

Green Valley Voice

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



This will be the last newsletter for the term and as such we reach the half way point of the year.

Much has been achieved to date but there is still much to do.

On Monday 23rd June, half yearly reports will be going home to provide you with an update on how your child is going so far this year. In term one we held parent teacher interviews to provide early in the year notification about student progress. If you would like to have another interview this term, contact your child's class teacher to arrange this. Page 4 of this newsletter contains some advice from psychologist Michael Grose about reading your child's report that may be of assistance for you.

Also on page 4 are two important flyers about courses we are running here that you are invited to attend. One is called Small Steps and is about children's mental health and well being. This session is on Friday 11th July and runs for around 2hrs.

On Monday 14th July, Think U Know will run also for around two hours. This is a session for teachers and parents presented in partnership with the Australian Federal Police about what we as adults need to be aware of to keep our kids safe online.

Both of these sessions should be of interest to you and we hope to see you at one or both sessions. We do need to know numbers attending so please send a response via the letter that is coming home this week or a phone call to the office.

Events such as this are posted on our Facebook and school website as well as this newsletter. We are getting an increasing number of families who access Facebook for information about events, so I encourage you to "like" us on Facebook to receive notifications.

Speaking of notifications don't forget to let us know the next day after students absences why your child was away and keep us up to date with any changes in address, phone numbers, emails, emergency contacts or health matters.

Education Week 2014 (28th July-1st August, Week 3 of Term 3) is set to be a big week with celebrations and special events right across the week. Our annual Open Day will be held on Thursday 31st July with an open invitation to our families and prospective families who are considering enrolling for 2015. Save this date as it is sure to be a great day to spend at school with your child.

All the best for the holidays, hope to see you on Friday 11th July for the combined staff and family program.

Mr B Warwick
Principal



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Voluntary Contributions

\$30/family.

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER—PIZZA LUNCH

WHEN: Thursday 26th June

WHO: All students K-6

2 Slices of Pizza and a drink \$5.00

Must be pre-ordered with the slip on the bottom of the note that has been sent home. All orders must be paid for by Monday 23rd June. No late orders will be accepted.

YEARS 3 & 4 BRITISH COLONISATION EXCURSION

WHEN: Wednesday 25th June

VENUE: The Rocks, Sydney

COST: \$45.00

All payments are due by Wednesday 18th June.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the Athletics Carnival being held on Tuesday 29th July, the ICAS English Competition will now be held on Wednesday 30th July 2014. If there are any concerns, please see Mrs Cruz.

KINDERGARTEN 2015

ENROLLING NOW

Ensure a place for your child in 2015 by asking for an application for enrolment now!

If your child turns 5 before the 31st July 2015 they are eligible to start school at the beginning of 2015.

It would be appreciated if you passed this message on to prospective parents who are looking to start their child in Kindergarten in 2015.



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KOORI CARNIVAL

Last week Stage 3 students in Koori Club attended a Carnival organised by University of Western Sydney. They attended several workshops, with lots of fun activities. On arrival, the students received showbags with lots of fun things inside and we were able to meet other students from many different schools. All the students sat in a lecture theatre and listened to some university students. We all felt very grown up! One of the groups practised being a doctor. The students bandaged and plastered 'pretend' broken arms. It was very messy, but lots of fun. They also attended 2 creative writing workshops. The students were asked to write a spooky/scary text with only two sentences. There were some spine tingling texts!! The second group learnt about native bees and made a little hive.



STATE FINAL AEROBICS

On Sunday the 15th of June, the Junior and Senior Aerobics teams went to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre and competed in the School Aerobics State Finals. Both teams gave it all they had.

In the end, the Senior Team performed their best routine yet and achieved an excellent result of 2nd place. The Junior team received a great score, coming in 3rd place in their division and will be going to Queensland in August to compete in the National competition.

The girls would like to thank Miss Zielonka, Miss Scott and Miss Pauk for getting them so far in the competition this year.

-Written by:
Isabella Rawlins.



DIARY DATES

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

JUNE

- 17 ICAS Spelling Competition
- 18 Fitness Club finishes 3-6
- 18 Parent Working Bee 9am-12pm
- 19 ES1 Aquarium Excursion
- 19 3-6 Assembly—11.40pm
- 19 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
- 20 PSSA Round 2
- 24 Peer Support Training
- 23 *Reports go home
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- 25 Stage 2 Excursion—The Rocks
- 26 Buzz Day
- 26 Yr 6 Pizza Day
- 27 K-6 Assembly—9.10am—1S & 3P
- 27 PSSA Round 3
- 27 Last Day of Term 2
- 28 *Ramadan begins

JULY

- 11 Small Steps Seminar 9.00am
- 14 Staff Development Day
- 14 ThinkUKnow Seminar 9.00am
- 14 Students return for Term 3
- 15 Footsteps
- 17 NAIDOC Celebrations
- 18 PSSA Round 4
- 21 Footsteps
- 23 OC Test
- 24 WLFPA Choir Rehearsal
- 25 PSSA Round 5
- 28 Footsteps
- 28-1 * Education Week
- 29 * Athletics Carnival
- 30 * ICAS English Competition
- 31 P&C Meeting

