Dear Parents,

It is both an honour and a privilege to be the new Principal at Greenacre Public School. I look forward to getting to know our school community and working with parents and the staff of Greenacre Public School to ensure the very best outcomes for your children.

I come to this new role in my teaching career with 33 years working with the Department Of education and 16 years experience as a School Principal. I am looking forward to working hard to ensure a strong focus on:

- Student discipline: I do not believe any student should affect the learning of others
- Excellence in academic achievement and sport and the performing arts
- Student welfare initiatives to enable a safe and happy school environment

Welcome to the 2013 school year. I hope all our families had a relaxing vacation and a good beginning to the new year. A big welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year.

Our total enrolment at this stage is 765. Based on today’s student numbers our school will be forming 33 classes. At the beginning of each school year, all schools spend the first two weeks finalising student enrolments. Over the next few days we hope to be able to confirm the class that all students will be in for 2013.

Once again I look forward to getting to meet parents and working with you to ensure the very best outcomes for your children.

Regards
Ross Cleary
Principal
Please ensure that your child has school supplies in his/her bag so that they can begin work straight away.

Lead pencils, coloured pencils, rubber, ruler, glue stick is the basic requirement.

Of course, these items should be placed in a clearly labelled pencil case.

We would also ask that you provide a box of tissues per child. These can be handed over to the class teacher.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Your child should be wearing correct school uniform every day to school. This includes the school hat. Please label EVERYTHING so that in the event of items being left out in the playground, they can be reunited with their rightful owners. These school uniform items cost families money, so it is worthwhile taking the time to clearly label your child’s property.

**SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Smoking on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, playgrounds, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited by law. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups. If you must smoke, please do so away from these areas.

**COMMUNITY PARENT MEETING**

At the end of last year, the P & C Committee were there to assist new parents with buying uniforms and general enquiries. Thank you to all the people that attended and helped out. This is just a small part of what our group does. Please join us.

Next week we will resume our regular meeting where we will hold a craft/cooking session.

We hope to see you there.

When: Every Tuesday
Time: 9am to 11am
Where: Small Hall

(Refreshments/childcare provided)

Mejda Eldan, Nada and Joumana - CLO

**PLAY GROUP**

Come along and join in the fun activities like playing with dough, colouring in, puzzles and story telling.

You will meet some new friends while your child is having a great time being kept busy with educational activities to stimulate their little minds.

**Note:** You need to have a child attending Greenacre Public School or will have a child enrolling soon to be a part of our play group.

When: Every Friday
Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
Where: Hall
Cost: $2.00 per child
Bring: A small, packed breakfast snack for you and your child. Refreshments provided.

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday due to the start of the school year.

**Note:** Regular Friday trading will commence on 8 February.

**TOILETING ISSUES**

Almost 20 per cent of Australian primary school children have wet their pants at school and about 7 per cent have regular incontinence. Bedwetting affects a further 19 per cent of children aged between 5 and 12 years. As bladder and bowel problems can have a negative impact on a child’s self-esteem and quality of life, it is important to seek help early. Healthy bladder and bowel habits for children include drinking plenty of water, eating a healthy diet rich in dietary fibre to prevent constipation, regular exercise and practicing good toilet habits. For further advice, phone the National Continence Helpline on (Freecall™) 1800 33 00 66 to talk to a continence nurse advisor. The Helpline provides free and confidential information and referrals to local specialist services.

If you think your child might have a weak bladder, please put some spare underwear in their school bag in a plastic bag.

This will save a call home to you.

Further information is also available at: www.continence.org.au
HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please begin the school year well by packing a healthy school lunch for your child. A piece of fresh fruit is easy to pack, full of essential nutrients that will not impact badly on their health, and of course needs no wrapper. A bottle of water is essential on these remaining hot summer days. Please remember to minimise the amount of plastic wrapping your child brings to school as it ultimately flies around the playground.

DRIVING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Driving on school grounds is strictly prohibited. You must park your car and walk into our school grounds to do all school business even if only dropping something off for a few minutes. Driving on school grounds endangers the lives of students. Our student’s safety is our number one priority so do the right thing and park safely and legally on the street.