

Green Valley Voice

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome back to the term.

It is sure to be a very busy term ahead with many exciting learning programs in place for our students.

Term three always seems to be jam packed with events for your children.

In week three of this term we have Education Week. We would love to see you here at the school for our Open Day celebrations or school assembly. A full program for the week will be coming home separate to this newsletter.

This term Mr Quinn's days have been reduced to 3 days/week. This is due to the school dropping in enrolments this year to under 500. Mr Quinn will be here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from now on.

Thank you for your support of improving our target in the area of on time arrival. We started the term with an average of 32 students late per day and aimed to get it down to 5/day. We reduced significantly and now have just 12/day late. This is a huge improvement, but we still have some more work to do. We'll keep going this term to get to 5 or less/day.

Mr B Warwick
Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2014 ENROLLING NOW

**Ensure a place for your child in 2014
by asking for an application for enrolment now!**

***It would be appreciated if you
passed this message on to prospective
parents who are looking to
start their child in kindergarten in
2014.***

SCHOOL INFORMATION

UNIFORM SHOP

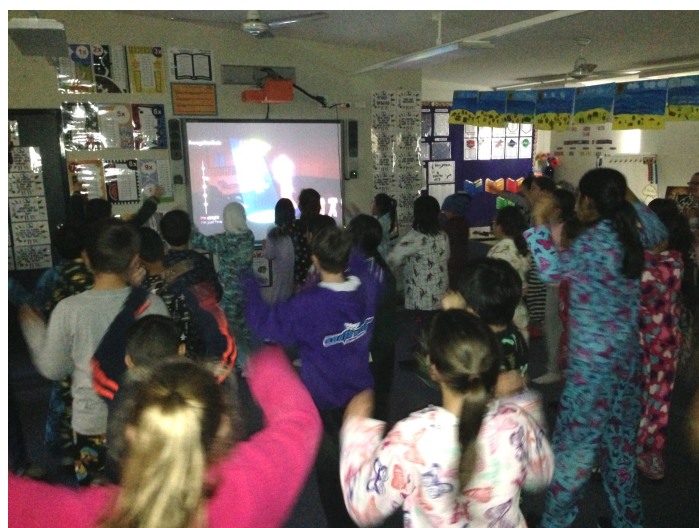
From Term 3 the uniform shop hours are:

MONDAY 8.30am—9.30am

TUESDAY 2.30pm—3.00pm

PYJAMA BUZZ DAY

The Term 2 pyjama Buzz Day was great fun. Lots of teachers and students came dressed in their 'pjs' and had a fun day filled with movies, popcorn, iPads, dancing and lots more.



LIBRARY NEWS

This term is a very exciting time in the library. We will be enjoying all the new shortlisted 2013 Bookweek books and celebrating Bookweek in Week 6 with the theme "Read Across the Universe".

The Scholastic Bookfair starts on Wednesday 21st August and promises to be better than ever. Another much loved event is our annual book character parade. Maybe you have already started to plan your costume? If not, have you thought about coming as a science fiction character?

The finish of Bookweek will also see the finish of the Premier's Reading Challenge. Already, twenty students in Years 3-6 have finished reading their 20 books and are reading more. There is still time to take the challenge - see Mrs Reardon or Mrs Whittle in the library if you want help finding some great books.

SPORT

BEST AND FAIREST

PSSA SEASON 2		ROUND 1	ROUND 2
Boys Soccer	Juniors	Izaaya Abdullah	Carlos David
	Seniors	Tim Nguyen	Omar Al Lahibi
Girls OZtag	Juniors	Angelyne Abidishou	Aaliyah Rima
	Seniors	Lathina Siackhasone	Georgia Saric
Mixed AFL	Juniors	Adrian Salaberry	Kalebb Kalcher
	Seniors	Fili Taugaele	Lynelle Shamo
Mixed Netball	Juniors	Mya Mohabbati Jesse Thornton	Hannah Nosavan
	Seniors	Branden Sivieng	Casey Thornton
Mixed Newcombeball	Juniors	Eric Le	Mark Parlapiana
	Seniors	Veronica Morello	Tejal Pradhan
Mixed Rugby	Juniors	Connor Moore	Zane Woods
	Seniors	Joachim Weis	Mohammed Rima

COMMUNITY NEWS



2168 Food 4 Life Market COMING SOON!! 11 Jersey St, Busby.

Residents who live in the 2168 post-code area are entitled to shop at the Market.

To become a member you need to bring some identification and your membership is free.

A wide range of products are available each week for \$15.

For more information contact the Salvation Army on 0435 659 175.

DIARY DATES

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

JULY

- 15 Staff development Day
- 16 Students return for Term 3
- 16 Peer Support Training
- 17 Peer Support Training
- 18 Student Banking
- 19 PSSA Round 4
- 22 Fitness Club K-2 starts
- 23 Kinder Excursion
- 23 JBHS Lessons 10.30am—1.00pm
- 24 OC Test
- 24 P&C Meeting
- 24 Fitness Club 3-6 starts
- 25 Student Banking
- 26 PSSA Round 5
- 29 Fitness Club K-2
- 30 K-2 Assembly
- 31 ICAS English Competition
- 31 Education Week Celebrations
- 31 Fitness Club 3-6

AUGUST

- 1 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 1 Student Banking
- 1 NED Performance
- 2 PSSA Round 6
- 5 Fitness Club K-2
- 6 JBHS Lessons 10.30am—1.00pm
- 7 Athletics Carnival
- 7 Fitness Club 3-6
- 8 3-6 Assembly
- 8 Student Banking
- 9 PSSA Round 7
- 12 Wakakirri Heats
- 12 Fitness Club K-2
- 13 ICAS Mathematics
- 14 P&C Meeting
- 14 Fitness Club 3-6
- 15 Student Banking
- 16 PSSA Round 8
- 17 & 18 Aerobics National Competition
- 19 Fitness Club K-2
- 20 Stage 1 Transport Excursion
- 20 JBHS Lessons 10.30am—1.00pm
- 21 Fitness Club 3-6
- 21 Maths Olympiad
- 21 Book Fair arrives
- 22 Student Banking
- 22 Book Character Parade
- 23 PSSA Round 9
- 24 Tournament of the Minds
- 26 Fitness Club K-2

Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday 24th July
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.

