

Green Valley Voice

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



The years seem to be going more quickly each year and once again we find ourselves ready for a summer holiday break, ready to send off another Year 6 to high school and to welcome another kindergarten to "big school".

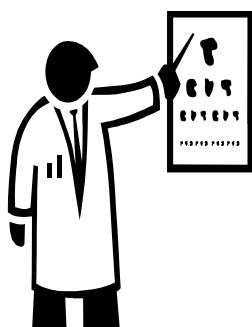
I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year at Green Valley and wish to say thank you to you all for your support of your school and more importantly for being an interested, engaged parent who takes the education of their child very seriously. When parents are deeply engaged in their child's education, the likelihood of success for the child increases enormously. I look forward to working even more closely with you next year to assist you to help your child at home.

Last week we had our Annual General Meeting of the GVPS P&C Association and we were able to elect a new P&C committee for 2014. My thanks to the outgoing committee of, Mrs Clima—President, Mrs Zerafa—Vice President, Mrs Low—Treasurer, Mrs Lay and Mrs Cini, Parent Representatives, for all their work this year.

I welcome the new committee of Mrs Clima—President, Mrs Guidone—Vice President, Mrs Low—Treasurer, Miss Kalcher and Mr Brook—Parent Representatives.

At this time of the year, many families wish to thank teachers with a gift for their work this year. Whilst this is greatly appreciated, I need to draw your attention to the fact that teachers are unable to accept gifts of \$50 or more. Teachers would need to either politely refuse the gift or accept the gift but it would not become personal property.

Please keep this in mind if you are considering a small token of appreciation for your class teacher this year.



Over the upcoming holidays, particularly if you have a child entering kindergarten next year, it would be very beneficial if you would consider seeing about having your child's eyes and ears tested. Many years ago now, NSW Health would screen all kindergarten students for hearing and sight problems. This no longer occurs. It would be a great start to school to

know that your child has no vision or hearing difficulties that will impair their learning.

I have included School Security details in this newsletter and ask that if you see or hear of any disturbances in the school grounds, including the bushland reserve, that you contact 1800 880 021.

When we return next year we will be setting up for 18 classes not 19 as we have this year. It is important to note that the classes at the start of the year are temporary until final numbers are established (usually around two weeks). If we receive additional enrolments we may still have sufficient numbers for 19 classes and will be able to form a new class at the start of the year, thereby making slightly smaller class sizes.

On behalf of the staff at GVPS, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Staff return to school on 28th January 2014 and students return on Wednesday 29th. Kindergarten will be notified of their start time and day in the mail over the summer.

Mr B Warwick
Principal

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR'S COLUMN



Hello GVPS students. This is my last blurb for 2013. I hope you have enjoyed reading my values each newsletter. With that said, I would like to thank all our teachers and students for letting me be your Ambassador for 2013. It was a privilege to have accepted the position and hope that I served GVPS well. There is only one value that I would like to leave you all with and that is **"SHARING"**. With the holiday season coming up, don't forget to share with one another. Also to all our Year 6 students leaving, I would like to

SCHOOL SECURITY

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wish them the best of luck on their new journey. For all the students coming back in 2014, I look forward to seeing you all and hopefully be a team leader once again.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND HAVE
A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR CELEBRATION.**

Thank you, Lachlan Beale
Your 2013 Green Valley School Ambassador.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

UNIFORM SHOP

The new hours for the uniform shop for 2014 are as follows:

MONDAY MORNING—8.30am—9.00am

Orders can be paid at the front office any day before 12.00pm with a 48hr turnaround.

GREEN VALLEY IDOL

Will be held on Tuesday 17th December in the school hall at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing great talents!

DIARY DATES

*Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, * indicates new or changed dates since last newsletter.*

DECEMBER

- 17 Green Valley Idol
- 17 Principal's Breakfast for Platinum Award Winners
- 18 Students last day of 2013

JANUARY

- 28 Staff return for 2014
- 29 Students return for 2014



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 Student Leaders

School Captains: Lachlan Beale & Isabella Rawlins
Vice Captains: Jesse Lovelock & Tayllah Kalcher



K-2 ASSEMBLY

Hosted by Stage 1 teachers. K-2 students had a fun Christmas Assembly with a special guest in a red suit!



Mrs Thornton Recipient of the
Norma Freer School Service
Award



YEAR 6 BIG NIGHT OUT

On Thursday the 5th December, Year 6 had a Big Night Out at school. The Big Night Out started at 5.30pm and finished at 10pm. During this time, we participated in a Knock-Out Sports Challenge and had an Amazing Race. During the race, we had to solve many puzzles and also completed physical challenges. We also played with our electronics and watched a movie. Year 6 had a blast at the Big Night Out and would like to thank the Stage 3 teachers for organising the event.
Written by Veronica Morello, 6K

CHOOSING SCHOOL SHOES

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

TEACH YOUR KIDS TO BE WATERPROOF

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn't be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.

Watch the videos: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-year-7>

KIK MESSENGER

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Why cyber safety experts are concerned: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

HINCHINBROOK HORNETS JRLFC

Hinchinbrook caters for players aged between 4 and 17 and is dedicated to providing quality coaching for our players and is dedicated to promoting skill development in Rugby League. We have recruited experienced coaches for the 2014 season that have experience coaching junior rugby league development teams, NRL sides and NSW squads.

Valley Plaza - 18/1/2014, 23/1/2014, 6/2/2014, 8/2/2014.

Winnall Reserve (Home ground) - 15/2/2014.



Certificate II In Skills For Work And Training (CEEW) –Liverpool college of TAFE

TAFE Course No.10697

*Have you been away from work or study for some time?
Do you want to build up your self esteem and self confidence?
Are you keen to gain current skills needed to join the workforce or further education?
If you say YES to the above questions, THIS COURSE IS FOR YOU.*

"The course is designed to provide women with opportunities to build up their skills and knowledge to access further education in a range of vocational qualification. It also further develops their communication skills as well as enhances their employment opportunities."

Course Structure

Full-time course for 1 semester (18 weeks)
Course will start on **3rd Feb, 2014**
4 days a week between school hours (9am to 2.30)

Course includes: Computing, Career development, Education and Employment options, Maths, Sustainability, Communication & Writing, Women and Culture, Women's health and a **week of work experience**

No administration fees

Information Session

The information & testing session will be on **Tue, 28th Jan 2014, at 10a.m** in **K.2.09**; followed by course enrolment.

For any further information please contact

Course Coordinator: Daphne Dai – 98275252

ENROLMENTS 2014

Please complete this slip and return it to the school office if your child/children **are not** returning to Green Valley PS for 2014 or will be returning but later in the 2014 school year.

Year 6 students need not return this form

My child/children _____ will not be returning to Green Valley PS in 2014.

They will be moving to the following school _____.

OR

My child/children _____ will not be returning to Green Valley PS for the start of the 2014 school year. They will return to Green Valley PS by _____ (Date)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Everyone is welcome!

Contact: Marion 9607 8442