



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome back to the new year. It has been a very busy start to the year, but the students have all settled very quickly into the new routine after a long break. I have also settled into my new school and have felt very welcomed by our students, staff and community. Thank you for making me so welcome.

A special welcome to our families new to Green Valley; I am sure you will enjoy your time here.

Again, another busy yet rewarding year awaits students, staff and families. Returning to school for students after 6 weeks can be a challenging time of the year.

Last week students were placed into **classes** to get the year off to a prompt start but we still await a number of students who have not returned to school, so at this stage I am unable to confirm if these classes will be the final structure for 2013. Depending upon the final total enrolment in the school, some changes may need to be made to the structure of classes. At the moment the classes are as follows:

*KS- Mrs Shearer (Mon-Thur) and Miss Scott (Fri)*

*KH- Miss Huseyin*

*KB- Miss Borg*

*KRS- Mrs Reilly (Tues-Fri) and Miss Scott (Mon)*

*1NR- Mrs Ross (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Nupier (Wed-Fri)*

*1TJ- Mrs Tripodi (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Jacobsen (Thur-Fri)*

*1A- Miss Arcella*

*2Z- Miss Zielonka*

*2SH- Mrs Scott-Glasscock (Mon-Wed) and Mrs M Harris (Thur-Fri)*

*1/2WL- Mrs Webeck (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Lloyd (Wed-Fri)*

*3K- Mrs Keegan*

*3P- Mrs Phan*

*3/4Z- Miss Zimmer*

*4C- Miss Chiovo*

*4B- Miss Borrello (Semester 1) and Mrs E Harris (Semester 2)*

*4/5W- Miss Wicker*

*5L- Mrs Le Gras*

*5P- Miss Pauk*

*6K- Miss Planes*

*6BP- Mrs Boulos (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Park (Thurs-Fri)*

On Tuesday 19th February we will be holding a **parent teacher information evening**. This evening is designed to provide you with information regarding your child's class for the year. Please put the date aside to come to school to meet your child's class teacher and hear of plans for their education this year.

A note with all the details of this evening will be sent home shortly.

This Wednesday 6th February will be the first **P&C meeting** for the year. I urge as many of you as possible to come along to this meeting. New members are needed each year to bolster numbers, so please consider making time available for this meeting and hear of plans about how you can become involved in the school this year.

I am very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead and catching up with many families on our information evening.

Mr B Warwick

Principal

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL STUDENT SUPERVISION

School commences at 8.50am with morning assembly. Supervision of students begins at 8.25am each day. Students should arrive between 8.25am and 8.45am each morning.

Please note; students must not use the driveway as entrance points in the mornings. Please ensure your children use the pedestrian gates only.

In the afternoon, the bell rings at 2.55pm when it is expected that students walk to safely depart the school at the front gate.

Students need to cross at the crossing and you are encouraged to take your children to the crossing rather than take chances between traffic. It is much safer to

teach children safe road habits by crossing at the crossing.

We ask that if you are running late or you vary the person with whom your child will be going home, you notify the school office. Students who need to be collected before school finishes (any time before 2.55) must be signed out through the school office. Students who are late to school must check in at the school office for a late slip.

### ALLERGIES & MEDICATIONS

Please note, with medication requests the school will generally assist where a prescribed medication (including asthma medications) is required. Should your child need to take a prescribed medication at any time through the year, a written request needs to be made through the front office.

Students who have asthma or allergy plans in place at school need to have these updated annually. You will be contacted shortly to arrange a new plan if your child's existing plan is more than 12 months old.

**Please remember. No nut based products at school as there are students that this poses a serious threat.**



### UNIFORMS

The students look fantastic in their school uniforms. Please remember to reinforce with your children the following school uniform rules:

School hats only to be worn;

No make-up, nail polish, coloured hair or hairstyles considered out of the ordinary;

Jewellery should be minimal eg sleepers or studs only, no "chunky style" pieces or excessive amounts; students are responsible for jewellery worn.

Black school type shoes only with no stripes or flashes of any colour whatsoever.

