



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome back to term two for what is quite a short term for us given that students returned on Wednesday and the total term length is only 9 weeks.

This means that we need to make the most of every day (as we always do) and expect students back to school ready to learn and engage with their education. I am happy to say that this has been the case and have personally witnessed some brilliant teaching and learning in the past week through the implementation of a program and practice review.

This review involves a team of 6 staff visiting rooms to watch teachers in action in the delivery of reading and Mathematics lessons to help us strengthen what we do in these areas.

We heard over the holidays that our school had been chosen to be part of the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership (ilnnp.nsw.edu.au).

This has attracted \$107 000 of funding to the school to focus on strengthening school results in either reading or number work.

As a whole staff, we spent the first two days back preparing for the introduction of new Australian Curriculum as from the beginning of 2014, it is expected that all schools will commence teaching with a new English syllabus.

The teachers will be undertaking extensive professional learning throughout this year to prepare for full implementation from next year. In 2015, the new Mathematics syllabus will be implemented.

So in all, we have quite a bit of work to do to prepare for the new syllabus and also take part in the ILLNP, but it will certainly be very rewarding work as we look to strengthen what we do for our students.

I wrote last term about the crossing situation at the front of the school and my concern that adults were not teaching students the appropriate safe way to cross the road via the school crossing.

This week, highway patrol officers came to the school to report on what they saw at the end of the day and were quite concerned also that parents were not accessing the crossing with their children. Please help us to keep everyone safe and model good road safety practices.

With the onset of cooler weather many students are now starting to wear their winter uniform. Please remember that the following is the dress code for winter:

- girls have the option of wearing the new pinafore with lemon long sleeve blouse and tights or green slacks with long sleeve polo.
- boys wear grey trousers and long sleeve polo.
- Tracksuits and runners are for their sport days only. Some students may wish to wear the GVPS sports shorts for sport or under their tracksuit ready for sport.

Please remember to label all clothing items as it is not uncommon for students to remove track pants and jumper/sloppy-joes to do sport or as the day warms up.

Mr B Warwick

Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Collection bags were sent home today. Bags can be filled with good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets. Please return all bags to the school office by Wednesday 29th May.

ANZAC DAY AT GVPS

A dignified ANZAC Day service was held last Friday to commemorate the service men and women of Australia's past and present.

Mr Geoff Gray, our crossing guard and returned serviceman, spoke to the students about the meaning of ANZAC Day and why it is important to never forget the contributions of those who have served their country.

Thank you to the families who contributed to class floral tributes laid in honour of the fallen.



Mr Warwick, Mr Gray and Dakota proudly wearing her grandfather's medals.

K-2 ASSEMBLY

The next K-2 Assembly will be held on Tuesday 14th May. It will be hosted by 2Z and will start at 12.00pm.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Keep collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too). One sticker for every \$10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. There is a collection box in the office foyer for completed sticker cards.



CROSS COUNTRY

The annual school cross country carnival will be held next Tuesday. In true cross country style, the course will start in the school and head through the bushland to Mihajlovic Oval and return. Students who are turning 8 or older will be participating in this event. Parents are most welcome to come to school for this event, though you may wish to bring a camp type chair or picnic rug for your comfort. The carnival will commence at 11.40am.

UNIFORM SHOP

All winter uniforms are now in stock. The Uniform shop is open Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm—3.00pm and Wednesday mornings 8.30am—9.30am.

SPORT NEWS

PSSA BEST AND FAIREST - 3rd May 2013

Boys Softball	Juniors	Emmanuel Rodriguez
	Seniors	Jayden Johal
Newcombeball	Juniors	Renee Huynh
	Seniors	Kristy Doan
Boys Oz Tag	Juniors	Leeroy Vaalele
	Seniors	Osama Eid
Boys Basketball	Juniors	Alan Nguyen
	Seniors	Malekai Moutrage
Girls Touch	Juniors	Jessie Thornton
	Seniors	Lathina Siackhasone
Girls Soccer	Juniors	Aneena Souksavong
	Seniors	Armina Gabara

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S
to **Jasmine Gunn** for making it into the GVPSSA Girl's Soccer team. They played three games on the 8th April and out of 4 places they came third. They won the first game 6-0. The team tried really hard and had great fun!

