PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

No. 6 – Term 1 Week 7

Tuesday 8 March 2016

Dear Parents,

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Our school aims to encourage community and parent participation. We believe that children’s learning is enhanced through strong parent support and participation. It is vital all parents feel comfortable in an open and welcoming school environment. A variety of initiatives continue to encourage parent participation.

➢ Kinder to Year 2 and Year 3 to 6 assemblies are held on alternate Wednesday afternoons at 2pm. Parents of the presenting class are now formally invited to see their child perform in the class item. All parents of children who receive Silver and Gold awards will also be invited to attend this important occasion.
➢ Kinder to Year 6 Monday morning information assemblies are now held to provide weekly information to children and parents.
➢ Our Community Liaison Officers Mrs Mejda Eldan (3 days each week) and Mr Anwar Samneh (1 day each week) organise a variety of parent activities, such as cooking, craft, playgroup, parent excursions, fathers’ group and parent information sessions to encourage parent involvement in our school.
➢ A variety of special days will be organised in 2016 to encourage parent participation. Easter Hat Parade, Book Week Parade, and International Day will be organised to enable parents to observe some of the fantastic activities that occur in our school.
➢ It is pleasing to see so many parents attend our P & C meetings. Once again, congratulations to our new 2016 Executives:
  - Mrs Rebecca Kay (President)
  - Mrs Rebecca El-Katirib (Secretary)
  - Ms Sonya Turkmani (Treasurer)
Please consider attending our P & C meetings to learn more about our school and support our school through fundraising efforts.

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 March at 9am in my office.

Ross Cleary
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 1

Week 7
- Wednesday 9 March: 2pm Yrs 3-6 assembly 3/4J hosting
- Thursday 10 March: 9am Playgroup with Mejda
- Friday 11 March: 9am Yrs 4-6 Tree Planting Day
  PSSA Summer Sport Round 4

Week 8
- Monday 14 March: 9am Responsible Pet Visit
- Wednesday 16 March: 2pm K-2 assembly 2E hosting
- Thursday 17 March: 9am Playgroup with Mejda
  Drumming & Dance group performing at Wiley Park GHS
- Friday 18 March: PSSA Summer Sport Round 5

Week 9
- Monday 21 March: Harmony Day
- Wednesday 23 March: 9am P & C Meeting
  2pm Yrs 3-6 assembly 5S hosting
- Thursday 24 March: 9am Playgroup with Mejda
- Friday 25 March: Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10
- Monday 28 March: Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Wednesday 30 March: 2pm K-2 assembly 2D hosting
- 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 T1 – NO PSSA SPORT

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

K-2 ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 6

| KD       | Souad El Asmar | Jacob Derbas       |
| KE       | Fatima Kasim  | Jude Ibrahim       |
| KF       | Amir Sawan    | Nadeen El Haje     |
| KH       | Hayfa Bechara | Eissa Ghazzawi     |
| KP       | Jad Obieid    | Samar El Hallak    |
| K/3G     | Elizabeth Amao| Mohamed El Asmar   |
| 1E       | Younas Maruf  | Ayda El Abed       |
| 1F       | Najah Berjaoui| Maaan Chatah       |
| 1J       | Chelsea Boaza | Mousa Gharib       |
| 1N       | Sireen Djnati | Hamza Ibrahim      |
| 1P       | Halla Fawal   | Abbas Younes       |
| 2C       | Halimah Isniarto | Jawad Lahlou0    |
| 2D       | Zaynab Darwiche| Samih Bardouh      |
| 2F       | Umar Dewanata | Hajar Ben Mlah      |
| 2R       | Ali Nahle     | Primrose Fa'aooa   |

These children have worked really hard and are seeing the results.

OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS AT WORK

Below: Our School Captains Yacoub and Emanie presenting Mr Cleary with native plants donated by Bankstown Council and helping out at a recent Citizenship Ceremony at Bankstown.

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

Numeracy is a compulsory component of our curriculum, and to make it fun, we have arranged for the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school over the next two weeks. There will be hands-on activities that will cater for all ability levels and show the children that Maths can be fun! The roadshow has been funded by our school so there is no cost involved. Visit www.worldofmaths.com to view a video of a session in action.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS FOR 2017

High School expression of interest forms are due this Friday 11 March. PLEASE DO NOT change address or details on the form. Please come to the school office if the details are no longer correct.

TREE PLANTING DAY

This Friday, children from the Student Representative Council will be participating in the 'Bring back the bush' program. Students will learn about the importance of conservation and will be planting trees on the day. This is a great opportunity for our students to become involved in a community project and to make connections with students from other schools.

KOORANA MYTIME AT LAKEMBBA

This is a social and support group for parents and carers of students with a disability or chronic illness. The sessions are on a Tuesday each fortnight from 10am until 12.30pm. Next session will be 22 March and will cover ‘Managing reactions from other people’ to your child’s disability. For more information call Carla on: 9704 7606. Childcare provided.
2F students learnt what the school logo really means. 'Deeds' means 'actions.' This is telling us "Don't say that you'll do it, actually DO IT!! Anyone can say that they will do something, but it takes persistence and commitment to see things through. Are you going to be a citizen that does good deeds? Below are some drawings of students taking ACTION (Deeds).
PLAYGROUP EACH THURSDAY

It has been wonderful to see so many new children join our playgroup this term. Last week the children worked on the sound 'i' and made an igloo for craft. Next week we will be working on the sound 'n' and this will complete Book 1 of Jolly Phonics. Bring a small breakfast for you and your child to share. Come along and join in the fun with your pre-schooler. Meet in the school hall at 9am. $2 per child cost. Tea and coffee provided.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

NEXT P & C MEETING 23 MARCH

We are now meeting on Wednesdays. Meetings are usually held in Block A in the Principal's office at 9am on a Wednesday each month during school terms. All welcome. Next meeting will be Wednesday 23 March.

FATHERS GATHERING NOW MONDAYS

Greenacre PS fathers and grandfathers meet each Monday in Block B Community Liaison Office, located downstairs at 2pm. See you there.

Anwar Samneh – CLO

COMMUNITY & PARENT GROUP

Join us in Block H kitchen each Tuesday at 9am for cooking and craft. We will be making a craft item for Eid this week. Next week I will be demonstrating how to make a chocolate coconut slice. The Childcare Diploma Course is continuing to run each Tuesday in Demountable #1. We have been running women's swimming lessons at Kingsgrove with 13 ladies attending. If you would like to join in, please see me Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons.

Mejda Eldan – CLO

WALKING GROUP

We will be meeting tomorrow near the canteen at 9am for a walk around Roberts Park. Thanks to Mrs Matanovic for joining us recently. We have enjoyed her company. Prams welcome. Walking from 9am until 10am. Bring water and wear walking shoes/joggers.

SCHOOL APP

Username: community Password: greenacrepS

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