PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 23 – Term 3 Week 5

Tuesday 11 August 2015

Dear Parents,

EDUCATION WEEK

Thank you to all our parents who were able to join us last Thursday to celebrate Education Week. Education Week is about celebrating our student's achievements and the outstanding effort they put into their learning each and every day. Education Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful array of skills and abilities our teachers bring to our school community. They are extremely hard working and always put our students' needs first. Education Week is also about acknowledging the support teachers receive from parents on a daily basis.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extracurricular activities are activities in which students participate, in addition to the normal curriculum. There are many forms of extracurricular activities offered at Greenacre Public School such as sports, debating, cooking, dance and choir.

There are many benefits for students who participate in extracurricular activities, including:

- Learning time management and prioritising
- Exploring interests
- Honouring long term commitments
- Making a contribution to the school
- Working as part of a team
- Developing social skills and,
- Raising self-esteem

Extracurricular activities are voluntary so students choose to participate if they have the time and interest. With this choice, comes a commitment to the group to which they belong.

It is expected that a child accepted into an extracurricular group will make a commitment to be a member for the entire year. It is detrimental to extracurricular programs if students decide to withdraw: therefore, careful consideration should be made before joining.

As students get older, honouring a commitment becomes an important lesson for life. Although they may get busy or lose interest at certain times during the year, it is an opportunity for students to learn about perseverance and acting in the best interest of the group. At the end of the year, they will be proud of their efforts if they stick with it.

Ross Cleary
Principal
**COMING EVENTS TERM 3**

**Week 5**
- Tuesday 11 August: Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill
- ICAS Test moved to 12/8

**Wednesday 12 August**
- 8am ICAS Mathematics Test
- Milo Cricket Day - Graf Park

**Friday 14 August**
- Winter PSSA Round 8

**Week 6**
- Tuesday 18 August: 9am P & C Meeting
- Thursday 20 August: 8.30am Yr 2 Excursion to the City
- 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
- 9am K-2 Book Week Parade - Infants COLA
- 10am 3-6 Book Week Parade - Hall
- Friday 28 August: Winter PSSA Finals

**Week 8**
- Wednesday 2 September: Milo Cricket Day - Graf Park
- Friday 4 September: Summer PSSA Round 8

**Week 9**
- Tuesday 8 September: K-2 Public Speaking Night
- Wednesday 9 September: Years 3-6 Public Speaking Night
- Friday 11 September: Summer PSSA Round 9

**Week 10**
- Tuesday 15 September: 9am P & C Meeting
- Friday 18 September: Final Day Term 3

**Term 4 Week 1**
- Monday 5 October: Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 6 October: Staff & Students Resume

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Tickets are selling fast!! The Greenacre Public School community is invited to a family movie night. A special screening of the movie *Oddball* will be showing. Tickets are limited so order now to avoid disappointment.

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

**EXCURSION INFORMATION**

Please check your child's bag each day and speak to them about what is happening at school. We have had many parents completely unaware of upcoming excursions. Leaving permission notes and payment until the last minute makes excursion organisation difficult and could result in your child missing out.

**KINDERGARTEN ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

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**COUGHS AND COLD WEATHER**

We are asking parents to please provide a box of tissues for each of your children if you have not already done so. Many thanks for your continued support.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Last Friday 7 August, Alice Kelly had the privilege to take part in a 'Yarn Up' program, which enabled aboriginal students from across NSW to take part in public speaking. Mrs Blackford went with Alice to Parliament House in the city, and Alice spoke inside the Legislative Assembly chamber, where our State Members of parliament work. Alice spoke very well and represented Greenacre Public School with pride.

**ABSENCES - EXPLANATION NEEDED**

We often remind parents that when your child returns after being away from school, you must send a note explaining why they have been absent. If notes are not received, and your child has not attended school often enough, our Home School Liaison Officer will follow up. A formal Letter 1 note is sent home, and an explanation is needed. If your child is having a lot of days off school being sick, we may insist a doctor's certificate is supplied as well.

**PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

**REMINDER:** Students need to have all books read entered online by this Friday 14 August.
KD Enjoying the Athletics Carnival
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY

Come along 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. In Week 7 your child is invited to participate in our Book Week celebrations. Dress them up as their favourite book character and parade with the big kids. Bring a small breakfast for you and your child. $2 per child cost. Tea and coffee provided.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

This week we had made coconut rough biscuits. We made two versions – one with egg and one with sweetened condensed milk. Both were enjoyed. Please come along to Block H kitchen each week for cooking and craft as well. Our Childcare course is progressing well, meeting in H Block next to kitchen.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

FATHER’S MEETING - YOU'RE INVITED

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 ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting will be in the Block H kitchen at 9am next Tuesday 18 August. Join us for an interesting hour or so, you just might make some new friends and contribute some fresh suggestions to our committee!

P & C Committee

ARABIC STORYTIME

This Friday 14 August from 11.30am-12.30pm, Chester Hill Library are holding another FREE session. Call 9707 9740 to book.