PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 13 – Term 2 Week 5

Dear Parents,

HOMEWORK

Homework at Greenacre Public School is in many different forms. You may be used to a homework book or stencils, but in 2015, many tasks set to revise or practise work done in class are done differently. It is expected that every child reads daily – and it is important for your child to see you reading and value reading, as well as sharing texts together. Even older children enjoy being read to.

Many teachers set homework activities which may include watching the news and learning about current affairs; helping do some work in the home to help the family; researching using books as well as the computer; completing a physical activity or doing something outside; finishing work from class for the next day.

Please ask your child each week what they have for homework – many teachers expect parents to sign a homework page to show you have ensured your child has completed their homework. If you aren’t sure what to expect from your child’s teacher, please discuss this when you visit later this term for parent/teacher interviews to collect your child’s Semester One report.

ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Road and pedestrian safety is paramount for all schools to address. Children do not develop the skills and awareness to deal with a traffic environment until at least 10 years of age. I am requesting all parents to exercise the greatest care and caution when driving and parking in streets near our school. For the safety of our children I ask you to:

- Never stop or park in ‘No Stopping’ areas
- Do not drive onto school grounds
- Never double park or pull into neighbour’s driveways
- Never perform U-turns or three point turns in Waterloo Road or Chaseling Street
- Make sure your children get in and out of the car on the footpath side

Our children deserve to be safe. The safety of other people’s children should be just as important as the safety of our own.

Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS TERM 2

Week 5
Wednesday 20 May
Choir Rehearsal Riverwood PS
Winter PSSA Sport Round 4
Walk Safely To School Day 2015

Friday 22 May

Week 6
Tuesday 26 May
Years 5 & 6 to Whitlam Institute

Friday 29 May
Winter PSSA Sport Round 5

Week 7
Wednesday 3 June
8am ICAS Science Test

Thursday 4 June
SRC Cake Stall

Friday 5 June
Winter PSSA Sport Round 6

Week 8
Monday 8 June
Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9 June
Jump Rope For Heart Skip Off

Friday 12 June
Winter PSSA Sport Round 7

Week 9
Tuesday 16 June
9am P & C Meeting

Wednesday 17 June
8am ICAS Writing Test

Friday 19 June
Winter PSSA Sport Round 8

Week 10
Monday 22 June
Yr 4 Books In Homes Assembly

Friday 26 June
Last Day Term 2

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. Please remember to always hold the hand of children up to the age of 10 years while crossing roads as children are not as aware of their surroundings as an adult.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Our gardening and cooking lessons for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program are operating. Last year we had a group of wonderful parents and community members who helped Ms Thibaux in the kitchen. We would love anyone who can come along on Thursday morning or after recess to help Ms Kocatkin in the kitchen this year. 15 students at a time work in the kitchen, while the other half of the class do their garden lesson. If you could spare a couple of hours to help we would really appreciate it.

Also
Our school is interested in beginning school banking with the Commonwealth Bank. If you would like to volunteer to help collect the students’ banking and organise this, we will be holding an information session later this term. Please let Mrs Blackford know if you can help with either cooking or banking at our school.

K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

| KD | Fetima Khassouk | Zakaria Khodr |
| KE | Jawad Saleh | Yousef El Sari |
| KF | Mostafa Abdul Wahed | Rihanna El Badar |
| KH | Mayez Toutanj | Ayah Marinelli |
| KT | Rihanna Annous | Isaac Melham |
| 1B | Salah Hijazi | Janah Dayekh |
| 1C | Samih Bardouh | Omar Elsayed |
| 1L | Ahmad Kabah | Younis Malas |
| 1P | Hesham Elsayed | Armani Singh |
| K/3G | Tina Nguyen | Mohamed El Asmar |
| Karen Chen | |
| 2C | Omar Ghany | Yasmin Toutounji |
| 2F | Nour Saadedine | Adam Kharbatti |
| 2M | Regan Altamash | Layan Mahajna |
| 2T | Fatima Sebai | Mikal Talanai |

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK 15-21 MAY
Greenacre Area Community Centre is celebrating by holding a fun day next Saturday 23 May.
Where: Community Place, Greenacre
When: Saturday 23 May from 11am-2pm
Contact: 9750 7982 for more information

SCRIPTURE PARENT SURVEY
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools. If you wish to participate in the review you can complete the survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers
The survey is in English and has 19 questions.

SRC CAKE STALL 4 JUNE
Attention all families. Get out your favourite recipe books, because your cooking skills are required! On Thursday 4 June, the SRC will be holding a cake stall. They are asking everyone to bring in a cake, cupcakes, slices, biscuits, scones, pikelets etc. SRC students will be selling the cakes at recess on this day. Money raised will be donated to two charities which are very important to our school - The Smith Family, and Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation.

PS: Bring money to buy cakes too!
This is 1L busy practising for their assembly performance. They hosted last week's K-2 assembly and used tapping sticks when they sang one of their favourite songs, "The Didgeridoo". They were amazing and really enjoyed performing for everyone!
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY
This week we will be working on another letter and sound. Craft activities are also a fun part of our playgroup and each week we will be making something to take home. 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
Today Mrs Eldan demonstrated a classic Lebanese semolina sweet called Harrissa. Today we held our P & C meeting and our regular gatherings will continue until the next P & C meeting on 16 June. Come along and enjoy an activity each Tuesday from 9am in the Block H Kitchen. An information session will be held next week regarding the childcare course.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

FATHER’S MEETING
Each Thursday, Greenacre PS fathers are invited to attend an informal afternoon tea in the Block B Community Liaison Office, located downstairs. We have been seeing some new faces this term which is great. The meeting starts at 2pm and finishes at 2.55pm. See you there.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

OC APPLICATIONS FOR 2016
Important dates are as follows:
ONLINE APPLICATIONS HAVE NOW CLOSED.
Wednesday 22/7/16: OC Class Placement Test.

WALKING GROUP
We meet at the front of school at 9am for half an hour walk around Roberts Park Oval. See you there.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

STEWART HOUSE COLLECTION
The truck has taken away the clothing bags and there will be no further pick ups. Thank you again for your support. All donation envelopes are now counted and sent off to be in the prize draw.
Watch Out World Here I Come!

Ms Lynne Hailey & 5/6H
Jamie Oliver Food Revolution Day 2015
BREAKFAST CLUB

MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY

8:15 - 8:45

$1.00 FOR
TOAST
OR
CEREAL

$2.00 FOR
BOTH

IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN