

Green Valley Voice

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Monday 19th May 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



This week past I sent home 172 letters to families congratulating students on perfect attendance for Term 1. Across all grades, K-6, students are putting in a very determined effort to be at school for every minute the school is open. Out late arrivals are hurrying to class with a bit more urgency and the number of students signing in late each

day is reducing. Congratulations and thank you for helping in this area.

Don't forget, when your child is absent for good reason, a note must come from home the next day the student is back at school, unless of course you have responded to the SMS that came from the school. It is your legal obligation to let us know when and why your child is not at school.

We have been very fortunate to have a team of parent helpers this year to cover hundreds of books, organise mathematics equipment and assist in the classrooms. Recently we have also had some parents helping us to improve our

grounds with the gardens. I can't thank them enough for helping us to make our school a great learning environment for the students. If at any time you wish to assist in our school please come to the office to complete some paper work



One of our parent helpers at work in the gardens.

about our volunteer policy and child protection matters, we would love to have you involved.

You may have noticed a couple more picnic tables around the school recently. This is thanks to a donation from the P&C through their fundraising efforts. Other items that will be purchased with the donation will be repainted playground games for the students and a new electronic message board at the front of the school. Thank you all for your continued support of the school through P&C fundraising efforts.

The Stage 2 camp expression of interest notes that went home have now been returned. Unfortunately the number of interested families does not allow for this trip to go ahead. The Stage 2 team will plan an alternate excursion for the students in light of this information.

Voluntary Contributions

\$30/family.

Please consider helping us out financially with this payment. Payments to the front office.

This week is National Family Week. There will be a workshop on Tuesday night about Raising Confident, Competent children.

I have included information on page 4 of this newsletter about nominating teachers for an award through Officemax. Please consider nominating a teacher for these awards.

Mr B Warwick

Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

WARNING FROM GREEN VALLEY POLICE

The following is information from Green Valley Police for you to be aware.

Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to communicate with strangers without registering. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the handles "You" and "Stranger". The site was created by 18-year-old Leif K-Brooks of Brattleboro, Vermont, and was launched on March 25, 2008. Less than a month after its March 2008 launch, Omegle garnered around 150,000 page views a day, and in March 2009 the site introduced a video conferencing feature. The site now provides a mobile application that lets users chat with strangers from mobile devices (Website background obtained from Wikipedia).

The dangers of this site is that due to the fact that the website does not require a user name or password to access the site, there is no permanent record to assist police in identifying the person of interest (POI). Police would require a random ID number provided to the POI at the time. This number is only available whilst the POI is logged on to the website, and once the session is ended this random ID number cannot be recovered. As a result, police have no way of identifying the POI.

Please be vigilant in monitoring your children's online activities.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL

Bags can be filled with good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets. Please return all bags to the school office by Tuesday 27th May.

RAISING COMPETENT AND CONFIDENT CHILDREN WORKSHOP Reminder...

WHEN: Tuesday 20th May 2014
WHERE: Cubbyhouse
TIME: 6.30pm—8.00pm

YEARS 3-6 ASSEMBLY

WHEN: Thursday 22nd May
WHERE: School Hall
TIME: 12.40pm

PREMIERS DEBATING RESULTS

Congratulations to our debating team with a win over Mt Pritchard P.S. The topic: Should there be no exams in schools?
The Team: Felicity Olivares, Christina Le, Christina Sartsiri, Isabella Rawlins. Chairperson: Tejal Pradhan. and Timekeeper: Elif Erkan.

STAGE 3 IMAX EXCURSION

WHEN: Wednesday 21st May
VENUE: Imax Theatre, Darling Harbour
TIMES: Depart school 9.00am, return 2.55pm
DRESS: Full school uniform to be worn

PRELIMINARY AEROBICS COMPETITION

WHEN: Sunday 25th May
WHERE: Sutherland Entertainment Centre
We are entering two teams: "Valley Violets" our junior team and "Valley Vivas" our senior team. They have all worked very hard on their routines and we wish them every success.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

WHEN: Friday 24th May

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by: Walking with them the whole way to school, If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

A big thankyou to all the parents who have given up their time to work in the school gardens or lend a hand in organising school resources. It is greatly appreciated! If you would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Webeck.

