

# Green Valley Voice

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



This year our school will be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. Information about this data collection accompanies this newsletter. Should you wish your child's data not to be used, please return the slip before the end of this term. Data collected will help to

determine where resources are allocated to schools.

I know this is late notice but your child may be interested in entering the Sydney Youth Writing Festival for this year. Entries close this Friday and need to be submitted online at [www.sydneyyouthwriting.com](http://www.sydneyyouthwriting.com). We have many talented writers at the school who would do very well in this competition.

I spoke at Friday's assembly to parents, as much as children, about road safety, particularly in regards to heading out of the school and crossing Green Valley Rd. We have a crossing and a crossing guard to ensure the safety of you and your child. It never ceases to amaze me how many adults insist on teaching their children poor road safety practices such as; crossing in between parked cars, not at the crossing and at an intersection where drivers are exiting a shopping centre and looking to their right for oncoming traffic and not to the left for people on the road.

I hope I never see the day where one of our community is hurt, or worse, through the attitude of taking the quickest route to a car rather than the safest. I hope you never have to live with regret for years to come because you chose to ignore the safety measures that are in place for you and your children's safety.

Please take care on and about the roads and help us to teach best safety practices to our students.

On Friday 11th July as part of our professional learning calendar, we will be holding an information session on student mental health. The program in which we will be participating is called Small Steps and will be open to families to attend. The aim of the session is to provide staff and families with information about the various mental health issues that students can experience and how best to deal with these as teachers or parents. More details will come home in the weeks ahead.

Mr B Warwick  
Principal

## Voluntary Contributions

**\$30/family.**

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

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### FITNESS CLUB CHANGE

Due to the Monday Public Holiday in June, the K-2 Fitness Club will change from the 9th June to **THURSDAY 12th June.**

### UNIFORM

Open Monday mornings 8.30am—9.00am. Located in the third window of the school canteen. Please make sure near to the correct money is given. Orders can be made and paid for at the school office. The order will be filled and taken to your child's classroom within 48 hours. Hats can be purchased from the school office each morning or from the uniform shop. Cost \$11.00 each.

### SHOP

### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property is located on the stage near the Kinder rooms. We ask that parents label all their children's clothing. If your child happens to bring home an article of clothing that is not theirs, please return it to the school office.

### DEBATING

Our Team attended the Cowpasture Debating Competition on Thursday 29th May at Greenway Park

## KINDERGARTEN 2015 ENROLLING NOW

**Ensure a place for your child in 2015 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 2015.***



Public School. They were all fantastic but unfortunately were defeated. A great effort from our Green Valley Debaters, as for most of our students it was their first debate.



GVPS Debating Team

### PRELIMINARY AEROBICS COMPETITION

**Congratulations** to both Junior and Senior Aerobics teams on their recent successes at the Preliminary finals. Last Sunday 12 students represented Green Valley Public School in the School Aerobics competition.

The senior team 'The Valley Vivas' consisting of: Isabella Rawlins, Felicity Olivares, Tiana Yan, Christina Sartsiri, Kasey Thornton and Christina Le finished 1<sup>st</sup> place in their Primary Open division with a score of 79.3. The girls danced to the song "I want to rock and roll".

The junior team 'The Valley Violets' consisting of: Miha Bte Whittaker, Oceana Haimona, Sienna Reynolds, Tarsha Yan, Sarah Ha and Trinity Brook finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their Future Legends division with a score of 68.7. Their routine was to "Call Me Maybe".

The girls will now be competing at the State Finals on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. We wish them all the best of luck.



