Welcome

Welcome back everyone to the 2017 school year. I trust that you were able to enjoy a relaxing time over the summer holiday period with family and friends and you feel refreshed for the year ahead. I also extend a very warm welcome to all of the new families joining the Greythorn community this year. We also welcome new staff members; Claire Knell (Phys Ed), Terry Price (Prep), Mykaela Hodgett (Year 1) and Tara Kapoor (Year 4).

2017 promises to be another exciting year for the school with a highlight to be the school concert being held in Term 3. Greythorn Primary School is a dynamic environment with extremely dedicated and committed staff who all work collectively to provide every student in the school with the best educational experiences possible. Therefore, I encourage you to become involved in as many aspects of school life as possible. Any involvement or assistance from parents is greatly appreciated and enhances the experiences and opportunities that we can offer all of the students.

Also, if you have any questions, concerns, queries or suggestions that you would like to direct to me then please don’t hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment to meet.

8:50am Bell

This year has seen the introduction of a new morning bell time. The first bell of the day now rings at 8:50am. When this bell rings, all students are expected to enter their classrooms and prepare for the start of the day. They do not line up outside prior to 9 o’clock anymore. This procedure ensures that all students can organise their bags, books and any other requirements for the day so that teaching can commence at 9am.

Assembly

During Term 1, the Assembly schedule has also changed. It is to be held weekly on a Monday morning at 9am. The format will be reduced to limit the time to approximately 20 minutes each week. The first Assembly for the year is to be held next Monday, February 13.

P.A. System

A new P.A. system was installed in the school last week. It is a fully automated system with bells ringing and music playing at designated times. Announcements made over the new P.A. are now much clearer than compared to the old system, which is beneficial to the teachers and students in the classrooms as well as to parents in the yard.

Thank you to Ken Darby for organising and coordinating the instalment of this new system.

2017 Family Contributions

Please log into Compass to pay the annual Family Contributions.
Communication

Open and positive communication between the school and home is an integral part of the education process for all students. Email is one form of communication that many teachers choose to use with parents. If you are communicating via email then the expectation with the teachers is that they will reply within 24 hours. The school day is an extremely busy time for all teachers and their focus is of course is teaching their students. Therefore, they will reply to emails as soon as time permits. I appreciate your understanding with this matter.

First Aid/Sickness

The Administration staff, as well as teachers, do a wonderful job on a daily basis dealing with sick students and medical issues. If your child/children require medication at school for such conditions as asthma or anaphylaxis, then please ensure that it has been handed in at the office and is accompanied by the required treatment plan. All staff are diligent when dealing with any medical or first aid issues so your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated. Also, we do at times get students attending school who are clearly unwell and should be at home recovering. This is often the case when a student has had a bout of diarrhoea or vomiting the night before. In these cases, children should be kept at home for at least 24 hrs to allow them to recover properly and ensure that infections are not passed on.

Meet The Teacher

The annual Meet the Teacher sessions have been scheduled for Monday 13 and Thursday 16 February. These sessions are an excellent opportunity for you to meet your child’s/children’s teachers and discuss any issues or concerns early in the year with them. Therefore, I urge you to take up this opportunity and book a time to meet.

Holiday Works

A wide range of maintenance tasks were completed throughout the school during the holiday period. This work included; crushed rock being laid around the rear of the senior building, the Discovery Centre being painted internally and externally, carpet maintenance being carried out throughout the school including new carpet in the Administration area, air-conditioner maintenance and cyclic tree pruning.

Ken Darby organised and coordinated these works and I thank him for spending many hours and several days in the school during the holidays overseeing these tasks.

New Classroom Tables

The school received the delivery of 130 new classroom tables for the Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 rooms at the start of the year. Not only do they look aesthetically pleasing in the classrooms with their vibrant blue tops, but they are also very practical with individual tubs underneath for the students to store their books and stationery items, as well as being height adjustable to suit the different year levels.

The school was able to purchase these new tables with money raised through PFA fundraising events and we sincerely thank them for the work that they carry out each year to enable such purchases to be made. This purchase also highlights how your support of PFA fundraising activities has a direct and positive impact for the students throughout the school.

Parking/Pick-up &Drop-Off

I urge everyone again this year to follow all road rules during drop-off and pick-up times when driving within the vicinity of the school. The safety of all students is paramount during the congested before and after school periods. I also urge everyone to consider the local residence and be courteous when parking in the surrounding streets. I have already had several frustrated neighbours contact the school this year when their driveways have been blocked by parked cars for lengthy periods.
Welcome BBQ

The PFA has organised a Welcome BBQ for Friday, February 17 from 3:30 – 6:00pm. All are invited to this event, especially those new to the school. The PFA will be providing sausages and cordial and you will also be able to purchase items from a coffee and ice-cream van. You are asked to BYO snacks and drinks. Games will also be available for everyone to participate in. I look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Swimming Trials

With the swimming trials being postponed last Monday due to the weather, Tuesday turned out to be a perfect day for the event. Congratulations to all of the students who took part. They all competed to the best of their abilities and conducted themselves with great sportsmanship.

