Dear Parents,

Swimming Scheme
Our annual learn to swim program commences on Monday 18 February. This intensive learn to swim program is an extremely important program. Swimming is an essential skill to have for both safety and leisure.

Because of our warm climate it is vital that all children living in Australia should gain this necessary skill. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25 metres confidently and unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme.

At a total cost of $36 this program is a very inexpensive way for children to learn to swim. The only charge is the cost of entry into the pool. All students in years 2-6 are encouraged to attend.

Excursion Payments
Our school has introduced money envelopes. Money envelopes will be attached to all future notes. Money for all future excursions will need to be placed in the special Greenacre Public School money envelope with your child’s name and class clearly printed on the envelope.

Regards
Ross Cleary
Principal

Dates to Remember

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BACK TO SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE

At the start of the school year it is important to be on top of asthma management. ‘The Back To School Spike is likely to occur. This is a well-documented increase in hospital admissions in both school and preschool children with coincides with the return to school/daycare. This spike is strongly associated with an increased exposure to viruses, a common trigger for asthma, and may also be due to the child’s asthma management routine lapsing over the holidays. We recommend that parents provide the school with an updated asthma care plan, or a written asthma action plan which has been completed by the child’s doctor.

MAN UP CONFERENCE

‘Man up is a father and sons conference being held this month in Lakemba. There will be 2 days of FREE entertainment, activities and food. Special guests from a wide range of community organisations will be speaking. Registration is essential.

Day 1
When: Saturday 16 Feb 5.30pm – 8pm
Dads only - dinner provided
Where: LMA Function Hall
71-75 Wangee Rd Lakemba

Day 2
When: Sunday 17 Feb 9.30am -1pm
Dads & kids – Breakfast provided
Where: ANSP Parry Park Lakemba
Contact: Bilal El-Hayek on 9750 6833
or www.youth@lma.org.au

STUDENT’S GARDENING GROUP

Mrs Blackford is inviting interested students to come and join her gardening group. Gardening group will meet each Friday at lunchtime. Please see Mrs Blackford if you would like to be a part of keeping our school beautiful.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Mrs Blackford would like to express her delight in the children who have been coming to school in correct school uniform. Great job!

P & C 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 and Joumana - CLO

PLAY GROUP

Thank you to all of our regular parents that attended our Friday Play Group. The children worked on the letter ‘S’ and made a spotted, slow snail. Next week we will work on another letter so we hope to see you there.

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 and Iman - CLO

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.

KINDERGARTEN LUNCH ORDERS

As the children are still new to the school, Kindergarten children are not able to order their lunch through the canteen in Term 1. Please provide a full lunch for your child until Term 2 when ordering will begin.
TAKE CARE IN CAR PARKS

It has come to our attention that some motorists are driving dangerously in the YMCA carpark. This carpark is a very busy area when people are dropping off and picking up children. Extreme care must be taken to avoid hitting a pedestrian with your car especially at the entrance and exit. Please drive slowly and watch out for pedestrians.

PSSA SUMMER SPORT

PSSA Summer Sport begins on Friday 21 February. Please ensure your child brings a hat, bottle of water and sunscreen along with any money required to participate.