- Car Care Kits
and more....

IOUs will only be given in special circumstances, and the gift will remain at the school office until payment is brought to school.

Don't forget to bring a carry bag to take your gift home safely.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated for the Las Vegas Night on September 10th. We are still taking donations. You will find a box for donations at the school office.

We are putting together hampers, so we would be most grateful for donations of items for these. Items need to be new and in good condition. Hampers will include:
- Beauty Hamper (skin care, make up, perfume, etc.)
- Toy Hamper
- Baby Hamper (baby goods)
- Kitchenware Hamper
- Homewares Hamper
- Gourmet Food Hamper (non perishable food items)

Our final request is that each class provides 2 bottles of something (non alcoholic). This can be olive oil, soft drink, shampoo, sauce, juice, cleaning liquid - anything that comes in a bottle!

Many thanks

Greythorn PFA
Artsfest is Coming

Up Up and Away
The Sky’s the Limit!
29th August – 2nd September 2016

It’s now just 5 more sleeps until Artsfest begins and we’re getting excited! Many months of work has gone into preparing for this week-long Arts festival. Parents are welcome to come along to the following events during Artsfest -

Opening Ceremony - Monday 29th August 9:15am Stadium
Artsfest Gallery Walk - Thursday 1st September 3:30 – 5:00pm is an opportunity to come and walk through the school to see the many art displays and photographs of the week’s activities.
Closing Ceremony – Friday 2nd September 9:15am Stadium

Students at all levels will be performing in the Opening Ceremony and further performances will be part of the Closing Ceremony. The Taiko group will be performing in the Opening Ceremony and the Senior Choir will be performing in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

The Specialist team have been busy preparing a fabulous week of performances and workshops and we know our students will have a blast. Artsfest workshops and performances at various levels include –

- Musica Viva presents an innovative music performance by Amanaska
- Richard Galbraith Cartoon Drawing
- Kite Making Workshop
- Up and Away Circus Workshop with Phil Melgaard
- Hip Hop Dance Workshop by RebelStepz (dir. Sheena Chundee)
- Musical Theatre Dance Workshop by RebelStepz (dir. Sheena Chundee)
- Ailsa Wild Storytelling
- Paper Pilots
- And more!

As you can see there will be many visiting performers and workshop leaders during the week and the Artsfest levy form to cover this enriching program is available on Compass. The Artsfest contribution needs to be paid by Friday 26th August. Thank you to those who have already done so.

We are looking forward to an inspiring week to take us ‘Up Up and Away’!

Joy Odou on behalf of the Artsfest Team
Cheryl Williams, Kristina Verhagen, Aude Joyce, Kirstin Tuminello, Denise Hartigan, Amber Shepherd and Ashley Douglas
2017 Enrolments

To current families with siblings:
If you have not handed in an enrolment form could you please collect an enrolment form and return it to the office ASAP as we are preparing 2017 classes.

TEE BALL

On Friday the 19th the boys’ tee ball team had a very, very wet day of sport. The day was cold and wet and the ground was super muddy and slippery. On the day we played three games. In the first game we played Balwyn P.S. It was a very close first couple of innings but we managed to hold them off and score a bunch of runs. We ended up winning 25-4, with everyone contributing to the score. The second game was a game that many people may never forget against St Michaels, we made a lot of mistakes in the first few innings and we were down by 10 runs. But we still managed to hold our heads high and get a few runs back. In the final inning we were down by four runs with two outs, but we turned the bats on and Jacques managed to drive in the runs we needed. The final score was 17-16.

Game three was probably one of the hardest games of tee ball ever with the rain starting to settle in and the field covered in mud. We were playing against Hawthorn West and everyone managed to hold out through the rough weather. Luckily we had a strong lead in the second inning and they decided to call the game early, so we came out with a win 13-3. That means we will be playing in regionals on the 29th of August and hopefully the weather will be better!

By Zac 6M
Congratulations to the Prep Class Award recipients for showing persistence, confidence and getting along.

