PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 34 – Term 4 Week 6

Dear Parents,

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Our school had organised this very special day for last Thursday. It is hoped the weather will be fine this Thursday 12 November.

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.

NEW CLASSROOM

As you would imagine, plans are well underway for the 2016 school year. All families have been continually reminded that our school is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten in 2016. It is vital that we are accurate as possible in estimating our student numbers, so that we have the necessary resources in place when students return to school in 2016. At this stage we have 91 students enrolled in Kindergarten and a total of 803 students altogether. We know that we will need an extra classroom to cater for the increased enrolments which we anticipate next year. To preserve our playground space it is planned that the new classroom will be placed on the asphalt area adjacent to Waterloo Road near our library and an existing demountable classroom.

AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY

As part of our PDHPE curriculum, we teach students about stranger danger, and keeping safe. It is important that your child is always where you expect them to be, and if you cannot pick them up from school on time, you make arrangements for them to get home safely.

We have had concerns about the number of students who are picked up from Roberts Park well after school has finished. It is vital that you organise someone to pick your child up if you cannot.

This is a timely reminder that students are in an unsafe situation if they are left to play in the community without adult supervision. Please ensure your child is picked up from school at 2.55pm when school finishes each day.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 4

**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
- Friday 20 November: Summer PSSA Finals

**Week 8**
- Tuesday 24 November: 9.15am 2016 Kindergarten Program
- Friday 27 November: Schools Spectacular Excursion

**Week 9**
- Wednesday 2 December: Sports Assembly
- Thursday 3 December: Final Scripture & Thank You M/Tea

**Week 10**
- Monday 7 December: Books In Homes Assembly Yr4
- Tuesday 8 December: Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- Wednesday 9 December: Year 6 Farewell Dinner

**Week 11**
- Friday 11 December: 9am K-2 Presentation Day Assembly
- Friday 11 December: 11.45am 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly

**Week 1 Term 1 2016**
- Wednesday 27 January: Staff Return - Pupil Free Day
- Thursday 28 January: Yr1-6 Students Return Term 1
- Friday 29 January: Kindergarten Assessments

**Week 2 Term 1 2016**
- Monday 1 February: Kindergarten Classes Begin

YEARS 3-6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2015

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Remembrance Day is annually observed on November 11. Many Australians stop what they are doing at exactly 11am in their local times on November 11 each year to dedicate a minute of silence for those who died in war, especially soldiers from as far back as World War I. Those who join in this act of remembrance include teachers, students, politicians, and workers of public and private sector enterprises. Many people wear artificial poppies on the day and key political figures make speeches in remembrance of the nation's fallen heroes. Services are held at 11am at war memorials in suburbs and towns across the country, at which the "Last Post" is played by a bugler and a one-minute silence is observed.

" lest we forget"

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We shall remember them"
LEAN ON 3/6M
PLAYGROUP EVERY THURSDAY

This Thursday (weather permitting) is International Day so we expect to see all our playgroup children enjoying all the fun of the fair. Next week we will resume working with numbers. Bring a piece of fruit for you and your child. $2 per child. Tea and coffee provided. We meet in the school hall from 9-11am each Thursday.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

FATHERS – HELP NEEDED WITH BBQ

Greenacre PS fathers meet each Thursday in Block B Community Liaison Office, located downstairs at 2pm. We are asking for help with the BBQ on International Day. If you can spare an hour or more, we would love a helping hand. Grandfathers welcome also.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

TISSUE DONATIONS PLEASE

We are in need of tissues for classroom use. If you have a spare box at home, please send one to school with your child. We appreciate your generosity.

P & C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting is Tuesday 17 November. Meet in H Block Kitchen at 9am.

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

Our 2nd 2016 Kindergarten Coming To School Program session was held today. The parents were addressed by our OT and Speech Therapist. Thursday is our big fundraising event, International Day. Please bring your family and friends along to this great day out. Our parent group helps out during these special events so why not join us each Tuesday in H Block Kitchen at 9am. Our Childcare course is ongoing in H Block next to kitchen.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

SCHOOL BANKING TUESDAYS

School banking will take place every Tuesday. Hand in banking at the office before school as we have a parent volunteering her time for this. Banking cannot be accepted after school bell. The deposit books will be returned to your child’s class by the following day.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOOD DONATIONS

Please bring in prepared food in containers provided by the school on Thursday morning. Return any unwanted containers to office. If unable to prepare food item, a donation of bought food or drink would be gratefully accepted.

Kip McGrath
Extra Help is Available

For Professional Tutoring in: Please call Ian or Maria Ventura for a FREE Assessment and details
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Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply

**Step 1** Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.

**Step 2** Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

**Step 3** The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.