PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 30 – Term 4 Week 2

Tuesday 13 October 2015

Dear Parents,

DISCIPLINE AT GREENACRE PUBLIC SCHOOL

For the past 6 years Greenacre Public School has implemented a Positive Behaviour Intervention system (PBIS). This system allows us to address behaviour and improve academic outcomes. Research shows that there is a clear link between behaviour and learning. Our students and teachers have designed school wide expectations (rules) and core values which are consistently taught throughout the year, to promote positive behaviour. These expectations and rules are displayed in every classroom, playground and other learning areas to ensure consistency in managing behaviour.

We create a positive learning environment by:

- Rewarding positive behaviour using words, certificates and awards. (Bee Awards, Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards and Principal's Medallion).
- Having clear consequences for negative behavior in the classroom and playground. (Step chart, white slips, detention, orange card, red card and suspension)
- Student behaviour is monitored by all staff
- Parents receive regular feedback for both positive and negative behaviour

This system allows students to know what behaviour is expected of them regardless of who is teaching. This system also applies to excursions, in the library or at sport where they are representing Greenacre Public School.

This system ensures the following behaviours are not tolerated under any circumstances at Greenacre Public School:

- Rudeness to teachers
- Aggression towards other students
- Bullying
- Racism

Thank you to all parents who support our school in our endeavours to maintain excellent student behaviour.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Our school has organised this very special day on Thursday 5 November. It is hoped this special day will enable a significant amount of parent participation. International Day will be an extremely important event in our school as we have 96% non English speaking background students. It will be a very special day to celebrate the many cultures and countries we originate from.

It is hoped all families can support International Day by:

1. Ensuring children are wearing national costume for the parade if possible.
2. Ensuring your child has purchased a wrist band to participate in all activities.
3. Supporting our school by purchasing food and items for sale at the event.
4. Coming along if possible to watch your child participate in these events.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 4

Week 2
Friday 16 October  Summer PSSA Round 10

Week 3
Tuesday 20 October  9am P & C Meeting
10am Parent Workshop Numeracy
Wednesday 21 October  Yr 6 Berry Camp
Thursday 22 October  Yr 6 Berry Camp
Friday 23 October  Yr 6 Berry Camp
9.30am Grandparents Day
Summer PSSA Round 11

Week 4
Friday 30 October  Summer PSSA Round 12

Week 5
Thursday 5 November  International Day
Friday 6 November  Summer PSSA Round 13

Week 6
Friday 13 November  Summer PSSA Semi Finals

INTERNATIONAL DAY UPDATE

Last day for showbag orders will be 3pm tomorrow, Wednesday 14 October. No exceptions as these bags need to be ordered in time for delivery to our International Day. Wristband and ticket orders are being taken through the office.

ICAS TEST RESULTS

In Mathematics, Stage 2 achieved 4 Distinctions and Stage 3 achieved 9 Distinctions and 6 High Distinctions.
In English, Stage 1 achieved 1 Distinction, Stage 2 achieved 1 Distinction and 1 High Distinction, and Stage 3 Achieved 7 Distinctions.
High Distinction winners for Mathematics are Terrick Hou, Dylan Liang, Brian Nguyen, Maroun Rahme, Nathan Trinh and Raymond Trinh and for English, Rizqin Dewanata from Year 4.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

All Grandparents are invited to visit classrooms and view a special performance by their grandchild on Friday 23 October from 9.30am until 11am. This will be followed by a morning tea. Please fill in RSVP with this Gazette.

ADVERTISING IN GAZETTE

If you need to advertise through this Gazette via the back page, please contact Austnews on 0409 992 479 or art@austnews.com.au

YEARS3-6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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These children have been working really hard. Congratulations on your achievement.

KINDERGARTEN 2016

We are accepting enrolments for next year's Kindergarten. Places are filling fast. Please bring in the child's birth certificate, proof of immunisation, proof of address and Medicare card showing child's name. The child must turn 5 years old on or before 31 July 2016 to be eligible for enrolment.

PARENT NUMERACY WORKSHOP

Taking Off With Numeracy Parent Workshop 20 October. Please RSVP by tomorrow 14 October.

ARABIC STORYTIME

The next Arabic Storytime will be held in Chester Hill Library 12 Chester Hill Road Chester Hill at 11.30am on 13 November. Call 9707 9740.

CITIZENSHIP TEST SUPPORT

One last opportunity for assistance with the test for becoming an Australian Citizen is available tomorrow morning 14/10. Starts at 10.30am. Compass Centre Bankstown. Call Fatmata on: 9796 2235.
C have been studying narrative writing. They have written their own mini-novels following the structure of the ‘Hero Quest’. This is an excerpt from a mini-novel written by Jill Vu. If you want to know what happens next, we will be happy to give you a copy of the whole story!