Also, congratulations to the Preps who were elected as Junior School Council Representatives!
READABOUT MAGAZINE

There is still time to pay for your copy of this year’s Readabout magazine. If you would like to order a copy please send payment of $18 to the office with your child’s name and grade. No late orders can be accepted due to printing constraints.

Payment closes Friday 9th September.

STUDENT BANKING

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

NEWS:
We are so impressed by how many people remember to bank each Wednesday, no matter how large or small the deposit amount.

This term, 2 classes have been dominating the banking trophy and we send them our very special congratulations:

☆☆☆☆☆ 1T and 1B ☆☆☆☆☆

SCHOOL BANKING TROPHY:
Congratulations to 1W who is the winner of the School Banking Trophy for this week.

Tanya, Dave and Kate
School Banking Co-ordinators (klocke@iinet.net.au)
Las Vegas, with all its lights and entertainment, is coming to Greythorn Primary School

You’re invited to Fabulous Las Vegas Night

Saturday 10 September
7.30pm – 12pm
$35 pp

A great night of dancing, games, casino tables, auctions, prizes and fun

Ticket includes:
Live entertainment from cover band Humble Mischief,
Play money for casino games tables, Finger food and Door prizes

DRINKS: Beer, wine, bubbly and soft drinks for sale on the night. EFTPOS facilities available. BYO: plenty of gold coins for other games. DRESS CODE: Bling it up!

Book your tickets at www.TryBooking.com/MKUH
Program Update

Hello Greythorn families!

We are excited to announce that we have a third permanent staff for two mornings and every afternoon at OSHClub. Her name is Sherry Shwang and she has done her specialisation in drama and yoga for children back in Iran and now she is also working towards her Diploma in Early Childhood education. It would be a very good opportunity for children to practice yoga in OSHClub and also get some drama skills from Sherry.

With the increasing numbers at Greythorn OSHClub, our children are having fun playing variety of sports activities, having their own cooking club and doing Olympic medal tally for last two weeks.

This week at OSHClub, our theme is “Book and Poster week”. We are focusing on making different posters and books for school, home and wider community. With the help of occupation posters children are learning about the people that help and keep our communities safe. We are also focussing on our learning outcomes identity to make sure children feel safe, secure and supported.

Next week our theme is “Master Chef Week” where we have a variety of cooking activities for children to do. Children would be made into groups and they will get secret ingredient every day which they will have to incorporate in their cooking activity. I’m sure we will have loads and loads of fun here so if you want to taste the culinary skills of our OSHClub children feels free to pop in at around 5pm to taste wonderful deserts or starters.

“Play on footy” which is there at OSHClub every Thursday has successfully finished 2 weeks now and 4 more to go. Seeing such wonderful response we might also plan a sports session next term also so please be in touch with us if you want your child to do sports here in OSHClub and give your valuable suggestions.

Thanks to all the families who are informing OSHClub about the sick or cancellation call for their children, which means we don’t have to follow up on last minute absences.

Regards
Rashmi Gandhi

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0411 392 707
Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi
Assistant: Sherry, Grace, Alessandra
OSHC 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 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.

Enrol now for kindergarten in 2017

The early years are a critical window for building the foundations that enable all children to become creative, resilient and capable learners.

When your child attends The Merrell Kindergarten, you can be certain they will receive a high quality learning program in a nurturing and caring environment where each child is supported to be the best they can be.

Contact us, to find out more.

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T 9889 1259 E merrell@eomis.org.au
W www.eomis.org.au/the-merrell-kindergarten
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

90 Instant Cameras

200 Magazine Packs

50 Camping Kits

50 PlayStation 4 Packs

Terms and Conditions apply. For more information, please visit commbank.com.au/prizelights.
Greythorn Primary School
Order an Entertainment™ Membership and support our School

This year we are trying to raise as many dollars as we can for our School and we need your help! Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership from us, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising, so please forward this to your friends and family!


As an added bonus, if you or your friends order a Membership before 12th April 2016, you'll receive over $120 worth of additional offers which you can use right away!

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Only 2 books left!
FREE POSTAGE NOW AVAILABLE

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Greythorn Primary School
Annette Lawrie  alawrie2@csc.com.au
Thank you for your support!

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