Dear Parents,

**BEE DAY**

This Thursday is Bee Day to celebrate and remind students about our school rules and behaviour award system. Our awards are called 'Bee Awards'.

Our school rules are:
1. Be a Learner
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Responsible

All children should come to school dressed in yellow and join in the fun. Activities will be organised to highlight how we can all apply our school rules to what we do and how we behave every day at school.

**NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN tests will be held for Years 3 and 5 next week Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. It is not a pass or fail test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. An individual NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year.

For more information visit: [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

Please ensure that your Year 3 and/or Year 5 child has a good sleep before sitting the NAPLAN tests. Also, make sure they have a good breakfast to help them concentrate and focus.

**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.

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

Ross Cleary
Principal
## COMING EVENTS TERM 2

**Week 3**
- **Wednesday 6 May**: Mother’s Day Stall
- **Thursday 7 May**: Mother’s Day Stall, Bee Day
- **Friday 8 May**: Winter PSSA Sport Round 2, School Class Photos

**Week 4**
- **Tuesday 12 May**: NAPLAN TESTING/Language
- **Wednesday 13 May**: NAPLAN TESTING/Reading
- **Thursday 14 May**: NAPLAN TESTING/Numeracy
- **Friday 15 May**: Jamie Oliver Food Revolution, Winter PSSA Sport Round 3

**Week 5**
- **Tuesday 19 May**: 9am P & C Meeting, Years 5 & 6 to Whitlam Institute
- **Friday 22 May**: Winter PSSA Sport Round 4

**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
- **Friday 5 June**: Winter PSSA Sport Round 6

**Week 8**
- **Monday 8 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

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY THIS FRIDAY

Our school class photos will be taken this Friday. Please send your child to school in **FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM**. You will need to pack their sport uniform and shoes in their bag.

### OC APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

Important dates are as follows:
- **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.

Parents can access the online application at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)

### MOTHER’S DAY STALL 🌹

This Wednesday and Thursday morning between 9am and 11.30am Mother’s Day gifts will be on sale under the Hall COLA. Prices range from $1 to $10. Please send money with your child/children on these days so they can get something special for Mum this Mother’s Day. Classes will be allocated times to visit the stalls.

## K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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*Your excellence is rewarded!!*

## STEWART HOUSE COLLECTION

The Stewart House clothing collection is on again. Please go through your cupboards this weekend and donate your clean, used clothing items to a fantastic charity. Please drop off bags next to the lost property container next to the library on or before Monday. The truck is coming Tuesday 12 May and there will be no further pick ups.

Included with this Gazette is also an envelope if you would like to donate a sum of money as well or instead of clothing.

## CHESS COMPETITION

The Inter-school chess competition is held after school on Fridays. Last week, our A Team drew with Strathfield North, 2 all, our B Team beat Strathfield South, 3-1, and our C Team had a bye.
2M's Visit To The School Garden

2M explored the School Garden during their writing lesson. We looked at all the vegetables and herbs that have been planted. We touched, smelt and ate them to figure out what herbs or vegetables they were. Then, we wrote sentences about the visit and the types of plants we encountered.

Thinking and writing down notes about the plants.

Yummy Parsley!

Ms Ali & Mrs Cutajar
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY

Each week we are working on a new sound. Craft activities are also a fun part of our playgroup. Please bring a small breakfast snack for you and your preschool 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 Hamdan made Halwat Al Roz – a Lebanese sticky rice dessert. Next week we will be meeting Harisa – a semolina dessert. Come along and enjoy the activity each Tuesday from 9am in the Block H Kitchen. Mejda Eldan – 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

FATHER’S MEETING – CHANGE OF VENUE

Each Thursday, 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

GO4FUN

The Go4Fun program is a NSW Health Initiative which runs in South Western Sydney. The program offers FREE nutrition and physical activity sessions to children aged 7-13 and their families who are above a healthy weight range. The program has had proven results, including increased fitness and self-esteem and has already engaged over 1000 children from our local area.

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