PREP INFORMATION 2015

Punctuality
Students are encouraged to line up and wait for their teacher by 8.55am when the bell goes. If however you are late please ensure you go to the office to obtain a late notice before you bring your child to the classroom.
Before entering the classroom with their teachers, students place lunch orders, library books, reader covers and notices in the appropriate tubs in the classroom or as advised by teacher.
At the end of the day, please ensure that you are on time to collect your child as they may get distressed if you are late. By 3:45pm if you have not collected your child the class teacher will escort your child to the office and you will be contacted.

Reading
Your child should read every night. Set aside a time each day for their reading routine. If your child is too tired after a long school day they might like to do the reading in the morning. It is essential you share reading with your child and read the story together many times. Home reading needs to be monitored, checked, recorded daily in their reading journal and returned the next school day in their satchel. If your child is absent – you can reread the book. Be sure to ask questions and retell the story.

Reading Journals
The yellow reading journal is to be filled in each night. The journal should be kept in the blue satchel so they can be checked by the teacher when necessary. Home reading will commence in Week 6 (Monday 2nd March).

Blue Satchels
The blue satchels are used in Prep to carry reader covers, Magic 100 words and notices between home and school. Please ensure satchels are checked everyday and returned to school the following morning. We will send home alphabet letters and sounds to learn or revise and then we will commence our Magic 100 Words program.

Timetable
You will receive your copy of a class timetable when finalised. Please display at home and refer to it together during the week, looking at what’s coming up. Changes may be made to the timetable, however new copies will not be sent home every time there is a change. There will always be a current copy displayed outside the classrooms for your reference.
*Library books will need to be returned with their library bags on or before library day.
Classroom Helpers
Literacy and Numeracy group activities will continue in Term 2 and parents wanting to get involved to assist with small group activities in the classroom are all welcome and appreciated. It is required that all parent volunteers attend training at school before hand and to have a Working with Children Check. On Thursday evening 5th March there will be a ‘How to read and write’ presentation to inform parents of strategies for home and classroom assistance. In Term 2, Friday 17th April there will be a short briefing for parents about assisting in the classroom.

Class Awards
During the year each Prep student will have the opportunity to receive a class award at Monday morning assembly. You will be notified by your class teacher of the date before your child receives an award. Please don’t spoil the surprise by telling your child beforehand. Students will also receive Magic 100 Words certificates during the year as they reach the 100 words and 200 words milestones.

Uniform
Just a reminder – hats are compulsory from September through to April including before and after school, recess and lunchtimes, excursions and Phys. Ed. sessions. Please ensure that all your child’s clothing is clearly labelled with their full name. It is recommended that students wear runners on their allocated PMP and sport days instead of school shoes.

Healthy Eating
A current school initiative is to provide a healthy rubbish free play lunch and lunch. In addition students are encouraged to bring a ‘Healthy Fruit or Vegetable Snack’ to school each day. Please pack something small for example a piece of fruit or carrot sticks. Students are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle with a ‘pop’ top to school each day. If you send along yoghurt or fruit puree with a screw top lid please loosen the lid at home as the students find this very difficult to open independently. Please label all containers with your child’s name. It is also a good idea to show your child what’s for snack and lunch.

Allergies
Please be aware we have a number of students with food allergies. Please refer to the letter that was sent home a few weeks ago for clarification. If you have any questions please see your child’s class teacher.

Lunch orders
If your child has a lunch order, please tell them where their order is in their bag. Your child will need to remember to place the lunch order in the tub and let the class teacher know. The canteen menu is on the website. Don’t forget to also write your child’s name and class on the paper bag. Icy poles cab be pre-ordered as a lunch order as these days the canteen is very busy.

Newsletters
We encourage families to register at www.greythornps.vic.edu.au to receive an alert when the weekly Newsletter is available online each Wednesday. The Newsletter provides information about upcoming events and important dates on the school calendar. A copy of the Newsletter is always on display in the office area. The school website is updated regularly and contains information, news and documents that parents may require.
Absences
If your child is ill please consider keeping them at home for the day to rest and recover as we don’t want to spread the infection at school. The school requires a note for any absent days. There is a form at the office to fill in. Alternatively you may wish to hand write a note or email your child’s class teacher. The email will be printed and kept for our school records. If you know in advance that your child will be absent please advise the class teacher. If your child is late for school please sign in at the office prior to coming into the classroom. If you are collecting your child early please sign your child out at the office before you come to the classroom. It is not necessary to call the office in the morning.

OSHClub
If your child will be using OSHClub after school please inform the class teacher. Students using OSHClub before school can hang their school bag on their hook and also leave their school bag on their hook after school. If you cancel your booking please ensure you notify OSHClub.

After School Sport
If your child is enrolled to participate in after school sport at school please inform the class teacher so that your child will make their way to the activity promptly and safely.

Online information for Parents
The Department of Education and Training have a website for Parents. There is information on parent involvement in school, school council and how to support your child with a booklet ‘201 Literacy and Maths Tips to Help Your Child’.

Inquiry Topics for 2015
Term 1: What Makes Me, Me?
Term 2: What Do Living Things Need To Survive On Earth?
Term 3: Get Healthy, Get Active!
Term 4: Our Earth, My Home.

Any concerns you wish to discuss with us please make an appointment with the classroom teacher.