PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 10 – Term 2 Week 2

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to all the students and parents to our school this term. I hope everybody had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I am certain Greenacre will experience another productive term filled with challenging teaching and learning programs.

ANZAC DAY

Congratulations to all 786 students who attended our special Anzac Ceremony last Friday. The behaviour of every student was exemplary during the ceremony. I am certain all students learnt a great deal last week about this special day. Many classes experienced special activities such as cooking Anzac biscuits and constructing poppies to wear. Our school leaders helped plant a ‘Lone Pine’ tree to mark the special 100th Anniversary of Anzac Day. A big thank you to Ms Hailey for organising our ceremony.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Our school is strongly committed to the safety and well-being of our students. The advent of social networking sites such as FaceBook adds a dimension to our lives that was not around when we were children. There may be many advantages to such sites but there are also some potential dangers that need to be considered e.g. child predators, stranger danger, cyber bullying, downloading computer viruses and increased internet addiction.

Our school has many students who use social networking sites. Many sites have age restrictions. As parents you may not be aware that your child has signed up to these sites and falsified their age to do so. Furthermore, some children have had accounts set up by other children who ‘know the system’. Technically, no child of primary age is 13 and thus should not have access to age restricted sites.

FaceBook and Bebo set a minimum age limit of 13 for users to register online and Myspace sets the limit at 14. It is not the school’s role to interfere in decisions being made by families around their children’s use of the internet. As a school we are however concerned that children may be putting themselves at risk, by not understanding the dangers associated with the improper use of social networking sites.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 2

3-6 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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This is a great start to Term Two. Fantastic!!

GARDENING AND WORM FARMS

We now have four new garden beds in our veggie garden area. Ms Thibaux organised a new project including the establishment of new gardens for aboriginal bush tucker and Asian plants. This project was possible because of the support of the NSW Government and the NSW Environmental Trust. We also have two worm farms. Students in classes 4/6T, 3/4C, 3R, 3M, 4J, and 4P are going to be starting this project and have already helped set up the worm farms after a visit from Natalie from ‘Know Waste’ Program. We were shown how a worm farm works. Many students worked hard to move soil into the new beds. Soon we will be planting new crops for the classes to maintain. Crops will be used in the SAKGP as well as by classes involved in the project. If you would like to help in the gardens, please let Mrs Blackford know and she can organise a session once the classes have their timetables set.

OC APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

The application process for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement in 2016 is about to begin. Important dates are as follows:

Monday 27/4/15: Online applications open.
Friday 15/5/15: Online applications close.
Tuesday 19/5/15: Principals’ processing opens.
Friday 5/6/15: Principals’ processing site closes.
Wednesday 22/7/15: OC Class Placement Test.


MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 9am and 11.30am Mother’s Day gifts will be on sale under the Hall COLA. Prices range from as little as $1 up to $10. Please send money with your child/children on these days. Classes will be allocated times to visit the stalls. Thank you for your support.
ANZAC Day Services

Last Friday our school prefects confidently led our school ANZAC assembly. Classes had been taught about the meaning of ANZAC, and its place in Australian history, as well as the Gallipoli event in WW1. Many students completed beautiful artworks on the topic, some of which will later be displayed in the hall.

Mr Cleary and the prefects also planted our own lone pine outside the school hall.

We would like to thank Ms Hailey for her organisation and congratulate all our students for their respect and behaviour shown during the special assembly.

On Saturday morning, William and Demi, with Mrs Blackford, represented our school and laid a wreath at the Bankstown ANZAC service. The prefects were part of a number of school groups attending the event, and met our local Members of Parliament Jason Clare MP, and Tania Mihailuk, MP.
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday. Our playgroup will continue to meet in the hall at 9am. We will be working with letters and sounds and making a craft that showcases their work. Please bring a small breakfast snack for you and your pre-school aged child. $2 per child cost. Note: This playgroup is for parents of pre school age *intending* to attend Greenacre Public School.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

Come along each week and experience a new recipe. The sharing of recipes has become a real hit so we will be continuing this again in Term Two. Our meeting group is an informal gathering of parents with an interest in their child’s schooling. Please consider coming along next term.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

FATHER'S MEETING – CHANGE OF VENUE

All Greenacre PS fathers are invited to attend an informal afternoon tea in the Block B Community Liaison Office located downstairs. Meeting starts at 2pm and finishes at 2.55pm. See you there.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

WALKING GROUP

We meet at the front of school at 9am for half an hour walk around Roberts Park Oval. Join in the fun.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

P & C – ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The P & C Committee will be holding a Mother’s Day stall again this year and would appreciate some volunteers for this event. Please leave your name at the office and your details will be passed on.

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