VALUES FOR HEALTHY LIVING – PUTTING GOOD THINGS INTO OUR LIFE AND GETTING RID OF BAD THINGS.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

I recently spoke at our school assembly and brought along my small bonsai plant. It is a beautiful plant and was given to me by a friend who is a very good gardener. A few months after I was given the plant it started to die and I realised that I had been lazy and had not been watering it and giving it enough sunlight. I recognised the problem and began to water it regularly and ensure that it got enough sunlight. This plant needed good things like water and sun to help it grow well. In some ways our lives are like this plant. We need to ensure that we put good things into our lives so we can grow healthy. This often starts with having a good attitude in our mind.

For example – we can say to ourselves and to others – I am going to choose to enjoy school today and give my best energy and effort. It is amazing how a positive attitude nourishes enjoyment and this helps build good mental health in our lives. Another aspect of keeping a plant healthy is to cut off dead branches. Dead branches drain life from the plant. In the same way in our lives if we have bad attitudes or habits these drain energy from us and life can become sad.

For example, one bad habit is to look for problems rather than enjoying what is offered and making the best of the situation. May I encourage us all that we can all enjoy school by having a positive attitude and choosing to come to school to see what new things we can learn each day. A positive attitude can also help other people enjoy school. Good attitudes help build healthy school communities. Green Valley has an excellent and committed staff and there are so many new and wonderful things to learn. Remember the difference between a good day and a bad day is just one positive attitude away.



Community First Step

Invites Parents and Carers of Children
aged 0-12 years, with additional needs to **FREE**

Triple S (Structure Support Strategies) Workshops

To help children lead creative lives

Presented By:
Brenda Inglis-Powell
Social Educator and co-author
"Raising Difficult Children"
Pastoral Counselling Institute, North Parramatta

Triple S workshops will:-

- Help parents who have children with learning and emotional difficulties, difficult temperaments, poor social interaction, inappropriate behaviours and other co-morbid disorders become confident in their parenting & help their children to reach their full potential.
- assist parents set in place behaviour management strategies for their child, raise their own level of parenting skills and self esteem, while developing competence and accountability in the child.
- Workshops will include: - what is temperament, effective discipline routines, the principle of "we together", how can "Uncle Charlie" help, enabling your child to participate.

These workshops will assist parents, carers and child care workers who have children with but not limited to, Aspergers Syndrome, Autism, Dyspraxia, Attention Deficit Disorder, Hyperactivity, Dyslexia, Dysnomia, explosive episodes and other syndromes;

Dates: Wednesdays: 24th July
31st July
7th August
14th August

Time: 10am-12pm

Place: St Johns Park Bowling Club, 93 Edensor Road, St Johns Park

Bookings are essential

Child minding is available, booking essential

Please call Debbie 9727 4333 extn 126, or Annette 9727 4333 extn 127 to place a booking



Come in for a chat

Feeling anxious, stressed and just need someone to listen?

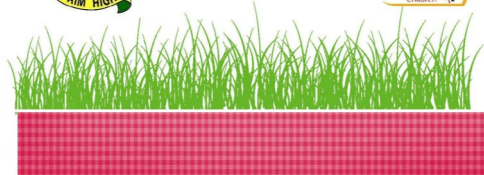
Drop in for a chat with a friendly confidential family counsellor

Where: Green Valley Public School

Green Valley Rd, 2168

Time: 2-3:30pm

Date: Tuesdays, School term



Miller Family Resource Center is a Communities 4 Children Initiative funded under the FaHCSIA Family Support Program





Travelbugs

MOBILE MINI-BEASTS

On Monday, 24th June, students in Stage 2 attended a Travelbugs incursion in our school hall. The students were given the opportunity to learn about mini – beasts by looking, listening and touching. The students had a great time exploring the live and preserved mini – beasts!



Stage 3 Camp

On Monday 24th June, Stage 3 went on a three day excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. The students saw lots of exciting things and visited many amazing places. Stage 3 had a great time playing at Perisher, building snowmen and having snow ball fights. During the camp, they visited the Museum of Australian Democracy, Questacon, the War Memorial, and the Australian Institute of Sport. Stage 3 also took a tour of Parliament House where they met their local member and spotted a few prominent politicians. The students' visit to Canberra has prepared them well to study 'Government' next term.



The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenships education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the expenses.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We hope that the camp was a rewarding experience for all the students.





KH gives a 'hoot' about learning!



In Science we've been learning about living things. Check out the grass heads we've made. Aren't they owlsome!



Day 1



Day 7



Day 14



Day 18



Day 31

Plants need plenty of water and sunshine to grow. We've watched them change over a month. This is how much they've grown. Wow!



KB



Have been busy little bees



We love learning!



Working together during CMIT groups.



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