Boys Summer:

- grey shorts and green & yellow polo shirt.
- green sloppy-joe or jacket.
- black shoes and grey socks.
- school cap.

Girls Summer:

- green checked uniform OR green skorts and green & yellow polo shirt.
- green sloppy-joe or jacket.
- black shoes and white socks.
- school cap.

Uniforms can be purchased from the uniform shop on **Tuesdays 2.30-3.00 and Wednesdays 8.30-9.30.**

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The school holds funds each year to provide financial support for families in need. The funds can be used for excursions, text books, and uniforms only.

Please see office staff to make application for financial support.

### STUDENT MOBILE PHONE POLICY

If there is a need for your child to bring a mobile phone to school they will need to hand these in at the school office each day and collect it at the end of the day following the dismissal assembly.

**STUDENTS ARE NOT TO KEEP MOBILE PHONES EITHER IN THEIR BAG OR ON THEM DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

### HEADLICE

NSW Health advises that head lice resistance has increased. If head lice are not present NSW Health advise not to treat a person's hair as this may contribute to the problem of resistance.

NSW Health recommends the 'comb and conditioner method' for treatment of head lice where hair is combed with hair conditioner. This method may be more acceptable than some advocated in the past and does not require the purchase of chemical treatment products. NSW Health also suggests that it is not necessary to purchase expensive hair conditioner and that cheap white hair conditioner is sufficient when using the 'comb and conditioner method'. Information about the 'comb and conditioner method' is available on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.html#comb>.

## SPORT NEWS

### SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 8th February 2013 (Week 2) we will be holding our Swimming Carnival. This carnival is for only those students who can competently swim 50m or more. The carnival will be held at Michael Wenden Aquatic Centre, Miller.

## TIPS FOR HOME

### ORGANISATION - THINGS YOU CAN DO THE NIGHT BEFORE

No matter how organised you may be, sometimes things just don't go to plan. Some mornings children (and parents!) move a little slower or may not cooperate as much as usual. To ease the morning rush, why not prepare a few things the night before.

- Iron clothes.
- Have your child's clothes, shoes and socks laid out.
- Prepare your child's lunch and pop it in the fridge.
- Help your child to pack their school bag.
- Keep brushes, combs and hair bands in a regular place.

### SLEEP - A GOOD SLEEP ON SCHOOL NIGHTS

Children need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school.

They need to have lots of energy for trying new activities, making friends, listening, following instructions and being confident learners.

A good sleep will help your child to:

- remember what they learn
- pay attention and concentrate
- solve problems and think of new ideas
- play sensibly.

# Term 1 Calendar 2013

<b>FEB Week 2</b>	4 Kindergarten student's start school	5	6 P&C Meeting 9.00am staffroom	7 Student Banking	8 Swimming Carnival
<b>FEB- Week 3</b>	11	12	13 Stage 3 Chocolate Fundraiser	14 Student Banking	15 PSSA trials
<b>FEB Week 4</b>	18	19 Meet the Teacher Night School Photos	20	21 GVPSSA Swimming Carnival Student Banking	22
<b>FEB Week 5</b>	25	26	27 House Captains meetings	28 Student Banking	1/3 School's Clean Up Australia Day PSSA Round 1
<b>MAR Week 6</b>	4	5	6 P & C Meeting	7	8 PSSA Round 2
<b>MAR Week 7</b>	11	12	13	14 Selective HS Test	15 PSSA Round 3
<b>MAR Week 8</b>	18	19	20	21 Harmony Day	22 PSSA Round 4
<b>MAR Week 9</b>	25	26	27	28 Easter Hat Parade P & C Easter Raffle Draw	29 Good Friday Public Holiday
<b>FEB Week 10</b>	1 Easter Monday Public Holiday	2	3 P & C Meeting	4	5 PSSA Round 5
<b>FEB Week 11</b>	8	9 Parent/ Teacher Interviews	10 Buzz Day	11 P&C Disco	12 PSSA Round 6 Last Day of term



Smile!  
School photo day is  
coming!!! Tuesday  
19th February.

**NEXT P&C MEETING**  
**Wednesday 6th FEBRUARY**  
**9.00AM STAFFROOM**



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