The gardening group are getting together every Friday to work in the garden beds. The CLAG group (cutting, laminating and gluing) group meet every second Wednesday in the counsellor's office. Please see the calendar for dates.

DIARY DATES

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

MAY

- 20 Raising Confident & Competent Children Session 6.30pm—8.00pm
- 19 Stage 3 Excursion—Imax
- 22 3-6 Assembly—11.40pm
- 22 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
- 23 GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- 23 Walk Safely to School Day
- 25 Preliminary Aerobics Competition (Sunday)
- 28 Stewart House Clothing Appeal collection
- 29 Parent Working Bee 9am-12pm
- 29 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
- 29 Debate vs BHPS
- 30 K-6 Assembly—9.10am

JUNE

- 4 Koori Carnival
- 5 Premier's Debating @ GVPS
- 5 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
- 6 PSSA Trials
- 10 K-2 Assembly— 2Z—2pm
- 11 P&C Meeting
- 12 SWS Zone Cross Country Carnival
- 12 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
- 11 PSSA Season 2 Round 1
- 15 State Aerobics (Sunday)
- 16 ICAS Writing Competition
- 16 Fitness Club finishes K- 2
- 17 ICAS Spelling Competition
- 18 Fitness Club finishes 3-6
- 18 Parent Working Bee 9am-12pm
- 19 ESL Aquarium Excursion
- 20 3-6 Assembly—12.40pm
- 19 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
- 20 PSSA Round 2
- 25 Stage 2 Excursion
- 26 Buzz Day
- 26 Yr 6 Pizza Day *
- 27 K-6 Assembly—9.10am—1S & 3P
- 28 PSSA Round 3
- 29 Last Day of Term 2

JULY

- 14 Staff Development Day
- 15 Students return for Term 3
- 15 Footsteps
- 17 NAIDOC Celebrations *

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

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



Next P&C

Wednesday 11th June
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

Parents, have you borrowed a **BEDTIME BAG** from the library recently? Each bag is filled with seven beautiful books for a week's worth of bedtime stories. Parents of children in Kindergarten or Year 1 can borrow any afternoon after school.

Congratulations to all the students who have already finished the Premier's Reading Challenge - you can see their photos and some of their favourite books on our school website in the "gallery" section. Remember, the PRC continues until the end of August so there is still plenty of time to finish reading 20 books.

K-2 ASSEMBLY

The K-2 Assembly was held on Tuesday 13th May and was hosted by 2SH. They sang a very amusing version of Der Glumph (The Frog Song).



P&C NEWS

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>

SPORT NEWS

PSSA Notes have been sent home for the final payment of \$12 for PSSA Season 1. We ask that all payments be made at the school office as soon as possible. Trials for Season 2 PSSA will be held on Friday 6th June and Round 1 will commence on Friday 13th June.

PSSA BEST AND FAIREST ROUNDS 9 & 10

Boys Basketball	Juniors	Yousef Zaidi	Matthew Delgado
	Seniors	Ryan Van	Marko Kasic
Boys Oz Tag	Juniors	Alan Saisanavong	Daniel Sofkovski
	Seniors	Connor Moore	Nuzayh Ali
Boys Softball	Juniors	Andy Inthalangsy	Sean Gounder
	Seniors	Jarrah Al-Shamari	Milos Gladovic
Girls Soccer	Juniors	Layla Davis	Angelina Pinto
	Seniors	Melanie Yousif	Elif Erkan
Mixed New/Ball	Juniors	Trinity Brook	Nick Desanoski
	Seniors	Shevlyn Maharaj	Sandy Do
Girls Touch	Juniors	-	Ruby Hong
	Seniors	Tiana Yan	Amber Gunn

10 WAYS PARENTS CAN WORK WITH TEACHERS

TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S LEARNING

Michael Grose

- 1** **KNOW** WHAT YOUR TEACHER IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE
- 2** KEEP YOUR **EXPECTATIONS** REASONABLE AND POSITIVE
- 3** **SUPPORT** YOUR TEACHER'S EXPECTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME
- 4** SEND KIDS TO SCHOOL **READY TO LEARN** AND ON TIME EACH DAY
- 5** **INFORM** US EARLY OF YOUR CHILD'S CHALLENGES AND CHANGES
- 6** SKILL CHILDREN TO WORK WITH **OTHERS**
- 7** RESPECTFULLY **SEEK JOINT SOLUTIONS** TO PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES
- 8** **PARTICIPATE** FULLY IN CLASS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
- 9** **TRUST** YOUR TEACHER'S KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERIENCE
- 10** **TALK UP** WHAT HAPPENS AT SCHOOL

For information from Michael Grose about raising exceptional kids...



1. Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter on parentingideas.com.au and receive latest parenting ideas and information.



2. Visit parentingideas.com.au to find ready-to-go resources and books.



3. For the best parenting advice and great advice join the Michael Grose Parenting community on Facebook www.facebook.com/michaelgroseparenting

phone. 1800 004 484

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SPORT CONGRATULATIONS

We are very lucky at Green Valley to have such a talented bunch of sports people! Many of our students have trialled and been selected to represent the GVPSSA Zone. Congratulations to the following people:

Boys Softball – Jesse Lovelock

Girls Softball – Amber Gunn, Jasmine Gunn, Kasey Thornton & Jessie Thornton

Girls Netball – Kasey Thornton & Hannah Nosovan

Girls Soccer – Sara Draskic & Honeyleen Bohol

Boys Soccer – Zane Woods

Boys Touch Football – Connor Moore & Jesse Lovelock

A special mention must be made of Keiran Brook from 6K who has been selected as captain of the South West Sydney Team for Hockey. He will be travelling to Canberra to compete later this term. What a huge achievement! Well done and good luck Keiran!

This Friday, Green Valley will be sending 32 students to the GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival. It will be held at Joe Broad Reserve, Mt Pritchard. Good luck to those involved, we know you'll do us proud!

Last week was the last round of PSSA for season one.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN.

SUPPORT AN EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER TODAY.

A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to recognise a teacher who goes above and beyond in their classroom. Nominate one today to give them the recognition they deserve. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they'll receive \$2,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom.

Families Together

invites mothers, fathers,
grandparents and carers
to a free seminar



RAISING KIDS THAT COPE BUILDING AN OPTIMISTIC MINDSET IN CHILDREN

DATE: Thursday 19 June 2014
TIME: 6.30 - 8.30pm
LOCATION: Edensor Room, St Johns Park
Bowling Club, 3 Edensor Road,
St Johns Park

CONTACT: Families Together 0407 708 626.

Families Together is for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers of children up to 12 years living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool & Bankstown

COST - Free No childminding available

(Children's services workers, teachers, family support workers and other professionals will not be given a place)



About the presenter ...

Cay Camden has an extensive background across a range of health and welfare areas and with Education Offices in the NSW school system. Cay has presented workshops to staff, education professionals, parents and community members around Australia and loves sharing practical strategies and useful tips for parents and carers.

Find out more about Cay at our website
www.theresilencedoughnut.com.au



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- consider how the language we use can have a powerful effect in helping children to see a way forward through their difficulties

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

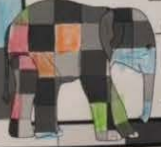
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that's not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

1A's Descriptive Writing

Name: Nelson van Iran

Elmer the Elephant


Elmer is a interesting elephant. Elmer is colourful and patchy. The butterfly has red wings. Elmer went in a dark cave. The elephants helped Elmer. Elmer saved the red butterfly. The elephant went into a very dark cave.



Name: Jace

Elmer the Elephant

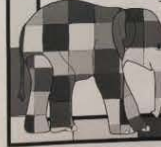
Elmer the elephant is an interesting character. Elmer is a patchy elephant. Elmer went on a grassy path and he got stuck in the cave.



Name: A. G. / 10/11

Elmer the Elephant


Elmer's body is patchy. The butterfly is red and purple and blue. Elmer's trunk is white and sharp. Wilbur is chequerboard because he is black and white.



Name: Liana

Elmer the Elephant


Elmer the elephant is an interesting character. He is a patchy, colourful elephant. Wilbur is a chequerboard black and white elephant. The butterfly has red and purple wings with yellow spots on her.



Name: Emma-11

Elmer the Elephant


Elmer the elephant is an interesting character. She is colourful. Elmer has a long trunk. She is big and colourful.



Name: Sophie

Elmer the Elephant

Elmer the elephant is an interesting character. Elmer has a friend butterfly. The butterfly is purple, red and blue. Elmer is colourful and patchy.




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