Junior Girls' Aerobics Team.  
2nd Place



Senior Girls' Aerobics Team  
1st Place

## DIARY DATES

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

### 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
- 13 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—The Rocks
- 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 \*
- 18 PSSA Round 4
- 21 Footsteps
- 23 OC Test
- 24 WLFPA Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Peer Support Training \*
- 25 Peer Support Training \*
- 25 PSSA Round 5
- 28 Footsteps
- 29 ICAS English Competition
- 30 P&C Meeting

### AUGUST

- 1 K-6 Assembly
- 2 PSSA Round 6
- 4 Footsteps

**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.



## OOPS

Due to the colder weather, we are asking parents to send a change of clothes with their child in case of toileting accidents during the day.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Did you "Read More in May"? Are you ready to jump into June, with lots of new books in the library? Remember, the library is open straight after school most days for borrowing, as well as Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. There are a number of series that are very popular, including Samurai Kids, Our Australian Girls, Zac Power and Alice Miranda. See the librarians if you would like help choosing a book that you'll love. Mrs Reardon.

## K-6 ASSEMBLY

The K-6 Assembly was held on Friday 30th May and was hosted by 1A & 4K. They sang a song about Road Safety and reminded students on how to cross the road safely.



Students from 4K and 1A presenting a road safety message

## SPORT — PSSA TRIALS

Season 2 Green Valley PSSA trials will be held on the 6th June 2014. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to try out for Mixed AFL, Mixed Rugby, Mixed Newcombeball, Girl's Netball, Girl's Oz Tag, Boy's Soccer.

PSSA coaches will trial students based on a range of skills and will finalise their decision with a game. Please be aware that some trials will be held on Mihajlovic Oval behind the school. Students are advised to trial in a sport which is their first preference as they may not be given the opportunity to trial for their second preference.

Students will be notified by a note whether they have been successful. Students who make a PSSA team are required to make a payment of \$30 for the first half of the season. The payment covers administration fees to the GVPSSA and the cost of transport to and from the venue.

Students will be committed to a training day that could be held out of school hours. Some students will also have the responsibility of looking after a jersey in which they have to bring in their bag every Friday and will have to return at the end of the season. Failure to return a jersey will

require a payment of \$20.00. Parents are welcome to attend their child's PSSA game. Students who are unsuccessful will be participating in school sport on a weekly basis.

All students who successfully make a team will be required to adhere to a strict code of conduct. Failure to follow the code of conduct may disqualify students from teams and a loss of teams fees.

## SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

These 40km school zones are there to enhance the safety of all children in and around the vicinity of schools. Here are four good reasons to slow down to 40km in school zones:

1. A child hit by a vehicle travelling at 40km/h has a good chance of surviving the impact. A child hit by a vehicle at travelling at 60km/h has little chance of surviving the impact.
2. At 40km/h it will only take you about 30 seconds to go from one end of the school zone to the other.
3. Children only concentrate on what they think is important, and forget about anything else.
4. Children see things differently to adults. Children are often impulsive and don't see danger. Children don't have the ability to judge the speed of approaching vehicles.

## Parking a message from Liverpool Council

The main safety concerns at schools always involve conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. You should be aware that Council now has the ability to enforce parking restrictions and illegal road user behaviour around schools. Council is endeavouring to undertake an education before enforcement approach, but as there are so many schools in the area we would like to make everyone aware of the rules that should be obeyed and the consequences that will follow if they are not. During all school terms, Council conducts a scheme to educate parents about parking restrictions around schools. All schools in the area are provided with educational resources to include in school newsletters. Council's parking rangers and Police from the Liverpool and Green Valley area commands are also always actively enforcing illegal parking around schools.

*Liverpool City Council encourages correct and safe parking in the road environment outside schools.*



**Change of Contact Details**  
**Please return ONLY if new details**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Mum's Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

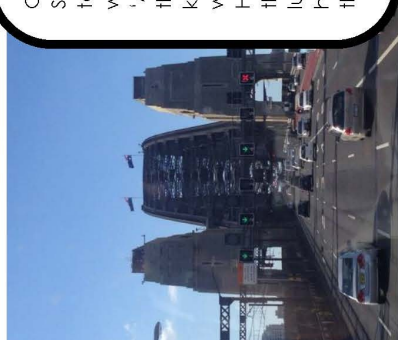
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New emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

