Dear Parents,

**HARMONY DAY AND ‘SHARE A SMILE DAY’**

Next week on Friday 20 March our school will be celebrating Harmony Day and Share a Smile Day by organising an Orange Muffin Day. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day, we all learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds belong to our nation and enrich it. Harmony Day is an extremely important event in our school as we have 96% non-English speaking background students. It is a very special day to celebrate the many cultures and countries we originate from.

We are combining Harmony Day with ‘Share a Smile’ Day at Greenacre Public School. Your child is asked to make someone smile on this day. Teachers have a class chart to record how each student is going to make someone smile. Please send your child to school with a gold coin on this day. We are collecting the donations to raise money for the Starlight Foundation, who do wonderful work with sick children in Australia.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

A big thank you to the many parents who attended our Parent Information sessions held last week. These important sessions were organised to provide an opportunity for all parents to meet their child’s teacher and gain valuable information about our school. It was very pleasing to see so many parents interested in their child’s education and our school.

**PARENT DETAILS**

All government schools in NSW are partly funded based on the ‘Family Occupation and Education Index’ (FEOI). To ensure Greenacre Public School’s FEOI is accurate, it is essential that parent details are correct. Our school’s funding is determined by parent’s occupation and educational background. It is important that our school has a record of present occupation and educational qualifications in Australia to gain correct funding for our school. Please complete the enclosed form and return to the office by Friday 20 March.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 1

**Week 7**
Wednesday 11 March  
Punchbowl Boys High Open Day
Friday 13 March  
PSSA Summer Round 4

**Week 8**
Friday 20 March  
Harmony Day/Share A Smile Day
                      PSSA Summer Round 5

**Week 9**
Wednesday 25 March  
5/6C Excursion to Seymour Centre
Friday 27 March  
PSSA Summer Round 6

**Week 10**
Tuesday 31 March  
School Photo Day
Thursday 2 April  
Last Day Term 1
Friday 3 April  
Good Friday Public Holiday

**Week 1 Term 2**
Monday 20 April  
Teachers Return
Tuesday 21 April  
Students Return Term 2

TREEm PLANTING ACTIVITY

On Friday 6th March, Mrs Cini, Mrs Bradley and 40 students went on an excursion to Lizard Log Park, in Western Sydney Parklands to plant some trees. It was part of the 500 Schools Planting Program, which aims to regenerate the area. We learnt about different types of trees and grasses, and planted lots of them. We were pleased to contribute to expanding the natural bushland areas and wildlife habitats in Greater Western Sydney.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN

You’re Invited

This Thursday at 9am parents are invited to meet with Mrs Blackford and visit our garden and kitchen. You will be given information about volunteering opportunities and helping in the cooking lessons with Mrs Kocatekin beginning next term. Please meet at the Primary COLA area at 9am.

YEAR 7 2016

Shortly, children in Year 6 will receive an Expression of Interest form for next year’s High School choices. **PLEASE DO NOT ALTER ANY INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN HAND WRITTEN ON THIS FORM. IF INFORMATION IS INCORRECT, PLEASE BRING IT TO THE OFFICE AND WE WILL RECTIFY THE ERROR.**

K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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Azan Ahmed  
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**2M**  
Marian Chkeir  
Xavier Hough

**2T**  
Mukhter Jamshed  
Muammar Amin

Excellent results have been achieved!

CANTEEN SURVEYS

The canteen committee is conducting surveys from students, teachers and parents. We are trying to improve our canteen to best suit your needs and would appreciate your feedback. Please complete the survey included in this week’s Gazette and return it to your child’s teacher.

VERTICAL GARDEN

Representatives from Bunnings visited our school last week and planted a new vertical garden in the infants area. It now has fantastic strawberries that will be tended to by our students and used in recipes in our kitchen classroom.

PUNCHBOWL BOYS HIGH OPEN DAY

Year 6 boys attending this Open Day must have returned the permission slip to their teacher in order to attend. The High School’s bus will collect the children at 10am and return by 2pm. Full school uniform must be worn. No cost.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club runs each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15am until 8.45am. The children can have toast or cereal at a cost of $1 each. Breakfast Club is located in the Community Kitchen classroom in Block H.
AN INTERVIEW WITH 2F STUDENTS

“SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE . . .”

*we need to learn to spell words and if we’re grown up, we wouldn’t know how to spell any words. KAMAL

*you will be so lazy if you don’t go to school NAMATALLAH

*so we can learn things that we don’t know AYESHA

*when we learn we get more health, get along with people, we learn for life for our future and we can have fun. JAD

*it’s so fun! MARIAM

*the teacher is nice. MOHAMED

*we get to learn and write better ZENA

*I do writing and I like to listen and do some work and I like going on the green apple (class happy chart) and it’s nice to be at school when you’re learning DOUNYA

*you get to do homework and sentences and school rules and how to count by 10’s and by 5’s ABDALRAHMAN

*so when you grow up you don’t have fights BILAL
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY
I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday. Our playgroup will continue to meet in the hall at 9am. Please bring a small breakfast snack for you and your pre-school aged child. $2 per child cost.
Mejda Eldan – CLO

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP
This week we made a dairy free ice cream. It is simple to make and low fat as well. You place pieces of frozen banana in a blender with a dash of vanilla and – Instant ice cream!! Delicious. Come along each week and experience a new recipe.
Mejda Eldan – CLO

FATHER'S MEETING WEDNESDAYS
All Greenacre PS fathers are invited to attend an informal afternoon tea in the Community Kitchen - Block H from 2pm-3pm each Wednesday.
Anwar Samneh – CLO

PARENTS WALKING GROUP
We need more people to join us on our weekly walk around the school block. It's a great way to start the day. Bring along the littlies in the pram – and enjoy the last sunshine of the season. Meet Mejda at 9am outside Block H to join in.
Mejda Eldan – CLO