AUGUST

- 1 K-6 Assembly
- 1 PSSA Round 6
- 4 Footsteps
- 7 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 7 Debate vs HPS at CHPS
- 7 PSSA Round 7
- 8 P&C Disco 5-6.30 (K-2) 7-8.30 (3-6)
- 11 Footsteps
- 12 ICAS Mathematics Competition
- 12 K-2 Assembly
- 12 Kinder Farm Excursion
- 14 3-6 Assembly
- 15 PSSA Round 8
- 18 Footsteps
- 19 GVPSSA Athletics Carnival
- 30 *Koori Bushtucker day

SEPTEMBER

- 3 P&C Meeting
- 4 Fathers Day stall
- 10 SWS Zone athletics

OCTOBER

- 7 Students and staff return for term 4

Next P&C

Wednesday 30th July
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.

2nd Hand Uniform Stall

Monday 23rd June 2014

under COLA outside hall

Prices from \$3-\$5 8.30am

2ND HAND UNIFORM STOCK LIST

Contact: Kylie on 0438 428 468

- SIZE 4** Polo shirts x 3, Long polo, Girls long pants
SIZE 5 Track pants x 4
SIZE 6 Sports short, Jacket, Polo shirt, Jumper
SIZE 8 Skort, Summer dress x 2, Jumper, Long polo
 Sport track pants
SIZE 10 Polo x 4, Long polo x 3, Girl's pants x 2
 Jacket x 2, Skort
SIZE 12 Polo
SIZE 14 Polo x 2, Girl's long pants x 2
SIZE 16 Long polo, Polo, Grey shorts, Sports track
 pants
 10 Assorted Jackets and a jumper.

P&C NEWS

PRESIDENT REPORT

At the meeting on the 7th May, new committee members were nominated. We welcome Sonia Zerafa as Vice President and Helen Guidone as Secretary. We would like to thank the Little Bottle Shop (across the road from the school) for donating the ice for the drinks for National Family Week.

EASTER RAFFLE

We raised \$780.90 from the Easter Raffle. Thank you to all the parents and students for their donations.

SCHOOL DISCO

The next school disco will be Friday 8th August. K-2 will be from 5.00pm—6.30pm and 3-6 will be 7.00pm—8.30pm. Tickets will be \$5.00 per student. Food and drink will be sold on the night. More information soon.

SHOPPING TOUR

We will be holding our annual Shopping Tour fundraiser on Sunday 19th October. The cost is \$40.00 per person for a full day of shopping. If you are interested, please put your payment in an envelope with your full name, contact details and number of people attending and leave at the school office.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Our next meeting is Wednesday 30th July, 9.00am in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to join us.

SPORT

BEST & FAIREST ROUND 1

Mixed AFL	Juniors	Jacob Palepoi
	Seniors	Aarhash Anuj
Mixed RUGBY	Juniors	Baiyden Croft
	Seniors	Izaaya Alabdallah
Mixed NEW/BALL	Juniors	Mia Shah
	Seniors	Eric Le
Girls NETBALL	Juniors	Alexis Allen
	Seniors	Kasey Thornton
Girls OZ TAG	Juniors	Angelyne Abdishou
	Seniors	Cindy Nguyen
Boys SOCCER	Juniors	Nicolas Calarco
	Seniors	Hassan Hamad

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WORDS Michael Grose

Reading your child's report

Reports can mean anxious times for children. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children.

Could try harder... always does her best... lacks concentration... easily distracted... a pleasure to teach... Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar?

Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped.

Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

- Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?** Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child's abilities. A quick check of your child's last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.
- Do you believe that children learn at different rates?** There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends' children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.
- Are you willing to safeguard your child's self-esteem rather than deflate it?** Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child's progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.
- Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child's report:**
 - Focus on strengths** Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 30% or core subjects.
 - Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting
- Discuss the report with your son or daughter** talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.
- After reports are read and discussed** celebrate your child's efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, test and reports for a while.

Take note of student self-assessment Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.
- Broaden your focus away** from academic performance to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don't dismiss these as unimportant.

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Did you know?

- An anxiety disorder affects **one in ten** children
- Anxiety impacts on a child's social, family and school life
- Early intervention** may assist in preventing the onset of more serious problems including depression and substance abuse in adolescence
- Children with anxiety are generally not disruptive in class or at home
- Anxiety disorders can be resolved** with timely information, care, treatment and support

Seminar
Friday 11th July
2014
9.00am
at Green Valley
Public School

Small Steps is a program that aims to raise awareness and improve the recognition of anxiety disorders in children. The seminar is run by the Mental Health Information Service and runs for approximately 2 hours.

A note with more information and a return slip will be sent home this week.

mental health
association nsw
www.mentalhealth.asn.au



ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Monday 14th July at 9.00am. All parents, Carers and Teachers are encouraged to attend.

A note with more information and a return slip will be sent home this week.



KP 2014

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