PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 37 – Term 4 Week 9  
Tuesday 1 December 2015

Dear Parents,

FRIENDSHIP

As parents, one thing I believe we all want for our children is for them to have friends and to be well liked. I’m sure we all feel very relieved and proud when our child receives his or her first party invitation, or is invited to a friend’s house to play. Seeing our child accepted and included by peers is a great comfort to parents, and gives us an indication that they are developing the qualities that will make them appealing as a friend.

Friendships help children develop emotionally and socially. In interacting with friends, children learn many social skills such as how to communicate, cooperate and solve problems. They practice controlling their emotions and responding to the emotions of others. They develop the ability to think through and negotiate different situations that arise in their relationships. These are life skills that will serve them well beyond the school yard. They are the same 21st Century skills that they need to be successful in the workplace.

Children learn many social skills from watching how adults interact with them and other people. Some key points to help our children be good friends include:

- Setting clear rules for appropriate behaviour
- Teaching children how to solve conflicts appropriately by modelling self-control and positive conflict resolution skills ourselves
- Helping children develop empathy
- Giving children opportunities to practice cooperation and problem solving
- Encouraging children to show support and appreciation for others
- Helping children to develop skills valued by their peer group, such as turn-taking and games skills
- Ensuring that our children use language with care and consideration and understand its impact on the feelings of others

Supporting our children to be good friends is an important role for parents and teachers. By understanding that there will be challenges as children are required to develop new skills and understanding, and seeking to equip children with skills rather than being too quick to intervene or blame others, we are helping them on the way to positive and independent friendships.

GREENACRE HAS TALENT

On the last day of school this term, our school has organised a special talent quest for our students. A variety of talented students are presently auditioning for this special event which will be held at 11.45am on Wednesday 16 December. Thank you to Mrs Tamir and the talent quest committee for making this event possible.

TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last day Term 4 2015 – Wednesday 16 December 2015.
First day Term 1 2016 – Students Yrs 1-6 return Thursday 28 January 2016.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 4

Week 9
- Wednesday 2 December: 9am Yrs 3-6 Sports Assembly
- Thursday 3 December: High School Orientation Day

Week 10
- Tuesday 8 December: Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- Wednesday 9 December: Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- Thursday 10 December: 9.15am K-2 Gold Assembly
- Friday 11 December: 9am Principal Medallion Assembly

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

Week 1 Term 1 2016
- Wednesday 27 January: Staff Return – Pupil Free Day
- Thursday 28 January: Yrs 1-5 Students Return Term 1 Kindergarten Assessments
- Friday 29 January: Kindergarten Assessments

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

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The Year 6 Farewell dinner will be held next Tuesday 8 December at The Haldon Function Centre in Lakemba. Please refer to your note regarding dress code and pick up times.

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY SAFETY

Parents please be aware that the driveway entrance on Waterloo Road is for vehicles only. Please enter via the pedestrian gate. Using the pedestrian gate is the safest way into our school.

TRAVELLING OVERSEAS?

If you are travelling overseas during the term break and are going to arrive back after school resumes on Thursday 28 January, please inform the school office.

YEAR 6 T-SHIRT NOT TO BE SIGNED

Please reinforce to your Year 6 child that having clothing signed by friends is not appropriate and is a form of graffiti. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL APP ACCESS

Username: community Password: greenacrepS

KINDergarten ASSEMBLY AWARDS

| KD    | Sireene Djanati | Jacob Alameddine |
| KE    | James Chetty    | Hamza Naddaf     |
| KE    | Owais Emir Rudzikiyani | Mohammed Hammad  |
| KH    | Mohamed Hadid   | Oula Adra        |
| KT    | Layal Khaleed   | Hussain Zaghi    |
| 1B    | Hamza Rana      | Hana Sabovic     |
| 1C    | Ali Nahle       | Shamma Chamali   |
| 1L    | Ahmad Kabah     | Mohamad Taleb    |
| 1P    | Halena Pham     | Bilal El Zoobi   |
| 2C    | Omar Ghany      | Fatima Bougrassa |
| 2F    | Jad Awde        | Abdalrahman Welyo|
| 2M    | Abbas Salami    | Jenifer Pham     |
| 2T    | Siakumi Tu'iniua | Fatima Sebai     |

What a bunch of high achievers!

PSSA SPORT FINALS RESULTS

Last Friday, the boys junior and senior AFL teams played in the PSSA Grand Finals. The senior team was aiming for a third successive title but were unsuccessful, going down to Chester Hill PS. The junior team however won their game against Bankstown North PS, coming back from behind in the third term. Both teams played gallantly and should be congratulated on the effort they've put in throughout the season. I'm incredibly proud of all the players that took part and contributed to the team and I'm already looking forward to next season. Coach: Mr Sibai

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Tomorrow in the hall at 11am is our Thank You morning tea. This is our way of showing our appreciation for all the wonderful things parents and grandparents do, ranging from craft skills to reading, student banking and gardening.

Thank you!
I have been doing a science unit called "All Mixed Up". They have been predicting and experimenting with wet and dry products. They found out what would mix and what wouldn't mix or dissolve. They got to eat some of their experiments like smoothies and cocoa balls - they tasted delicious!
FINAL PLAYGROUP THIS THURSDAY

The children have enjoyed fun working with numbers this term. This week is the last session for 2015. We will be having a small party and the children will receive their certificates. Bring a snack for you and your child to share. $2 per child. Tea and coffee provided. We meet in the school hall from 9-11am each Thursday.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

GREENACRE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Carols by Teaights will be held Sunday 20 December from 6pm. Singing, jumping castle, face painting. There will also be a Christmas Day Service at 8.30am followed by a FREE lunch from 12pm. Bookings essential. RSVP 18 December. Pick up available. Ham served separately.
30 Shellcote Road. Phone 9842 1082. All welcome.

FREE BUS TO THE BEACH

Bankstown Council’s FREE bus to Cronulla Beach is on again these summer holidays. The service will operate on 12, 14, 19 and 21 January. The buses pick up from Sefton, Panania, Greenacre, Revesby, Bankstown and Padstow. No supervision provided. Parent or guardian must accompany children.
Go to: www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au or call 9707 9605

FATHERS/GRANDFATHERS GROUP

Greenacre Public School fathers and grandfathers meet each Thursday in Block B Community Liaison Office, located downstairs at 2pm.
Anwar Samneh – CLO

P & C AGM FEBRUARY 2016

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during school terms. Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday 16 February 2016. Please consider attending.

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

No parent meeting was held today due to end of year commitments but we will be having a small party next week to finish off the year. 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. Banking cannot be accepted after school bell. The deposit books will be returned to your child’s class by the following day.

FREE SURFING PROGRAM

Bankstown Council is coordinating a surfing program to be held Tuesday 12 January. Registrations essential then http://2016surfprogram.eventbrite.com.au

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ATTENTION PARENTS:
ARE YOU READY FOR THE LONG SIX WEEKS HOLIDAYS?

Do you need a registered family day care educator that works with-in the Greenacre, Chullora, Punchbowl surrounding areas?

I have an amazing program this Long six week holidays ready for the kids to enjoy.

Taking children of all ages 1-16 years of age.

If anyone is after a family day care educator for these holidays also for back to school. I also do normal school days, along with pick ups/drop offs. Thank you

For further information please call Diana on:

Mob: 0426 999 922
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Please bring money with you, your money for the excursion days & wear a hat and closed in shoes. Please note: this is a Free Service for parents eligible for Centrelink hours. Please Also Note: excursion with payments shown in the box will need to be paid by parents.

For more information please call Diana on: Mob: 0426 999 922