Dear Parents,

**Parent Information Sessions**
A big thank you to the many parents who attended our Parent Information sessions held last week. These important sessions were organised to provide an opportunity for all parents to meet their child’s teacher and gain valuable information about our school. It was very pleasing to see so many parents interested in their child’s education and our school.

**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. I know our school community is very proud of its sound school image based on a strong adherence to wearing the correct school uniform. Most students are now wearing a new hat with a straight brim (not rolled up).

**School Fees**
Thank you to all parents who have already made payment for Home Reader Folders, Progress Folders and Communication Folders as well as the $10 school donation.

The quality and effectiveness of our school is dependent on the success of fundraising and payment of the school donation. The payment of the school donation is obviously voluntary. However in order to make a good school better, our school would welcome your contribution.

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.

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

Positions available are: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

**Week 5**
- **Tuesday 26 Feb**: 9am Parent Group
- **Monday 25 Feb**: 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
- **Friday 15 Mar**: Summer PSSA Round 4

**Week 8**
- **Thursday 21 Mar**: School Photo Day
- **Friday 22 Mar**: Life Education Lessons End
- **Summer PSSA Round 5**

**Week 9**
- **Tuesday 26 Mar**: SRC Induction Assemblies
- **Thursday 28 Mar**: Years 4-6 SRC and garden club to 500 schools planting program at Abbotsbury
- **Friday 29 Mar**: Summer PSSA Round 6

LIFE EDUCATION IS COMING SOON

The Life Education mobile classroom is coming to Greenacre Public School from 4 March until 22 March. All classes from K-6 will attend a session with their teacher. Depending on their grade, the students will learn about living a healthy lifestyle, environmental issues, storing medicine safely, friendship, resilience, effects of smoking, and the function of body systems or cyber safety. All lessons reflect the NSW PDHPE syllabus. As this event is taking place on school grounds and the cost has been included in the school fees, a separate permission note to attend the mobile classroom will not be going home.
Please see Mrs Macreadie or Mrs Morgan if you have any questions.

SWIMMING SCHEME NOTE

Please ensure your child comes to school with their towel and swimming costume. Pack the bag the night before so they won’t be forgotten.

COMMUNITY PARENT MEETING

We have started holding Mini Literacy Sessions. These sessions are generally followed by craft or cooking lessons. After the P & C meeting this week we will be holding an easy sewing project transforming bath towels into wrap around towels using Velcro. The committee will be distributing Easter Raffle Tickets soon.

**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 ‘T’ and our craft item was a healthy clean tooth. 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

BIRRONG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Birrong Girls High School is holding an Open Morning for Years 5 and 6 female students and their parents/guardians on Wednesday 13 March from 10.30am to 12.30pm. This is a valuable opportunity for the students and their families to learn about our school’s programs and achievements, to see our excellent school facilities and to meet and speak to our students and staff. Contact: 9644 5057.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to another busy term in the Library. Students can begin borrowing next week. Teachers will notify students of their borrowing day. **You must use a library bag to borrow books.** These can be purchased at the office for $6. Please make sure they are clearly labelled. Library monitors will be announced next week. Happy Reading from Mrs Rutherford.
5H wrote cinquains about Watermelons.

A cinquain poem:
Line One = one word synonym for the title
Line Two = two adjectives to describe
Line Three = three verbs to describe
Line Four = four make it do something
Line Five = how it makes you feel

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Delicious
Refreshing tasty
Melting sliding drumming

Green
Juicy healthy
Crunchy munchy delicious
Watery in my mouth
So nice I'm hungry now
Jacob

Incredible
Crunchy juicy
Runny dribbling sticky

Oval
Fresh juicy
Sticky dribbly crunching

So nice

Emma
Simeon

Fruity
Green healthy
Dribbling crunchy hard

Meltys crunchy
Melting down my throat
Beautiful sound when cut open

Juicy
delicious
Dribbles down my chin
Feels amazing in my hands

Derick
Hassna

Amazing
Refreshing juicy
Sucking dribbling slurping

Healthy
Stripy hard
Chewing licking sucking
Dripping down my arm
Amazing black pips red flesh

Shaymah
Ahmad

Refreshings
Sucking dribbling slurring
Melts in my mouth
Slides down the throat smoothly

Healthy
Red juicy
Soft refreshing fruit
Slides down my throat
So yummy makes me hungry

Shaymah
Maysa

Smooth
Juicy fresh
Sucking dribbling slurping
Drooling my taste buds
Relaxed healthy energised calm full

Kevin
**UNIFORM SHOP SPECIAL**

We have limited stock of waterproof jackets for sale. Available sizes are 16 & 18 only for $5 each.

**STRICTLY NO EXCHANGE OR REFUND THESE ITEMS.**

**CHANGE OF SEASON**

This Friday 1 March marks the first day of Autumn. This weekend, go through the bathroom cabinet and throw away those worn old toothbrushes and replace them. Remember – old, worn toothbrushes harbour germs and don’t do the job well!

**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.**