Dear Parents,

**Parent Information Sessions**

Parent Information Sessions are being held throughout this week between 3pm and 4pm each day. These important sessions have been organised to provide an opportunity for all parents to meet their child’s teacher and gain valuable information about the 2013 school year. It is hoped many parents are able to attend. Details and times are again provided in the newsletter.

**School Uniforms**

Thank you to all parents who have demonstrated their support for our school uniform policy by ensuring all our students are in correct uniform every day. It is so pleasing to see most students in the correct uniform including school hat and black shoes. It is vital that school hats are worn correctly. All students must ensure the brim of their hat is flat, (not rolled up) and in good condition so that you are properly protected from the sun.

Regards
Ross Cleary
Principal

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**P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Prior notice is hereby given that the Greenacre Public School P & C Association AGM is to be held in March. A General P & C Meeting will also be held next Tuesday 26 February.

**When:** Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 26 March 2013
**Time:** 9.30am
**Where:** Small Hall (near Uniform Shop)

It is important that we have a good number of parents attend this meeting and nominate the candidates who will represent you in many aspects at the school. Candidates will be nominated on the day. Positions available are: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.
## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

### Week 4
- **Monday 18 Feb**
  - Yrs 2-6 Swimming Scheme
  - K - Parent Information Session
- **Tuesday 19 Feb**
  - 9am Parent Group
  - Yrs 1&2 Parent Information Session
- **Wednesday 20 Feb**
  - Yrs 3&4 Parent Information Session
- **Thursday 21 Feb**
  - Yrs 5&6 Parent Information Session
- **Friday 22 Feb**
  - 9am Play Group
  - Summer PSSA Round 1

### Week 5
- **Tuesday 26 Feb**
  - 9am Parent Group
  - General P & C Meeting
- **Friday 1 Mar**
  - Swimming Scheme Ends
  - 9am Play Group
  - Summer PSSA Round 2

### Week 6
- **Monday 4 Mar**
  - Bankstown District Swim. Carnival
- **Wednesday 6 Mar**
  - Scripture Lessons Start
- **Thursday 7 Mar**
  - Life Education Lessons Start
- **Friday 8 Mar**
  - Summer PSSA Round 3

### Week 7
- **Tuesday 12 Mar**
  - Year 5 Excursion to ‘I Am Jack’
- **Thursday 14 Mar**
  - Selective High School Tests
  - Years 3 & 4 Excursion to ‘I Am Jack’
- **Friday 15 Mar**
  - Summer PSSA Round 4

## SUMMER READING CLUB
Congratulations to Jonathon Tran who read 38 books in the Summer Reading Club. A special mention to Jennifer Tran who read 33 books. Well done to you both.

## COMMUNITY / P & C MEETING
We have started holding Mini Literacy Sessions. Parents practiced some exercises on plurals and apostrophes and gained valuable knowledge to pass onto their children during homework time. These sessions were followed by craft and cooking lessons. This week we will be learning about Best Start. Next Tuesday 26 February we are holding our first General P & C Meeting. This will be followed by another Mini Literacy Session. The committee will be organizing Easter Raffle Tickets soon. We’d love to see you there.

### When:
Every Tuesday from 9am to 11am

### Where:
Small Hall
(Refreshments/childcare provided)
Mejda Eldan and Joumana - CLO

## PLAY GROUP
The children worked on the letter ‘A’ and made an alligator puppet. 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 have a child enrolling soon to be a part of our play group.

### When:
Every Friday from 9am to 11am

### 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

## STAGE 3 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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Congratulations on a great start to the year.

## EXCITING NEWS!
Our school has been successful in joining the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. The aim of the program is to engage and educate students in growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing delicious and healthy food. The skills and knowledge gained should be a foundation for lifelong healthy eating habits. Mrs Blackford will lead garden lessons, and Miss Thibaux will lead cooking lessons. A new garden area will be established and we will use our kitchen area in the small hall. The success of this program will rely on our parents and community supporting the lessons. Contact Mrs Blackford if you would like to help.

## UNIFORM SHOP STOCKTAKE
Please note in your diary that the uniform shop will be closed for stocktake on Friday 22 March. We require volunteers to help for as little as one hour. If you would like to help, contact Sonya on: 0410 379 079 for more info.

![Closed for Stock Take]
BANKSTOWN RECREATION EXPO
The Bankstown City Council Expo will be held Saturday 9 March from 2pm to 6pm at Carysfield Reserve in Bass Hill. Contact Council on: 9707 9999 for more information.

RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS
A reminder to parents, especially parents new to the school that we share our boundaries with ordinary local citizens just like yourselves. Please respect their property and right to access their homes by not littering as you walk past and not blocking or entering driveways. We rely on our neighbours to look out for our school, so please do the right thing so we can maintain this important relationship with them.

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. Arriving late is disruptive to the class.
School starts at 8.55am so please aim to arrive by 8.45am.

SCRIPTURE – HELP NEEDED
Scripture lessons will begin on Wednesday 6 March (Week 6). We are in need of new Islamic Scripture teachers. If you would like to be trained or find out about volunteering, please contact Kylie Elakhras on 9708 0880.