DIARY DATES

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

MAY

- 7 Cross Country Carnival
- 8 P&C Meeting
- 8 P&C Mothers' Day Working Bee
- 9 Mothers' Day Stall
- 9 Student Banking
- 10 PSSA Round 8
- 10 Stewart House Day
- *13 Stage 3 Police visit
- *14 Stage 3 Police visit
- 14 K-2 Assembly
- 14 NAPLAN
- 15 NAPLAN
- 16 NAPLAN
- 16 Student Banking
- 17 PSSA Round 9
- 21 ICAS Computer Skills Competition
- *21 Responsible Pet Ownership visit
- 23 Student Banking
- *23 3-6 Assembly
- 24 PSSA Round 10
- 24 K-6 Assembly
- 28 K-2 Assembly
- 30 Stewart House bag collection
- 30 Student Banking
- 31 GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival

JUNE

- 4 Stage 1 Incursion
- 5 P&C Meeting
- 5 School Walkathon
- 5 ICAS Science Competition
- 6 Student Banking
- 7 PSSA Trials
- 10 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- 13 Student Banking
- 13 3-6 Assembly
- 14 PSSA Round 1
- 17 ICAS Writing Competition
- 18 ICAS Spelling Competition
- 20 Stage 2 National Parks Excursion
- 20 Student Banking
- 21 P&C Disco
- 21 PSSA Round 2
- 24 Stage 3 Camp
- 24 Stage 2 Incursion
- 25 Stage 3 Camp
- 25 K-2 Assembly
- 26 Stage 3 Camp
- 27 Buzz Day
- 27 Student Banking
- 28 PSSA Round 3
- 28 K-6 Assembly
- 28 LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday 8th May
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.

P&C NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A Mother's Day stall working bee will be held on Wednesday 8th of May at 2.00pm. All parents are welcome to help prepare for the stall.

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 9th of May. Items will range from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per item. There will be limited supply of gifts for Grandma.

GELATOS

Gelatos will be sold every Friday afternoon after school near the cubbyhouse for \$2.00 each. Also we have a second hand school uniform stall, where you can purchase used school uniforms at a cheap price. You can also donate any second hand school uniforms that your child may have grown out of.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Good Choices

Dear Children and Parents,
Making good choices is important for living healthy and happy lives. When it comes to eating food making good choices is important. Eating healthy food leads to healthy bodies and minds. Making good choices is also important for the way we relate to other people at school and at home and in the community. If we are kind to others and treat them with respect then we will be healthier in our minds. But if we are unkind or mean to others then not only does it hurt that person but it also affects our own health and happiness. Another area to make good choices is to listen to our teachers and parents. They are there to care for us and help us learn how to make good choices. If we don't listen to them then we miss out on their help. When we do listen to them we will find that our lives will be healthier and happier. Making good choices is very important because our decisions build character in our lives which will help us now and as we grow up to be adults.

Rev David O'Mara, Anglican Minister Green Valley and Social Skills Support Person at Green Valley Public School.

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opportunity class placement
for Year 5 entry in 2014?



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Key dates

Monday 29 April 2013
Online application opens

Monday 6 May 2013
Application information in schools

Friday 17 May 2013
• Return paper applications to principal
• Online application closes

Wednesday 10 July 2013
Test centre advice sent

Wednesday 24 July 2013
Opportunity class placement test

October 2013
Outcome advice sent

PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING.

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Circle of Security Parenting



*Would you like to learn how to improve the relationship
between yourself and your child?*

Circle of Security is an 8 week relationship based parent education program where you will understand how relationships can influence a child's behaviour.

Starting Date:	Friday 10th May 2013
Time:	9.00—11.00am
Where:	The Cubby House Green Valley Public School Green Valley Rd, Green Valley
Bookings:	Phone Debbie on 9732 6502



STAGE 3 FUNDRAISING

Stage 3 fundraising is asking for your help! We have boxes of chocolates left to sell. If you are able to take a box to your workplace and sell them it would be greatly appreciated. There is a variety of 50 chocolate Freddos in a box and they are \$1 each. The money goes towards the Year 6 Farewell. If you are interested in helping, send in the slip below to the school office and we will send the chocolates home with your child.

Yes I would like to sell a box of Cadbury chocolates. Please send a box home with my child.

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

In the Spotlight



In class 6BP have look at the artist Roy Lichtenstein. We have recreated pop art self - portraits of our class members. Take a look at some of them!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Aerobics team who finished first in their division at the Preliminary Finals in Sutherland yesterday. The girls, consisting of Amanda Luong, Jenny Thai, Georga Saric, Chanel Arapi, Isabella Rawlins, Felicity Olivares and Melanie Yousif, looked amazing on stage. We are all so proud of you. Good Luck at the State Finals in 6 weeks time. Go Valley Vivas!



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