Destruction

Author: Jill Vu

~Prologue~

The ruins of the castle filled with experiments lay with red fingers threading through its broken fundamentals. Charred bodies were scattered across the cold ground, evidence of mass destruction. Some were human, some were dead mutants. I myself was one. I glanced at my hands, the hands that caused the fire to rage through the castle. I don't regret it. Screams echoed throughout the dark forest, the only thing being illuminated was now black soot.

I began to run from my nightmare. I hated this place. I hated these humans. Alone I was, wandering through these walls. All I knew is that I was in the very first stone wall, Wall Maria. The moon glared down at me, as if it was scolding me for my very existence. It was right. I shouldn't even be alive and breathing. I continued to run from the dastardly image of burning, until my feet met cold liquid.

My neck craned down, viewing my horrible appearance. I was a demon. A freak. A monster. Two twisted black horns surged from a forest of midnight black hair. Serrated teeth erupted from my mouth as I breathed sharply, puffs of black steam floating into the cold air. Blue crystal claws adorned my thin hands, some covered in human blood. A black trench coat danced in the wind as I stood there, gawping at my demonic appearance.

I was a titan built for war. Humans have created me to kill off my own kind, that I would obey them. That single theory killed them, and will kill humanity itself. A silver ring sitting on my finger glinted white in the moonlight, simple beauty hiding a weapon. As I unsheathed the claw, it drew itself across my thumb. A loud boom of thunder and black steam killed the serenity of the forest, nocturnal birds and animals scattering the landscape. The cloud dissipated, revealing a 20 metre tall female body. Cyan spikes erupted out of the spinal section, skinless purple muscles.

I am Severin Kaisa, and I am bent on the destruction of humanity.

~Chapter 1: Only Chance~

Daylight dawned on the forest, a quiet day inset into empty grassland. The occasional animal quietly observed my gigantic form before scuttling away. Patches of giant trees much larger than me dotted the green landscape, before something caught my eye. My red eyes spun around in their sockets, searching for the source of whimpering. It was inhuman, yet reptilian at the same time.

Soon, my eyes locked on their target. Gleaming snake scales glittered in the dappled light, dirty white hair scattered across the ground. A female torso was attached to the snake tail. She screamed as I picked her up by the tail, but calmed down when she realised who I was.

"Kakomiki?" I quietly growled.

"It's me... I thought you died in the fire." She replied quietly.
PLAYGROUP EVERY THURSDAY

The children have begun working on numbers. Bring a piece of fruit for you and your child. Gold coin donation on entry. Tea and coffee provided. We meet in the school hall from 9-11am each Thursday. A speech therapist is visiting this week to answer any questions you may have regarding your child's development.

Our playgroup will be now open to all families as we have joined Good Beginnings Australia.

Majda Eldan – CLO

FATHERS GATHERING THURSDAYS

Greenacre PS fathers meet each Thursday in Block B Community Liaison Office, located downstairs at 2pm. Fairfield City Council are holding a FREE seminar on being a great dad. Thursday 29 October at St Johns Park 6.30pm-8.30pm. Bookings essential – call 0407 708 626.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

SCHOOL BANKING TUESDAYS

School banking will take place every Tuesday. Hand in banking at the office before school. The deposit books will be returned to your child's class by the next day.

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

Please come along to Block H kitchen each Tuesday at 9am for cooking and craft. Our Childcare course is being run in H Block next to kitchen. Today we made biscuits. We have something for everyone. Mrs Ipermachou and Mrs Stevenson are running a FREE parent workshop to help you help your child with maths in week 3. 10am in kitchen after P & C meeting.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 14 October to ensure you receive your FREE pack.

Majda Eldan – CLO

P & C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday 20 October. We need new members, so please consider coming along.

P & C Committee
Greenacre Public School
Invites you to celebrate Grandparents Day

Enjoy a classroom visit, a special performance and Morning Tea.

When: Friday, 23rd October
Time: 9:30 - 11:00am
Where: Grandchild’s classroom
RSVP: 21-10-15

We hope you can join us!

We would love to attend Grandparents’ Day 2015  Yes ☐

Number of grandparents attending: ______

Names of grandchildren:                Class

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GREENACRE PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

Limited positions available

Attention Parents

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

If you have children already at Greenacre Public School or a friend please ask them to collect the enrolment form from the office and take it home.

Please supply these items along with your completed enrolment form:

- Child's Birth Certificate (or passport)
- If parents born overseas – A passport
- Immunisation History Statement or Blue Book
- Medicare Card
- Proof of address – Rates or Electricity/Lease

Welcome to Kindergarten
Greenacre public school Canteen
“Halloween” Special

Thursday 29th October

TRICK
OR
TREAT

Gooey Cheesy Pizza

+ Juice Cup (frozen)

+ Zombie Chew Halloween Treat

Only $6.00

Please complete the slip below and return to the school canteen with payment by Wednesday 28th of OCTOBER to ensure you don’t miss out 😊

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NAME:  CLASS:

☐ BBQ Chicken  OR

☐ Margherita Cheese

*Please advise of any allergies