PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

My first week here at Greythorn Primary School was a busy but exciting time. The staff have been extremely welcoming and have been of great assistance during this transition phase for me. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting all of the classrooms last week and spending time with the students. It is a challenge to learn all of their names but I endeavour to do so as quickly as possible. I have also enjoyed meeting parents in the yard and those who have taken the time to visit me in my office. I sincerely thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and included in the Greythorn community.

The last few weeks have been a busy time for Ken Darby since the birth of his third child. Congratulations to him and his wife Melissa on the birth of Carter Joseph Darby. Carter was born on Wednesday, September 14. From all accounts everything is going well at home with it being a busy but exciting time for the entire family.

A small but dedicated group of parents and students braved the weather last Sunday to assist with the working bee. Several tasks were carried out including; pruning the vine on the canteen pergola, clearing several storm-water drain pits, unblocking drink trough drains, general pruning and gardening and the redevelopment of the Art room garden. Kristina Verhagen and several parents spent all morning on this garden to lay river pebbles, plant a variety of plants and generally clean up this area. More work is to be carried out on this garden but the work so far has transformed the look in this space.

Sincere thanks to the following families for their assistance on the day Georges (3A, 5P), Poljak (5J, 6N), Williams (3H), Hibbert/Yeo (1S, 3MW), Dickson (5N), Choon (1S), Robb (1B, 4V), Moloney (3A, 4V), Mr Searle and Ms Verhagen (apologies if I have missed or misspelt your name.) Sincere thanks also to Yelka Moloney for her ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds and her coordination of the regular working bees.

We have had several teams this week representing the school in a variety of sports. Well done to the Girls District Volleyball team who represented Greythorn with pride and distinction on Monday. Congratulations to the Boys District Softball team who competed on Tuesday and have now progressed to the regional finals due to their outstanding efforts. The Girls Division Basketball team competed on Wednesday and will progress to the Regional final after an outstanding 18-9 win.

We also wish Charlotte R (4V), Oliver P (5N), Sienna M (4V), Alice C (6S) all the best this week as they are competing in the Regional Athletics carnival on Thursday. Thank you to Ashley Douglas and Steve Pertz for assisting with these teams and events.

The Life Education van arrives on the school grounds tomorrow. The van will be in the school for a week with the first lessons taking place on Friday. The Life Ed van has been around for many years now but the service continues to provide the students with valuable lessons on healthy living and caring for themselves physically and mentally. Thank you to Narelle Sime for coordinating this worthwhile educational experience for all of the students.

A reminder that Greythorn Primary School is a Sun Smart School and every student is required to wear a hat outside at all times and when on excursions at this time of the year. If your child/children is currently without a hat, would you please ensure that they bring one to school as soon as possible. If a student does not have a hat at school then they are required to play under a covered area during recess and lunch. The school policy states that students can wear either a slouch or legionnaire hat.
At last Monday’s assembly, Liam Santamaria acknowledged all of the students who had competed in this year’s ICAS English competition. All of the students achieved excellent results with 4 students achieving High Distinction certificates. Congratulations to Jessica L (Yr3), Timothy L (Yr4), Alana B (Yr6), Stephanie B (Yr6) for the outstanding effort of being awarded High Distinctions. Thank you to Mr Santamaria for coordinating the participation in this competition.

Andrew Searle
Principal

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.

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Thursday 13 October YR 5 & 6 The Mindroom Wellbeing Workshop
Friday 14 October YR P-2 YR 5-6 Life Ed Van incursion
Monday 17 October Prep Orientation 2:20pm—3:30pm
Tuesday 18 October School Council 7:00pm Metro train Presentation
Wednesday 19 October PFA meeting 7:30pm Chess Club Session 2
Thursday 20 October Animato Music Festival 10:00am—12:00pm Senior Choir and Taiko
Monday 24 October Prep Orientation 2:20pm—3:30pm
Tuesday 25 October Chess State Semi Finals
Wednesday 26 October Yr 1-2 Chess Club session 3 The Zoo comes to You school visit
Tuesday 1 November Cup Day public holiday
Wednesday 2 November Chess Club session 4 Prep swimming until 11/11/16
Saturday 5 November PFA Halloween Disco
Sunday 6 November PFA fundraiser Family Portraits 9:00am
Tuesday 8 November 9:00-12:30 GPS Students Koonung SC in 2017 Transition
Friday 11 November Yr 1-2 Excursion IMAX, Melbourne Museum
Monday 14 November Prep Orientation 2:20pm—3:30pm
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.

