

Green Valley Voice

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Monday 24th February 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



I'd like to say lots of thanks this week:

1. Thank you for your support of the school security measures we have put in place at the end of the school day. It is wonderful to see so many people here at the school collecting students but waiting patiently until 2.50 before entering the school. This has been implemented as a student safety and learning measure.

2. Thank you to the families who were able to make it last week to the volunteer training session. If you were unable to make it last week but would still like to help out, come along to the front office to collect some paperwork and have an explanation of what is required. We would love to have you helping us out here at school or we can provide things for you to help with at home.

One of the areas I am hoping you may be interested in helping with this year is that of school grounds improvements. In this newsletter you will notice some information for a working bee this Friday to help with some gardening as part of the Annual Schools Clean Up day.

3. Thanks also to the drivers who appear to have heeded the recent warnings of fines from council and police regarding parking at the front of the school. By moving to the front of the No Parking area the traffic flow in the afternoon is slightly better. Remember that it is only a 2 minute stopping area and you should not be more than 3 metres from your vehicle if you do get out of the car.

4. Thank you to the parents who are showing responsible road crossing behaviour to the students and walking the extra distance to the crossing rather than putting their child's life at risk by crossing in very dangerous ways out the front of the school. I am very appreciative of your responsible actions.

5. Thank you to the families who ring us if they're running late. Even a few minutes can be quite distressing for children if the person picking them up is not at school as expected. As a 2.55pm finish school, it is reasonable to expect that all students have been collected from the front of the school by 3pm, so I thank you for your prompt collection of your children.

Hope to see you on Friday for the working bee.


Mr B Warwick
Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

K-2 ASSEMBLY

When: Tuesday 4th March
Where: School Hall
Hosted By: 2L
Time: 2.00pm
All parents welcome.

SCHOOL'S CLEAN UP DAY

Friday the 28th February is Clean Up Australia: School's Clean Up Day. Students at Green Valley will show their support for our environment by cleaning up around the school grounds. Students are asked to bring in at least one thick garden glove (disposable latex gloves are not suitable) to protect their hands when picking up rubbish. Thank you for your support.

OFFICE PAYMENTS

All payments will be received at the school office each morning until 12.00pm. Due to banking arrangements we are unable to accept any payments in the afternoon. Payments can also be made by placing the payment in an envelope and marking it with your child's name and class and what the payment is for and placing it in the letterbox in the front door of the office. A receipt will be sent to your child's classroom. When filling in permission slips, please include the surname.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.30am—9.00am. It is located in the third window of the school canteen. Orders can be made and paid for

Save the Date
*8th April Parent Teacher Interview
Night*



at the school office and the order will be filled and taken to your child's classroom within 48 hours.

A second hand uniform will be set up by members of the school P&C to help families purchase uniforms at very reasonable rates.

WORKING BEE

WHEN: Friday 28th February

TIME: 9.00am—12.00pm

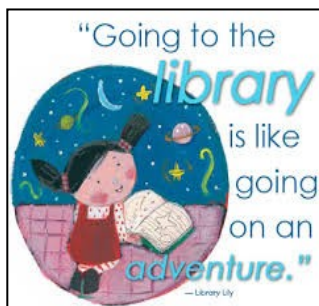
VENUE: All to meet in the school hall

We will be coordinating a working bee to beautify our school gardens. We are asking for parent volunteers to assist in weeding and adding mulch to the various areas that need tidying up. It would be greatly appreciated if you could give up some of your time to support our school. All volunteers are asked to bring their own shovels, gloves and weeding spades.

Please label with your name to save confusion over tools.

LIBRARY NEWS

If you are a new kindergarten parent and you haven't visited the library yet, why not drop in to visit with your child and let them show you around the library. February is Library Lover's month so come and enjoy our school library. Not only can your child borrow a book when their teacher brings them to the library for a library lesson, they can also borrow a bedtime bag. To do this a parent needs to come with their child before or after school to help them choose and borrow a bed time bag. Each bedtime bag has seven books, one book for each night of the week. The idea is for you to read a book to your child each night at bedtime. Set your child on the road to becoming a life-long reader!!



Borrowing has started for all classes, so please ensure that your child has a library bag labelled clearly with their name and class.

