PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
No. 32 – Term 4 Week 4

Dear Parents,

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Our students are lucky to be provided with many extra curricular activities away from our school site. Last week Year 6 students, with Mr Chrostowski, Ms Stilwell and Mr Taylor enjoyed three days at Berry Sport & Rec Camp. Our students represented our school well, taking part in a range of outdoor activities, helping in the camp kitchen, and mixing with students from other schools. They were well behaved, cooperative and enjoyed the challenges they faced. They are definitely ready for high school next year.

Mrs Blackford, Mrs Cini and Mrs Petkovski had the pleasure of taking 51 of our Years 3-6 students to the Youth Eco Summit at Homebush last Thursday. The children impressed adults there with their knowledge of the environment and sustainability, and answered questions intelligently. Our school was the only one with a stand in the Expo tent, and Mrs Cini showed many students from other schools how to create a worm farm. Our school promoted the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program as well. We would like to acknowledge the Western Sydney Giants AFL Program for providing free transport by bus on the day.

This Wednesday four of our students will be attending the Junior Koori Youth Forum at Bankstown. They will spend the day with other aboriginal students from many schools, and participate in dance, art, writing and other cultural experiences, and listen to older role models.

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. Children will receive a FREE ice block from the canteen if they wear a national costume.
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 4
Monday 26 October 3pm Homework Centre Begins
Thursday 29 October Halloween Canteen Special Menu
Friday 30 October Summer PSSA Round 12

Week 5
Tuesday 3 November 9.15am Kindergarten Orientation Day
Thursday 5 November International Day
Friday 6 November Summer PSSA Round 13

Week 6
Tuesday 10 November 9.15am 2016 Kindergarten Program
Friday 13 November Summer PSSA Semi Finals

Week 7
Tuesday 17 November 9.15am 2016 Kindergarten Program
9am P & C Meeting
Friday 20 November Summer PSSA Finals

Week 8
Tuesday 24 November 9.15am 2016 Kindergarten Program

Week 9
Wednesday 2 December Sports Assembly
Final Scripture & Thank You M/Tea
Thursday 3 December High School Orientation Day

Week 10
Monday 7 December Books In Homes Assembly Yr4
Tuesday 8 December Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Year 6 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday 9 December 9am K-2 Presentation Day Assembly
11.45am 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly
Friday 10 December Gold & Principal Medalion Assemblies

Week 11
Monday 14 December Class Picnics & Year 6 Luna Park
Wednesday 16 December Final Day for Students

YEARS 3-6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

3M Mohommad Rahman Rihanna Hamdously
3R Layel Al Hamwi Mohamad Theeb
3T Raneem Eid Yasa Ben Mlah
3/4C Sadaf Rahman Duc Vu
3/4G Sarah Taha Eyad Bou Hamdan
3/4V Suzan Darwich Mazhar Tayba

4J Iman Kak Salah Ismail
4M Reyen Kanat Bashar Naboulsi
4P Faiz Khwaja Amani Sabbagh

5S Ayman Haydar Mase Nada
5T Tasnim Abulial Adam Abuquta
5Y Bee Lam Salma Rashwan
5/6H Naja Salim Anisha Udin
5/6I Gadeer Daher Sally El-Asmar
5/6C Andrew Song Stephanie Tran

6A Jessica Prasad Muhammad Rizwan
6M David Le Fatima Hammoud
6T/S Ghassan Al-Salti Hanna Slatini

3/6M Najah Hasna
3/6T Hassan Farhat Mohamed Daher

These children have been trying hard and taking pride in their work.

SCHOOL START TIME

The school day begins at 8.55am so you should ensure your child arrives at least 10 minutes before this to catch up with friends and settle before the bell. If your child is late for school, they must proceed directly to class where the teacher will mark them as late. Please note that children should only enter school from 8.30am when a teacher is on playground duty. There is no supervision of students before then. Some children are arriving much earlier and this is not to be encouraged. If you need to drop your child to school before 8.30am you may need to use the services of the YMCA Before School Care.

GRANDPARENTS DAY SUCCESS

Thank you to all the Grandparents who attended our first “Grandparents Day” last Friday. We had fifty grandparents and lots of smiling grandchildren. During the week, classes shared and wrote about special moments with their grandparents as well as reading lots of great stories about grandparents. Thanks must also go to the Kindergarten children and the School Choir for entertaining our special guests.

ANZAC GARDEN IN BLOOM

WE have our first ANZAC rose blooming in our new Peace Garden. The next time you walk to the hall for assembly have a look. We have 2 roses and the lone pine tree which had been donated by Bankstown Council earlier this year. Photo shows Mr Cleary with our school captains Yanick and Lara.
We presented our assembly item about the story of
3/4C had a lot of fun learning about

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PLAYGROUP EVERY THURSDAY

The children have begun working on numbers this term. 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. Our playgroup will be open to all families as we have joined Good Beginnings Australia.

Mejda 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

P & C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday 17 November.

P & C Committee

SCHOOL BANKING TUESDAYS

School banking will take place every Tuesday. Hand in deposits at the office before school (10am at the latest). The deposit books will be returned to your child’s class the following day.

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

Last week the Numeracy workshop went really well. Feedback was positive. Thank you to Mrs Ipermachou and Mrs Stevenson for running it. Next week will be Kindergarten Orientation and on Thursday our big fundraising event, International Day. Please bring your family and friends along to this great day out. Our Childcare course is ongoing in H Block next to kitchen. We have something for everyone so please consider coming along.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION

NSW Health would like to provide information about whooping cough to parents and carers of children attending NSW schools. This information is available on the NSW Health website: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Infomation-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx

Early diagnosis and treatment help to prevent the spread of this disease so please take a look at the website so you know what symptoms to look out for.