NEW CANTEEN MENU

The new canteen menu appears to be a success, however as there are now a lot more "Homemade" items I could really do with some extra hands!

If you have a spare hour or two after school drop off I would welcome your assistance.

All that is required is a WWC card. This can be easily obtained for free on line.

NOTE

When Frozen Pineapple Sticks, Apple Slinky or Moosies are ordered on the lunch bag children need to pick up at lunch time and show me their lunch bag.

Thank you.
Suzy

Please find below the Roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 13th October to Wednesday 26th October 2016.

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Music News

Music Festival – Senior Choir and Taiko Group

The Senior Choir and Taiko Group will be performing at the Animato Music Festival on Thursday morning 20th October in Deepdene, 10:30am – 12:00pm. This Music Festival features choirs and instrumental groups from local schools and parents are most welcome to attend. Entry by gold coin donation. Students will travel to the venue (Deepdene Uniting Church, 958 Burke Road, Balwyn) by bus. Consent and payment is due on Compass by tomorrow – Thursday 13th October - thanks to those who have done so already.

Violin teacher

Our new violin teacher, Joy Ha began after school lessons last week. She still has some vacancies so if your child would like to learn violin or viola, please contact the school office or myself for details.

Joy Odou
Music Teacher
Admin News

STATEMENTS

Family Statements will be mailed home this week to families with a balance showing. Please check your statement for outstanding family contributions, event charges and available credits.

CREDIT / CSEF

A credit on your statement is indicated by the following symbol “- “. Credits can be applied to outstanding family contributions or upcoming events. If you have a credit to be used, the event notice needs to be printed from Compass and returned to the school office with the balance of the payment and written on it that you wish to use your available credit. This also applies to families who have CSEF funds available. Compass only allows for total $ amounts to be paid.

PAYMENTS

Acceptable methods of payment for contributions and events are through Compass, BPay (your family details are on the statement), credit card, cheque, eftpos facility at the office and cash. All cash needs to be placed into a clearly labelled envelope with your child’s name, class, event, the amount enclosed and well-sealed. This can be handed to the classroom teacher by your child. Please do not use Direct Credit as a method of payment as this is no longer accepted by the school.

COMPASS EVENTS

Events posted on Compass include a due by date. Consent and payment has to be submitted by the date to assist the school in planning excursions and incursions. Please don’t hesitate to contact the office if you are having any difficulties with Compass.

Thank you and wishing you a happy term 4.
Admin Team

2017 STATIONERY LIST

The 2017 stationery lists will be distributed this week. All Orders need to be entered online. Forms and payment are not to be returned to the school.

Stationery packs will be available for collection on Tuesday 6th December from the hall in the afternoon.
Sport News

Boys' Division Softball Finals

The Division Softball Finals were held yesterday at Macleay Park. We played three games against schools from the division. Our first game was against Our Ladies Wattle Park. We won the game 8-3. Our second game was the most challenging against Hartwell P.S and we came from behind to win 9-3. Our last game was against Glenferrie P.S and we finished off with a dominant win, the final score being 14-3. We can't wait for the Eastern Region Finals!

By David, Wil, Zac.

PFA News

SAVE THE DATE - BOUNCE SESSION FOR GPS STUDENTS

Sunday 20th November at 4pm at Bounce Glen Iris
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON...

