Dear Parents,

A big thank you to all students, parents and staff who have been so friendly and helpful during my first week at Greenacre Public School.

Learning all about a new school is a challenging task. I have enjoyed meeting many members of our school community and look forward to getting to know more about our school.

We welcome Ms Anna Hole (3H), Mr Daniel Tax (4T), Miss Elizabeth Hickson (1H), Ms Trista Ellison (1E), Mrs Christine Mino (3/6M), and Mrs Hilary Cardiff (KC). I am sure all new staff will enjoy working at our school.

Our annual swimming scheme commences on Monday 18 February. The intensive learn to swim program is an extremely important program. This program develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.
All students in Years 2-6 are encouraged to attend.

Regards
Ross Cleary
Principal

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| Friday 8 Feb 2013 | 9.00am - Play Group
|                  | 12.10pm - PSSA Summer Trials         |
| Monday 11 Feb 2013 |                                       |
| Tuesday 12 Feb 2013 | 9.00am - Parent Group Meeting        |
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| Monday 18 Feb 2013 | Swimming Scheme STARTS
|                  | ends Friday 1 March 13               |
| Tuesday 19 Feb 2013 | 9.00am - Parent Group Meeting        |
KIDS DON’T FLY CAMPAIGN

The NSW Government is undertaking a new child safety campaign called ‘Kids Don’t Fly – prevent falls from windows and balconies’. The aim is to prevent child injury and deaths due to falls from windows and balconies of residential buildings. An increasing number of children are admitted to hospital every year as the result of a fall from a window or balcony. These falls are often in their own home and can result in serious injury or death. Remember – if you live in a home that has more than one level, your child is at risk. Fly screens that are fitted to your windows are meant to keep bugs out. They are not designed to protect your child from falling out.

Is your balcony balustrading safe? Is it clear of pot plants etc that would give your child a leg up?

For further information on this great campaign, go to: www.health.nsw.gov.au/childsafety

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

Bankstown TAFE Outreach is presenting FREE English Classes for Beginners. An information session is to be held Thursday 14 February at 10am.

Where: Bankstown Area Multicultural Network (BAMN) Level 5 Compass Centre 83 North Terrace Bankstown
Contact: Loretta on 9796 2235 or 131 450 Telephone Interpreter

HELPING KIDS PARENTING SESSION

Bankstown Area Multicultural Network will be running four sessions aimed at parents, grandparents and carers of children aged from birth to 12 years old. Emotional situations such as starting school or moving house are very stressful to children. This program provides you with skills and strategies to help kids work through their feelings. Childcare bookings are essential.

When: Wednesdays - Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27
10.30am to 12.30pm
Where: Bankstown Area Multicultural Network (BAMN) Level 5 Compass Centre 83 North Terrace Bankstown
Contact: Loretta on 9796 2235

COMMUNITY PARENT MEETING

We would like to extend an invitation to our new parents to attend our regular parent meetings. The people that come along have our students and our school’s welfare in common. You don’t have to join a committee or take on anything intimidating! Your child will love that you are a part of the school community group.

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.

Each week we do something different and you and your pre-schooler will meet some new friends.

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.
Mejda Eldan, Nada and Iman - CLO

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER

The school year has just begun and already we are seeing far too many children late to school in the mornings. Please ensure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time and is well prepared for the school day BEFORE bedtime. Wake your child with plenty of time to spare. This routine starts their day off well. Arriving late is disruptive to the class.

School starts at 8.55am so please aim to arrive by 8.45am.
TRAFFIC AWARENESS

Parents please take the time to talk to your children about road safety. Even though we have traffic lights at Waterloo Road, children must be aware to still look both ways before crossing the road. Young children up to the age of 10 still need to hold onto the hand of an adult for safety. Often they see the green “walk” sign and just dart across the road without looking. We have witnessed many thoughtless drivers accelerating through the intersection to beat the lights. A real tragedy could occur, so please reinforce “look both ways” - especially at the traffic lights.

PSSA SUMMER TRIALS

This Friday at 12.10pm Mrs Burrows will be holding the PSSA Summer Sport Trials. Get practicing your favourite school sports at home so you'll know the rules and are fit and ready to try out. Get out there and have a go at PSSA Sport. It's fun!