Thank you to the staff and parents who attended and assisted with marshalling, timing and crowd control, as well as to the parents who attended to support their child/children. A special thank you goes to Claire Knell for organising and coordinating this event to run so seamlessly in such a short space of time.

The swimming team will be announced in the coming days with a presentations being made at next Monday’s assembly.

Andrew Searle
Principal
Online ordering only from Term 1 2017

At the start of next year all lunch orders will need to be ordered online using My School Connect. For more information on how to register please see the attached flyer in the newsletter.

Please contact Suzy on 0422 588 731 or email suzyd33@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

Please find below the roster for Canteen duty for Thursday 9th February to Wednesday 22nd February 2017.

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OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

No more paper bags or loose coins.

You can now order your kids lunch with ease, no cash required its all prepaid online. It's so easy even your kids can do it!

Access My School Connect, Anytime, Anywhere!

Simply download the App for your iPhone or Android to ensure you have access in one location across all devices.

IT'S EASY JUST FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO GET STARTED;

Step 1: Register your account on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au/greythorn and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

Step 2: Add your Child/ren as a "Student", make sure you select your school and classroom details.

Step 3: Select "Top Up" to add money to your account via Bank Transfer, Credit Card or Paypal. (please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

Step 4: To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", this will take you to the provided lunch menu and you can order for the day or week. Its that simple! (please note; an order fee of 5c per order per child will apply)

My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact via email or phone

REGISTER TODAY

Music News

School Concert

At Greythorn Primary we have a whole school Concert every three years and this year is a concert year. We now have our dates confirmed and the Concert will be held in Term 3 on the evening of Tuesday 1st August and Wednesday 2nd August at the Besen Centre in Burwood. Please note which performance(s) your child will be involved in:

- Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will perform on both evenings
- Students in Years 1 and 3 perform on the Tuesday evening
- Students in Prep and Year 2 perform on the Wednesday evening

The school's performing ensembles will perform on both evenings.

We look forward to another fabulous Greythorn production!

Senior Choir

Senior Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday mornings from 8:15 to 8:55am. Senior Choir members have their first rehearsal for the year on Wednesday 8th February. We look forward to a wonderful year of performances.

Instrumental Lessons

Instrumental lessons are available after school in 2017 on a range of instruments including violin, flute, clarinet and saxophone. Please see myself if you are interested.

GYPSIES 2017

The GYPSIES is our school orchestra and is open to anyone who has some experience playing an orchestral instrument. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 3:40 – 4:40pm in the school hall. The first rehearsal for the year will be held on Monday 13th February. Julian Banks is our orchestra conductor. If you are interested in joining or continuing in the GYPSIES, please see myself or the school office for an enrolment form. Thank you.

Joy Odou
Music Teacher

Recycle Uniform Shop News

Thank you to all the Recycle Shop volunteers who have committed to another year of service!

Thank you also to the many families who have already donated items this year, in what has proved to be a very, very busy start to the year.

To families that are new to the school, the Recycle Shop aims to provide good quality, used school uniform items of clothing, in addition to hats, bags and satchels etc. The majority of our items sell for $5 with stock being subject to the number of items donated. In addition, we are the only seller of the School's art smocks, which are all new, and come in a variety of colours and patterns in small, medium and large sizes. Please feel free to come in and say hello – we are located behind the hall next to the EAL classroom, just near the Art building.

If anyone currently has any short sleeve polo shirts in any sizes but particularly, size 8, 10 and 12, we would love to receive them.

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
Do you want to play netball?

Koonung Heights Netball Club is forming new teams for year 4, 5 and 6 girls and boys to play netball in 2017. Beginners and experienced players are equally welcome.

Year 4 teams train at Balwyn High School 4-5pm Tuesdays and play games on Fridays 4-6pm at the Boroondara Netball Centre, Macleay Park.

Year 5 & 6 teams train at Balwyn High School 5-6pm Tuesdays and play games on Saturdays 8-10am at the Boroondara Netball Centre, Macleay Park.

You can find more information about the club and register on the club website www.khnc.org.au. If you have any questions, please email us at khnc@khnc.org.au

Thankyou
Brendan Clennett
1st February 2017

Dear Parents,

The Chess Club will commence in its regular Wednesday lunchtime (1pm to 1.45pm) slot in Term 1, 2017.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Year 3 students will only be able to attend the first three sessions due to the swimming program. Year 3 students are only required to pay $30.00 as they will not be able to attend on Wednesday 1st March and Wednesday 8th March.

If you wish your child to be involved, please complete the form and return to school with payment by: **Wednesday 15th February, 2017**

New members welcome.