Recycle Uniform Shop News

Thank you to everyone who so kindly and promptly donated smaller size 4-6 items as needed. We would also greatly appreciate any size 8 short sleeve school shirts that you may have.

Donations may be left at the Recycle Shop during opening times (Wednesday 3-3.30pm and Friday 9-9.30am) or at any time at the Office. If you have any queries or wish to volunteer, please contact Kate on klocke@iinet.net.au
Father-Daughter Camp
by Steve Ingram

33 fathers and their 35 daughters headed off Saturday morning to the inaugural Father-Daughter camp held at the YMCA run Campmanyung, Mt Eliza.

A day of activities fostered great bonding between fathers and daughters, strengthened existing and seeded new friendships between the girls and between fathers.

Special moments included the exhilaration of hitting the beach cricket ball over dad’s head and into the water, leading dad blind-folded around an elevated tree-rope course and taking on dad in a game of dodgeball. Daughter’s also learnt that dad’s competitive spirit simply lays dormant until the opportunity to compete arises.

On Saturday night the girls gave their dad’s a lesson on the disco dance floor (sound system, crazy hats, disco lights, glow sticks and limbo pole all featuring).

After the girls were settled in their cabins, the dads shared some well-deserved ‘bloke time’ around the camp fire.

Thanks to all of the dad’s for participating – the camp was a huge success and hopefully becomes an annual event.

Thanks also to Patricia Ingram and Danielle Brown for organising a such a great event.
Last Sunday was the final working bee for 2016.

With a list of chores to be addressed, our team of dedicated volunteers worked on cutting back the overgrown grape vine across the canteen portico and tidied, planted and watered the canteen courtyard – making for a much more pleasant environment for our children to enjoy their snack and lunch times.

Over the break, the arborists removed many dead trees and loose tree limbs. This allowed us to transform the Greythorn Road entrance with leptospermum, daisies, dietes longiflora and osteospernum.

The Art Room garden has also been transformed to include a rockery, a plant pit and an array of plants including succulents for the children to sit down and enjoy. Special thanks to the Hibbert/Yeo family and Ms Verhagen for their work on this project.
Our students swept and tidied up the sand pit, as well as cleaned out a number of drainage pits throughout the school grounds.

Finally, a special thanks to the following parents, students, past students and GPS staff who helped on the day:

Georges (3A, 5P), Poljak (5J, 6N), Williams (3H), Hibbert/Yeo (1S, 3MW), Dickson (5N), Choon (1S), Robb (1B, 4V), Moloney (3A, 4V), Mr Searle and Ms Verhagen (apologies if I have missed or misspelt your name).

Also a BIG THANK YOU to all the GPS volunteers who have volunteered their time during one, two or all three working bees throughout the year – your time is very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at our next GPS Working Bee in 2017.
STUDENT BANKING – EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REWARD ITEMS FOR 2016 MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE MONDAY 5 DECEMBER, 2016.**

The Bank has advised us that they will be closing their online ordering of reward items earlier than normal this year. As such, please make sure you order any items before the cut off date above. Any items ordered after this date will not be mailed to us until 2017.

A summary of reward items for Term 4 is as follows:

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All reward items are only available while stocks last

Name: ______________________
Class: _____________________
Student ID: ________________

I would like to redeem 10 tokens for a:
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Wriggly Glow Worm
- Bush Fly Fan
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- ET DVD

Please note that any tokens not used to order a reward item this year can be carried forward to 2017.

Just a reminder:

- The Grand Prize winner in the Australia Zoo competition will be posted at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking on 17 October.
- The winners in the Prize Lights competition will be posted on commbank.com.au/prizelights from 19 October.
- If you are new student at Greythorn Primary, or have not joined school banking before, you can do so at any time. Please contact Kate at klocke@iinet.net.au for further information.