APPROACHING STUDENTS

From time to time, students will encounter some difficulties at school with learning, behaviour or friends. When this occurs it is important we as the adults are there to support our children and guide them through ways in which to deal with the matter. Under no circumstances is it appropriate for an adult to approach students in the school to solve behaviour or friendship problems. It is asked that if a problem becomes apparent that you would like some involvement, that you raise these issues with teacher or executive staff members.

2nd Hand Uniform Stall
Monday 3rd March 2014
In COLA outside hall
Prices from \$2-\$5 8.30am

DIARY DATES

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

FEBRUARY

- 26 Fitness Club 3-6
- 28 School's Clean Up Australia Day
- 28 PSSA Season 1 Round 1
- 28 School Working Bee

MARCH

- 3 Fitness Club K-2
- 4 K-2 Assembly
- 5 Fitness Club 3-6
- 7 PSSA Round 2
- 10 Fitness Club K-2
- 12 Fitness Club 3-6
- 13 Selective High School Test
- 14 PSSA Round 3
- 18 SWS Zone Swimming Carnival
- 17 Fitness Club K-2
- 19 Fitness Club 3-6
- 19 P&C Meeting
- 21 Harmony Day
- 21 PSSA Round 4
- 24 Last Fitness Club K-2
- 26 Last Fitness Club 3-6
- 28 PSSA Round 5

APRIL

- 4 K-6 Assembly
- 5 PSSA Round 6
- 7 Stage 1 Workers in the Community Fun Day
- 8 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 9 Buzz Day
- 10 Easter Hat Parade
- 10 P&C Easter Raffle
- 11 PSSA Round 7
- 12 Last day of Term 1
- 28 Staff Development Day
- 29 Students return for Term 2
- 30 ANZAC Service

MAY

- 2 PSSA Round 8
- 7 P&C Meeting
- 8 Mothers' Day Stall
- 9 PSSA Round 9

**Gate locked between
9.15 & 2.50 each day.**

**Between these hours
all visitors please
report to the office.**



Next P&C

Wednesday 19th March
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.

GVPSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Miss Chiovo would like to congratulate Kalebb Kalcher, Keiran Brook, Denise Coates, Alan Nguyen, Tejal Pradhan, Zain Davis and Tayllah Kalcher. These students attended the GVPSSA District Swimming Carnival on Thursday 20th of February. All students were displaying their best behaviour, an excellent representation of our school. All students raced as hard as they could and achieved amazing results. A special mention goes to Kalebb who will be competing at the regional carnival. Good luck! I would also like to thank all parents who attended as well as Mrs Brook and Miss Stephens for assisting at the carnival.



SCHOOL SHOES



Below are not acceptable unless sport days.



**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 : 9.30am-11.30am
DATE: Wednesdays, School term
CONTACT: Alice 02 9732 6501

Green Valley Public School

Our Uniform



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Sport



Winter



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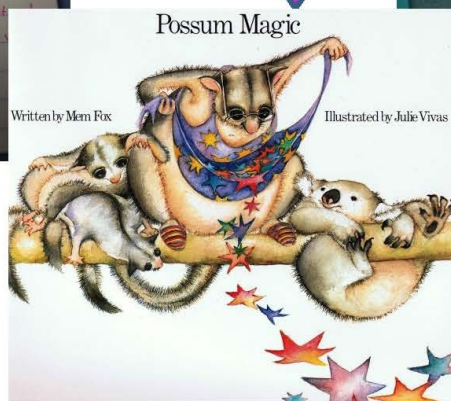
Hush

Hush is a possum that lives in the Australian bush. She has a long, grey, striped tail and is invisible. Hush has sharp, pappy claws that are pointy. On her head she has ears that are pointy and small. Invisible Hush has a round, chunky tumbling. This possum has fur that is soft and smooth. Her head is round and the size of it is medium. Hush has two black, small eyes. She eat people food because she is trying to be visible again. Hush wants to be visible again and she feels so so unhappy. Hush travelled to Australia to get some food to turn visible again.

✓ This description is spot on!
✓ Let's work on using commas!

By: Cassandra

We made our
very own
Possums!



22 have been
learning about
Possum Magic.



