PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 21 – Term 3 Week 3

Dear Parents,

EDUCATION WEEK
To celebrate Education Week, our school has organised an Open Morning on Thursday 6 August. Parents are invited to visit their child’s classroom to view class presentations, observe lessons and view school work. Parents are very welcome to visit classrooms from 9am until 10am.

ATHLETICS CARNIVALS
Our School Athletics Carnivals will be held this Thursday 30 July. Our K-2 carnival will be held at school and our 3-6 carnival will be held at Amour Park, Revesby. All children in Years 3-6 will be travelling to Amour Park by bus.

**Buses depart the school at 8.20am** and will return to the school by 2.55pm. Children will need to wear full school sports uniform including the school hat and a T-shirt in house colours is preferred. Please bring food and drink for lunch and recess in a plastic bag. Even though it is winter, please apply and pack sunscreen. Our P & C have organised a Hot Dog lunch for the 3-6 carnival and our school canteen will remain open for K-2 students.

**All students K-6 are expected to attend these events.**

LATE STUDENTS
It is important all students arrive at school before 8.55am. Latecomers miss out on important messages and can disrupt classes by arriving after lessons have begun. All late arrivals need to go straight to class where the class teacher will mark them as late. It is important to realise that all late arrivals are recorded as partial absences on your child’s attendance records.

MOBILE PHONE APP
Most parents are now accessing school information through the school mobile phone app. The download is free and instructions are as follows:
1. Go to the App Store or Play Store
2. Search for Greenacre Public School
3. Open and install the app

Username: community Password: greenacreps

Ross Cleary
Principal
**COMING EVENTS TERM 3**

**Week 3**
- **Wednesday 29 July**: 8am ICAS English Test
- **Thursday 30 July**: 8.20am Yrs 3-6 Athletics Carnival
  - 9am K-2 Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 31 July**: Winter PSSA Round 10

**Week 4**
- **Tuesday 4 August**: 5/6C & 5/6H To Art Gallery
- **Thursday 6 August**: 9am Open Day Class Visits
- **Friday 7 August**: Winter PSSA Round 11

**Week 5**
- **Tuesday 11 August**: Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill
- **Friday 14 August**: Winter PSSA Round 8

**Week 6**
- **Friday 21 August**: Winter PSSA Semi Finals

**Week 7**
- **Monday 24 August**: Book Week - All Week
- **Tuesday 25 August**: Music Festival Evening Performance
- **Thursday 27 August**: District Athletics Carnival
- **Friday 28 August**: Book Week Character Parade
  - Winter PSSA Finals

**CAPTAIN/PREFECT/SRC PHOTOS**

If you would like a copy of these special photos, please come to the office for an order form. $16 per photo.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

As part of our Year 6 fundraising for 2015, we are inviting the Greenacre Public School community to a family movie night. We will be seeing the movie ‘Oddball’ on Thursday 17 September at Bankstown Hoyts Cinema. All students, parents, brothers, sisters, cousins, grandparents, neighbours, aunties and uncles to come along and enjoy this very popular event. Tickets are limited so order now.

**When:** Thursday 17 September  
**Time:** 6.30pm until 8.25pm  
**Where:** Bankstown Hoyts Cinema  
**Cost:** $15 per ticket  
$10 popcorn and drink (optional)

**ICAS ENGLISH TEST REMINDER**

This test will be held tomorrow morning 8am (Wednesday 29 July) in J Block. Please be on time and no refunds can be given.

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**K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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Stellar job! Aim for the stars!

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**CITY COUNTRY ALLIANCE**

For four days, Mrs Blackford and Ms Hailey had the privilege to represent our school at a conference held in outback NSW. Broken Hill - Menindee and Mungo. We joined other city school staff and spent days with country school staff who have been involved in the City Country Alliance for the past five years. The group aims to develop cross cultural understanding and mutual respect between the schools involved. Schools in the program have different cultural, religious and socio economic communities. Many of the schools involved have visits to each other’s schools and ‘meet’ each other using the video conference system. Our school will be planning ways in the future that our students, parents and staff can meet and learn from and about each other. We had many wonderful experiences, seeing the natural environment and hearing many local people, including aborigines tell the stories of their lives and towns. Students from Menindee Central School performed a play about the stolen generation.
Learning in KT

We are learning to be good readers.

We are learning to check our writing.
We are learning to be Respectful, Responsible and to be Great Learners!
PLAYGROUP CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Due to the Athletics Carnival, our regular playgroup will not be held. Come along next Thursday and enjoy interacting with your child in a safe and friendly learning environment. This term we will be learning the skill of cutting out. Of course, more sounds will be explored also as well as a craft activity. **Bring a small breakfast for you and your child. $2 per child cost.** Tea and coffee provided.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

Diploma classes started today. You can still join the class by registering through Mejda. Meet in H Block next to kitchen. Please come along to Block H kitchen for cooking and craft as well. The ‘Keeping Cool with Your Kids’ session is being held Tuesday 4 August at 9am in Block H community room. A note went out last week so please return your RSVP to Mejda through the office so we can finalise numbers.

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. The meeting starts at 2pm and finishes at 2.55pm in time for you to pick up your children.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

P & C FUNDRAISER AT CARNIVAL

The P & C would like to remind parents to bring/send spending money with their child to the Athletics Carnival this Thursday. Along with the pre-ordered hot dogs, they will also be selling chips, chocolates, drinks and lollies. Money raised goes back into valuable resources for our school so we thank you for your support. **Please consider coming to our next meeting** and being an active member of your child’s school. We will be meeting in the Block H kitchen at 9am Tuesday 18 August. Join us for an interesting hour or so with like minded parents.

P & C Committee
GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START IN MONEY MATTERS.

Greenacre Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- E.T. DVD
- Planet Handball
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Lunar Light Band

Greenacre Public School receives a commission payment for every account activated via the School Banking program as well as on deposits made through the program.

School Banking day at Greenacre Public School will be every Tuesday starting from 25th August. Banking is to be handed in at School's Kitchen in the morning and is processed by parent volunteers.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification to school on the following days:

- Friday 31st July from 8.30am,
- Monday 3rd August from 2.30pm,
- Thursday 6th August from 2.30pm,
- Friday 7th August from 8.30am. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate, or by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

Thank you for supporting School Banking!
GREENACRE PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS

Limited positions available

Attention Parents

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

If you have children already at Greenacre Public School or a friend please ask them to collect the enrolment form from the office and take it home.

Please supply these items along with your completed enrolment form:

- Child's Birth Certificate (or passport)
- If parents born overseas – A passport
- Immunisation History Statement or Blue Book
- Medicare Card
- Proof of address – Rates or Electricity/Lease

Welcome to Kindergarten