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

Tanya, Dave and Kate
School Banking Co-ordinators (klocke@iinet.net.au)
2016 Whole School Photo
Ordering Options

Dear parents and students,

Greythorn Primary School WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO is being taken

PRE-ORDER USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR PAYMENT WITH CASH/CHEQUE/CREDIT CARD
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU NOTE THE DUE DATE FOR ENVELOPES TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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 – Please ensure you include all required fields
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

AFTER PHOTO DAY - ONLINE ORDERING

Your school’s whole school photo will be available for secure online purchase as soon as the envelope orders have been printed and dispatched for delivery

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

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 [BKZ YKQ XSD]
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)

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
JOIN US FOR THE

GPS YEAR 4
PARENT DINNER

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2016
7:30PM

JUNO AND MAY
662 BURKE RD, CAMBERWELL

$45 per person for two courses (choose from entrée & main OR main and dessert)

BYO wine (corkage $3.50 per bottle)

RSVP TO YOUR CLASS REP BY FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

PARKING LOCATED BEHIND THE RESTAURANT IN THE CAMBERWELL MARKET CAR PARK
It’s time for the Greythorn PFA

HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Saturday 5th November in the school hall

Special early 5pm start for Prep and Year 1
All other year levels can arrive from 6pm
Disco concludes at 9pm

Ticket cost includes - DJ, fun Halloween theme showbag, bottomless cup of cordial, sausage in bread.

Easy online booking - https://www.trybooking.com/NKLT

$10 for 1st child
$8 for 2nd/3rd/4th child

Please note - this is not a school run event so you will need to stay and supervise your witches, zombies and ghosts! Feel free to dress up and join the fun!

No TRICKS TREATS

There will be goodies in the showbags but if you wish to bring extra lollies for trick or treating, please be mindful of allergies when handing out treats.
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

**HELENIC REPUBLIC KEW**

Thursday 3rd November 11:30am-3pm
$60 per person- Includes a 3 course meal & a glass of sparkling on arrival in a private dining room

Tickets available: [https://www.trybooking.com/NGXU](https://www.trybooking.com/NGXU) NUMBERS LIMITED

**TICKET SALES CLOSE** FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Queries: LIDDELL- liddelldawes@gmail.com
14th September 2016

Dear Parents

The Chess Club will commence in its regular Wednesday lunchtime (1pm to 1.45pm) slot in Term 4, 2016.

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The fee for the 5 sessions will be $50.00 per student.

If you wish your child to be involved, please complete the form and return to school with payment by:

Wednesday 12th October, 2016

New members welcome.
The Chess Club will operate in the Year 5 classrooms.

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CHESS CLUB 2016

Term 4, 2016 – Fee $50.00 per child

Child’s Name: ................................... Grade: ..............

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Total amount enclosed: $.............
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear parents and families,

Last week at OSHClub children loved the fear factor ‘gut bucket’ activity so we will be doing this again closer to Halloween. We also enjoyed cooking with Chris, which was awesome fun to bake cookies and pastries. Children are having intense game of Dodge ball almost every morning along with Octopus and capture the flag which gives children amazing experience of group time.

Watch this space for ‘henna’ design and Yoga with Sherry & Rashmi in the near future as there has been a high demand on this session

Next week we are doing aboriginal week to give children sound knowledge and understanding of our native land owners and their way of living with heaps of fun.

We have a new menu at OSHClub this term, which includes cheese pizzas, potato wedges, and fruit salad. Parents if you have any suggestions to add to our afternoon tea menu, the children and staff are more than happy to try new delicious recipes.

Looking forward to seeing you at OSHClub!

Thank you,

Rashmi

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0411 392 707
Coordinator: Rashmi Gandhi
Assistants: Chris, Sherry, Grace, Alessandra
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 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.
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Greythorn Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $17.90 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2016.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333 or email fiona@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au
GETin2 FUN
GETin2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.

North Balwyn CC - Milo "in2" Cricket
Venue: Macleay Park, Balwyn North
Time: Saturday mornings (9.30am-10.30am)
Date: Commences on 5th November
Contact: Charles Cohen on 0402 252 053
Email: cjcohen@bigpond.com

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET to find out more