Hush

Hush is a possum. She lives in the forest. Hush has brown fur and a long tail. She is medium size and eats all different food. Hush is travelling all around Australia. Hush has sharp brown claws. She is looking for the thing to make her visible. Hush ate a vegemite sandwich and grew a tail.

✓ TA - Anthony verbalised his sentences and the teacher helped with spelling. He worked very well!

By: Anthony

Snake

The Snake in the story Possum Magic is dangerous. On its skin it is scaly and rough. It has blue eyes and a long, long tail. Also bright colours that are red, blue, orange and purple. The snake is called a Python and it has a blue tongue to his. They have poison and bite people. It is shiny and very scary.

✓ Well-described. Great use of adjectives and I like how all your sentences have a different start!

By: Katrina

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KINESIOLOGY CAN ASSIST CHILDREN WITH LEARNING CHALLENGES.

Movement is fundamental to the very existence of the brain and its abilities. The less we move, the less our brain works. Improving physical coordination can help systems of 'internal wiring' to mature from the inside out, which in turn sees many behaviours diminish mildly or significantly or even resolve completely. When both sides of the brain are integrated we can easily perform tasks such as reading, writing, or concentrating. If we are unintegrated, we may become anxious and unable to complete tasks or retain information. Learning simple techniques to reinforce the pathways can improve a child's learning ability by addressing core challenges that keep them stuck. With kinesiology we can help resolve longstanding blocks to learning and achievement, and support the changes that are required by each individual child.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to answer your questions. Julie Santos 0415 295 790 or Email kinesiology@zenntonic.com.au



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Families Together

invites mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers to

Raising Girls for Academic and Personal Success

Presented by
Dr. Andrew Martin

Andrew Martin, PhD, MAPS, is a Registered Psychologist specialising in educational psychology. His work focuses on motivation, engagement, and achievements as well as work into boys' and girls' education, gifted and talented, disengagement, academic buoyancy and courage, pedagogy, parenting, teach-student relationships and Aboriginal education. He was listed in the *The Bulletin* magazine's SMART 100 Australians and in the Top 10 in the field of Education. His books, *"How to Motivate Your Child for School and Beyond"* (Bantam) and *"How to Help Your child Fly Through Life: The 20 Big Issues"* (Bantam) are published in five languages and have been enthusiastically received by schools and parents across Australia and beyond. His latest book, *"Building Classroom Success, Eliminating Academic Fear and Failure"* (Continuum) was published in early 2010.

Girls face distinct challenges and opportunities as they move through school and beyond. This workshop provides practical strategies to help girls realise their academic and personal potential. It focuses on ways to help girls:

- + Reduce anxiety
- + Increase self confidence in school and beyond
- + Build resilience for tests and other performance situations
- + Develop and sustain high personal expectations for school and the future
- + Address fear of success and self-doubt
- + Manage technology, the Internet and social networking
- + Build good parent-child relationships

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place.

Families Together is for parents/grandparents/carers.
Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place.
Families Together is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool and Bankstown.

DATE:	Wednesday, 12 March 2014
TIME:	6.30 - 9.00pm
PLACE:	Memories Bankstown Trotting Recreational Club Ltd 178 Eldridge Road BANKSTOWN (entrance to Memories is on the left hand side -no need to enter the club)

CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.

Please note: if you do not wish to receive these fliers or would like to have them emailed to you please contact the number above.
Families Together is funded by the Department of Education and Communities and sponsored by Fairfield City Council.

No cost!

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Maximising the Academic and Personal Outcomes of Boys

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In many academic and personal areas boys continue to underperform compared to girls. There are also ever-present challenges in school and outside of school that boys must overcome to achieve their personal potential. This workshop presents practical strategies to help:

- + Increase boys' motivation and engagement
- + Encourage 'personal best' (PB) approaches to school and life
- + Enhance boys' achievement
- + Boost boys' valuing of school and educational and occupational aspirations
- + Enhance boys' literacy
- + Manage technology, the Internet, social networking, and electronic gaming
- + Build good relationships between boys and parents (or other carers)

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DATE:	Wednesday, 26 March 2014
TIME:	6.30 - 9.00pm
PLACE:	The Horsley Room & Lounge City of Fairfield RSL Memorial Club Ltd 14 Anzac Avenue Fairfield 2165

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