Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK FOR 2016
Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope all our families had a relaxing vacation and a good beginning to the new year. A big welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year.

Our total enrolment at this stage is over 810 students. Based on today’s student numbers our school will be forming 35 classes. At the beginning of each school year, all schools spend the first two weeks finalising student enrolments. Over the next few days we hope to be able to confirm the class that all students will be in for 2016. Please understand that over the next week we may be moving some children into different classes. This is due to the number of people wanting to send their children to our school. This is a difficult situation and we ask for your patience. Our staffing is determined by our student numbers and this can vary greatly early in the year.

STAFF CHANGES
We welcome Mrs Haned Hajaied (KD), Miss Rebecca Edwards (1E), Ms Christie Read (2R), Miss Elizabeth Jegers (3L) and Mr Jordan Dalamagas (3D). I am sure all new staff will add value to and enjoy working at our school.

SCHOOL FEES
Earlier this week all children received a note to parents regarding school fees and the school donation.

It is important that payments are made for all student resources by Friday 12 February so that your child/children are able to learn effectively. We also ask for a school donation of $10 to help provide extra money for other important student resources. In order to make a good school even better, it is vital our school is funded adequately by the school donation.

Ross Cleary
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 1

Week 2
Thursday 4 February 9am Playgroup with Mejda

Week 3
Thursday 11 February 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 12 February School Fees Due

Week 4
Monday 15 February Swimming Scheme (Yrs 2-6) till 26/2
Yrs 1&2 Parent Information Afternoon
Thursday 18 February 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 19 February No PSSA due to Mejda

Week 5
Monday 22 February Yrs 5&6 Parent Information Afternoon
Tuesday 23 February Yrs 3 & 4 Parent Information Afternoon
Wednesday 24 February 9am P & C Annual General Meeting
Thursday 25 February 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 26 February Final Swimming Scheme Day
No PSSA due to Swim Scheme

Week 6
Wednesday 2 March Scripture Begins
Thursday 3 March 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 4 March PSSA Summer Sport Round 3

Week 7
Thursday 10 March 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 11 March PSSA Summer Sport Round 4

Week 8
Thursday 17 March 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 18 March PSSA Summer Sport Round 5

Week 9
Thursday 24 March 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 25 March Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10
Monday 28 March Easter Monday Public Holiday
Thursday 31 March 9am Playgroup with Mejda
Friday 1 April PSSA Summer Sport Round 6

Week 11
Tuesday 5 April School Photos
Friday 8 April Final Day Term 1
PSSA Summer Sport Round 7

Term 2 Week 1
Monday 25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26 April Pupil Free Day - Staff Only
Wednesday 27 April Students Resume for Term 2

WALKING GROUP WEDNESDAYS

Mrs Eldan has organised a walking group starting this week. Meet near the canteen at 9am for a walk around Roberts Park. Prams welcome. Walking from 9am until 10am approximately. Bring water and wear walking shoes/joggers and sunblock.

GREENACRE PS MOBILE PHONE APP

Did you know that our school has a FREE mobile phone app? This app gives you information on what is happening in the school for your particular child/children. It provides information on:

* Calendar (All term events listed)
* Notifications (Urgent messages/reminders)
* Photo Gallery (from excursion/events)
* Newsletters (Weekly Gazettes)

There are three easy steps as follows.
1. Download via the App Store or Play Store.
2. Search for Greenacre Public School
3. Open and install the app.

Be sure to select the settings to choose the grade or group you want information about.

Note to existing users. Please ensure you update your app regularly.

Go to 'settings'.

Go to 'Notification Groups' and select your child’s/children’s class.

Go to 'Calendar Filter' and select 'Category'.
Click 'All'. Click 'Save'.
Click 'FaceBook' Icon to link to school FaceBook page.

Username: community
Password: greenacrep

BE READY FOR SCHOOL EACH DAY

The school year has begun and work is taking place each day. It is important that you send your child to school equipped with everything to make their learning process easy. Your child will soon be receiving a list of items required by their individual class. In the mean-time, please send your child to school with lead pencils, coloured pencils, glue stick and ruler. Please ensure that all belongings are labelled clearly with child’s name and class. This includes clothing, hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes and pencil cases.

SCHOOL BANKING MONDAYS

Bank books and money are to be placed in the office slot used for notes and payments. Our banking volunteers will collect these from the office each Monday morning and do the processing. If you are able to volunteer an hour on Monday mornings to help we would appreciate it. Give the office staff your name and contact details so they can be forwarded on to the organisers.
Greenacre Public School Captains 2016

Emanie Darwich

Yacoub Ali

Prefects

Dana Derbis

Amira Salami

Moiz Khan

Nathan Trinh
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY
Playgroup starts this week Thursday 4 February. Bring a small breakfast for you and your child to share. We have some fantastic activities planned for this term. Come along and join in the fun with your pre schooler. $2 per child cost. Tea and coffee provided.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

P & C MEETING AGM - WEDNESDAY 24/2
We are now meeting on Wednesdays. Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting where all committee positions will be declared vacant. Now is your chance to get involved in your child’s school. We need parents with a passion for our school who are available to attend meetings and dedicate a small amount of time each week to assist in the running of the various activities organised. Meetings will be held in Block A in the Principal’s office at 9am on the third Wednesday of each month during school terms. Wednesday 24 February is the Annual General Meeting. We need new members, so please consider coming along.
P & C Committee

FATHERS GATHERING EACH THURSDAY
Greenacre PS fathers meet each Thursday in Block B Community Liaison Office, located downstairs at 2pm. See you there.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP NEWS
Please come along to Block H kitchen each Tuesday for cooking and craft. This week we will be having another cooking demonstration. The Childcare Diploma Course resumed today.
We have exciting news regarding the Childcare Diploma Course we have been running at our school. Each Tuesday, the registered adult students meet in the Mac Computer Lab next to the library. This course is run by RTM Educational Training Bankstown and is continuing this year. The College has donated our $5,000 to our school in community funds.
We thank the following participants for attending and we thank the college for the generous donation:
Nancy Talanai
Maureen Papali
Dalal Hamdan
Salwa Khadam
Salma Al Jendi
Haniya Laanani
Sara Al Mosawi
Farida Begum

Mejda Eldan – CLO
GREENacre PUBLIC SCHOOL

PANCAKE DAY!!!

TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY RECESS TIME.

YUMMY PANCAKE SERVED WITH VANILLA ICE-CREAM AND MAPLE SYRUP!!

$5.00

Please complete the slip below and return to your class by Monday 8th February to ensure you receive the special 😊

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NAME:                                      CLASS:

QTY:                                        AMOUNT: $

Please advise of any allergies relating to the special