The Chess Club will operate in the Year 5 classrooms.

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**CHESS CLUB 2017**

Term 1, 2017 – Fee $50.00 per child

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

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Total amount enclosed: $...........
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2017

On behalf of the school community, the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) warmly welcomes you and your child to Greythorn Primary School.

The PFA is a sub-committee of the School Council. It enables parents to participate in the school community by providing support for the school and teachers. Anyone can be part of the PFA, including Class Representatives.

Each class has at least one Class Representative (Class Rep) who is the main point of contact between the class teacher and class parents.

Class Reps are responsible for:

- collating a list of parent contact details for the class (a template is provided by the PFA)
- organising class social events, such as morning teas and dinners
- coordinating parent help from class parents if requested by the teacher or PFA
- organising a birthday celebration for the class teacher
- forwarding emails from the PFA to class parents.

Attendance by Class Reps at PFA meetings is welcomed. Meetings are generally held twice a term.

If you are interested in becoming a Class Rep, or helping the PFA in other ways, please complete the slip below and return it to school or EMAIL greythornpfa@gmail.com (to let us know that you would like to volunteer) by Friday, 10 February 2017.

Thank you.

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PFA CLASS REPRESENTATIVE 2017

Name: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Telephone: ...................................................................................................................................................................

Email Address: ............................................................................................................................................................

Name of Child: ............................................................................................................................................................

☐ I am interested in becoming a Class Representative for class(es): .................................................................

☐ I am interested in helping with PFA events

☐ Yes, I consent to my email address being provided to other Class Representatives
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
SCHOOL BANKING – EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT THE LAST WEEK OF TERM.

Welcome to School Banking for 2017.

We are delighted to see the return of our existing bankers plus we welcome all new bankers to the program.

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2017, School Banking is getting children excited about the future with a brand new look for the Dollarmites. As Future Savers, students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

There are 8 new reward items for 2017 from the Future Savers range:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they’ll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Congratulations to 3MW and 4TK who are the winners of the School Banking Trophy for this week.

Kate, Tanya and Dave
School Banking Co-ordinators
(klocke@iinet.net.au)
The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank's School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new look Dollarmites at Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards
School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we're introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year's Rewards Card. On our website you'll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland
The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grands Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
GREYTTHON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SOCCER FUN
I LOVE SOCCER

SOCCER CRAZY? Join me a former professional at Southampton Football club in the premier league and currently the captain of Heidelberg United in the NFL for after school soccer training. I will be working on all the skills required to become a better soccer player. First touch, passing, dribbling, shooting are just a few aspects we will be learning and putting them into match play. So hurry up to secure your place as they are limited.

WHEN: Tuesday
COMMENCING: 7/2/17
CONCLUDING: 28/3/17
TIME: 3.35pm – 4.35pm
YEAR LEVELS: 2 – 6
COST: $96

SUPER SUMMER SPORT

TENNIS - CRICKET - HOCKEY - CRAZY GAMES

This program is a great way to challenge and improve your child’s motor skills and coordination within a fun environment. We aim to develop and enhance ball skills, catching, kicking, throwing, co-operative skills and team work while improving strength, flexibility, hand-eye co-ordination and spatial awareness. The program offers an introduction to 4 popular sports over the course of 6 weeks.

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ENROLMENT FORM

☐ Soccer Fun (after school)  ☐ Super Summer Sport (after school)

School: ___________________________  Year Level: ___________________________
Name: ___________________________  Room No: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________  Post Code: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________  Mobile/Work: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________  Medical Conditions: ___________________________

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child?  ☐ Go to aftercare  ☐ Get collected
Parents’ consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Camberwell from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Caregiver name: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________

Amount Paid: $ ___________________________  Credit card payment:  ☐ Visa  ☐ Mastercard

Card Number: ___________________________  Expiry Date: ___________________________

THINGS TO KNOW
Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider
Don’t leave forms at the School Office
Spaces are limited so please make sure you enrol online or return form to Kelly Sports.
Mum's, Dad's & Kids
Want to get into tennis?

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Netball
Learn the basic skills of netball including catching, chest pass, shoulder pass, overhead pass, bounce pass and shooting. Using footwork/movement drills the children learn the basics of one foot landing, driving, change of direction, dodging and attacking.

Soccer
Have fun & learn the basics skills of soccer including: Passing, shooting, heading, ball control, running with the ball and turning. Learn the basic principles of attack, defence, passing play, 2-1 situations, crossing and finishing. Become a Soccer Star!!!

Dance
Our dance program is specifically designed to introduce children to the fundamentals of the dance language: movement, time, space and energy. Step to the beat in a number of sequences to learn a choreographed dance routine!

Cost: $90 per program.

ENROL ONLINE:
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Enquiries E: admin@big5sports.com.au P: 0422 043 853