PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 39 – Term 4 Week 11

Tuesday 15 December 2015

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL FEES 2016

I am very mindful of the cost of sending children to school. Like many other families in Australia there are families at Greenacre who are feeling the pressure of increased costs of living. ‘Optional extras’ such as school camp, PSSA sport and excursions are available but never compulsory.

At the beginning of 2016 families will again be asked to pay for:

- School fees
- Voluntary school donation
- Swimming scheme (Years 2-6) in Week 4
- School Photos in Week 11

If you are experiencing financial difficulties in 2016 please contact me so that arrangements can be made to ensure the very best for your children.

THANK YOU

I would like to conclude another year as Principal of Greenacre Public School by thanking a variety of people.

Thank you to all 86 of our enthusiastic, professional and dedicated staff who have ensured the very best education we can offer your children. Besides their normal duties our teachers have all worked many hours before and after school to enable lunchtime clubs, camps, excursions, sport teams, SRC and special events.

Thank you to all our office and support staff who work tirelessly to support our teachers, ensuring systems run efficiently and smoothly on a day to day basis.

Thank you to the many parent helpers who have assisted with fundraising, in classrooms, at sport and on special days to improve the quality of the programs we provide.

A big thank you to our P & C Association, Mejda Eldan and Anwar Samneh (our Community Liaison Officers) for promoting parent participation at our school.

Thank you to Mrs Macreadie and Mrs Blackford, our Deputy Principals, Mrs Farrugia our Instructional Leader, our Assistant Principals, Mrs Escalante, Mrs Newton, Ms Hailey, Mrs Matanovic, Miss Vaux, and Grade Leaders Mrs Cini and Mr Chrostowski. Their assistance with the day-to-day operation of our school has ensured programs and systems have run efficiently and smoothly throughout 2015.

Thank you to all our students for their friendliness, their enthusiasm and their efforts in 2015. The teachers at Greenacre Public School are extremely lucky to have your 805 children as our students.

I wish all families a safe and restful vacation and look forward to working with the Greenacre Public School community in 2016.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 4

Week 11
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 1-6 Students Return Term 1
Friday 29 January       Kindergarten Assessments

Week 2 Term 1 2016
Monday 1 February        Kindergarten Classes Begin

2016 CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS

We are proud to announce our new student executive for 2016. They are:

CAPTAIN

School Captains:
Emanie Darwich &
Yacoub Ali

PREFECT

Dana Derbis
Amira Salami
Moiz Khan
Nathan Trinh

Congratulations to all these children. We look forward to a great year ahead in 2016. It was lovely to have the students’ parents join them on stage last week for the presentation at the 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly, and pin on their badges. We are sure you will be great role models for all our students. Thank you to our outgoing Captains and Prefects on a job well done in 2015.

AWARD ASSEMBLIES

Congratulations to all our award winners at the various assemblies held last week. Recognition for academic achievement, behaviour, sporting excellence and citizenship was celebrated.

COME PREPARED FOR TERM ONE

Remember that the school year starts on Thursday 28 January for students in Years 1-6. Children must be ready to start their work on this day. Send your child to school with at least:
Lead pencil, eraser, ruler, and glue stick. Please label all items clearly including the pencil case.

WISE WORDS FROM MS HALEY

Ms Hailey addressed the Year 6 at their farewell last week, leaving them with some words of wisdom and encouragement for the future. Here is a snippet for you.

- “You are amazing”.
  Celebrate your uniqueness.
- “You are smarter than you think”.
  Go for it.
- “You are more beautiful and handsome than you think”.
  Look after your brains and bodies. Say NO to drugs.
- “Choose Kind”.
  Always remember that every person you meet is carrying some kind of burden. Be kind because that’s the sort of person you are.
- “Treat others the way you want to be treated”.
  This is our major rule and it covers everything. When the whole world follows this rule, we will have peace, acceptance, forgiveness and trust. We can’t change the world, but we can change ourselves.
- “Life is short”.
  Go to Uni, join clubs, play an instrument, learn a language, get a job and save some money.
- “You are braver than you believe”.
  Remember Malala. She was shot by the Taliban. They thought the bullet would silence her. They failed. Because of that bullet thousands have heard her voice, and she continues to speak out for freedom and equality. From weakness, fear and hopelessness, strength, power and courage was born. Be as brave and courageous as Malala, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms are able to be purchased at the school office from 9.15am Wednesday 27 January 2016. EFTPOS facilities are available for your convenience. The pricelist is available on the website and school app.

TRAVELLING OR CHANGING SCHOOLS?

Please see the office if you will be late starting school next year or intend to change schools. We need to know as we are filling classes now and school student numbers are vitally important to plan ahead for 2016. Thank You.
The Staff at Greenacre Public School would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas Break.
PLAYGROUP 2016
We have a whole lot of fun and learning planned for next year's sessions. 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

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

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 2016
Our Childcare course is ongoing in H Block next to kitchen. We meet at 9am each Tuesday in the community kitchen. Mejda Eldan – CLO

SCHOOL BANKING MONDAYS IN 2016
School banking will now take place every Monday. 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.

SCHOOL APP ACCESS
Username: community Password: greenacrep
Please remember to check and save your settings regularly to keep up to date.

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