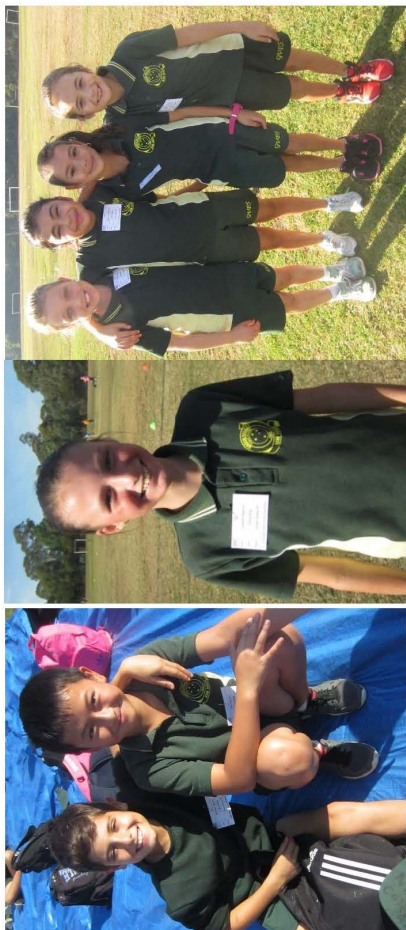
## Stage 3 Imax Excursion



On Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, Stage 3 went on an excursion to Darling Harbour. They watched the documentary 'Antarctica' which allowed them to gain further knowledge about the country which they are studying in HSL. Almost as much fun as the documentary was the lunchtime fun they got to have at Tumbalong Park. Even the teachers got involved!



## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY



32 Green Valley students competed at the GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival. Well done to all students, it was a tough track and they did well to make it to the finish line.

Congratulations to Isabella Rawlins, Hannah Nosovan, Aniqah Khan and Cassandra Rawlins who will be going on to compete at the Sydney South West Carnival. Great work, girls!







## Antarctic Landscapes



## Our classroom display!



# 6K!!

We have been learning all about **Antarctica** this term. Take a look at some of our work...

## Antarctica

Antarctica is the fifth largest continent and is located in the South Pole. It is surrounded by Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. 98 percent of this continent is made up of ice and it is used by 49 countries for research.

Antarctica is the coldest, windiest and driest continent on Earth. It is classified as a desert because of the lack of rainfall and snowfall. The mean temperature throughout the year is -65 degrees Celsius and 0 degrees Celsius on the coast. The wind travels from 8 kilometres up to 64 kilometres per hour. High winds can lower the temperature to -100 degrees Celsius.

This continent may poor in flora but there is a fair bit of fauna. The species of animals includes birds such as Emperor Penguins, King Penguins, Snow Petrels and more. Some mammals like the Blue Whales and seals swim in the waters of Antarctica. All these animals resort to adaptation skills, like formation of huddles, migration and hibernation, to survive in the harsh conditions here. No reptiles live in Antarctica. One of the most important animals in the seas around this continent is the krill. It is a tiny crustacean and baleen whales, crabeater seals, fur seals, and Adelie penguins all feed on this. This crustacean is crucial to health and ecological balance of all the world's ocean. Plants only grow here in ice-free regions.

By Christina Le

## Informative Reports

## Antarctica

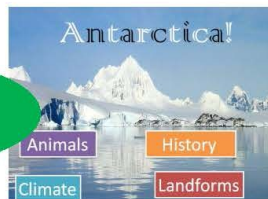
*Antarctica is the fifth largest continent. Antarctica is on the bottom of the world and is surrounded by New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.*

*Antarctica is the windiest place on Earth. The wind can go up to 320km per hour. Antarctica is known as a desert because it has very little limit of perception.*

*Antarctica is a very cold place. In winter the temperature can reach up to -66 degrees, and in summer it is just above freezing. In Antarctica the summer months are February to November, but the winter months are between May and August.*

By Raghad

## Hyperlink PowerPoints





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