

Green Valley Voice

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome back to the new year at GVPS. Enrolments have come in very close to our expectations which means that we have set up 18 classes for the year and only needed to adjust a few classes.

This means that teachers last week commenced programs in their classes and have begun to work towards the first 100 days of learning. At the end of 100 days we will be holding a celebration to showcase our first 100 days of learning.

Next Tuesday 17th February, we will hold an information evening to start off the year. We need you to come along for this meeting. Help us to show your children how important education is by spending a couple of hours here at the school.

On the night you will get the chance to meet all staff, hear of plans for this year across the school and to learn some ways in which you can help us to bring about better results for your child. A free sausage sizzle will be provided, with drinks available for purchase.

The night is designed to provide you with information about the class program for your child this year and meet your child's class teacher.

In the No Parking area at the front of the school, can I please ask that you move as far forward in the queue as possible when dropping off or collecting children and abide by the 2 and 3 rule. That is, you may only stay for 2 minutes and be no more than 3 metres from your vehicle.

From 2015 students are no longer able to be exempt from school attendance for travel. Any travel that needs to be done during school term should only be for exceptional circumstances and will be recorded as leave where the reason is accepted by the school. Please see the office before you consider any domestic or overseas travel during school term.

Hoping to see you all here next Tuesday evening, if not before at this week's P&C meeting.

Mr B Warwick

Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL HOURS

Students need to be at assembly lines each morning at 8.50am. School finish time is 2.55pm.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

If you would like to help out this year in classrooms, on excursions, at sport, dancing, in the school grounds or anywhere else in our school but have not completed our volunteer training in the past two years, please come along next Tuesday morning at 9.30 am so you can participate in school activities this year. This training covers our school volunteer policy and child protection.

OOPS

We are asking parents to send a change of clothes with their Kinders in case of toileting accidents during the day.

GATE OPENING TIMES

In the interests of student safety and learning, we will only be providing access to the school to collect students from 2.50pm each afternoon.

SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT 2015

Tuesday 17th February—4.30pm

Where Meet in the school hall

Introductory Session: 4:30pm

Stage sessions will be presented by teachers at the following times. These sessions have been staggered to allow families the opportunity to meet each of their child's teachers.

Session Times:

5:00pm-5:45pm **Kindergarten and Stage 3**

5:45pm-6:30pm **Stage 1**

6:30pm-7:15pm **Stage 2**

Free BBQ running from 5-7pm, drinks available for purchase.

The pedestrian gates will only be open from 2.50pm each afternoon for collection of students. Please wait until this time before entering the school, unless of course on other official school business.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our Green Valley Voice newsletter is published fortnightly. Please have a thorough read through to ensure you are up to date with events and other news. Please take particular note of the Diary Dates on page 2 as there are often dates here that are of importance to you and your children.

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking is every Thursday. Bank Books are to be placed in the box provided in the office before 9.00am. Application packs are available if your child would like to participate in school banking and these can be collected from the school office. School Banking offers students incentives to save and the P&C receives fundraising support from the bank from all deposits made.

OFFICE PAYMENTS

Due to banking arrangements, the school office is unable to take any payments after 12.00pm each day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

FAMILY PHOTOS

If you would like a photo of all your children together, you can pick up a family photo package envelope from the school office. Return the envelope with the correct money inside to one of your children's classroom teachers. **THIS OFFER IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL—NOT FOR ADULTS OR CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF GREEN VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL.**



FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN

School Photo envelopes have been sent home. Parents are to choose the package that suits them and return the sealed envelope with the correct money (the school office will not give change) to the **classroom teacher**. The last day to pay for photos is the 17th February. **No orders can be taken on photo day.**

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

WHEN: Thursday 19th February
WHERE: Michael Wenden Swimming Centre, Miller.
TIME: 8.30am—2.45pm (approx.).
COST: \$12

All students who will turn 8 or older in 2015 are asked to attend. There will be various activities such as structured novelty events, water safety activities and competitive events where successful students will be given the opportunity to represent Green Valley Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Events will cater for both swimmers and non-swimmers. The permission slip is due back by Friday 13th February, 2015. Additional notes are available from the office or on the school's website.

DIARY DATES

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

FEBRUARY

11 P&C Meeting 9.00am
17 School Information Night
18 School Photo Day
19 School Swimming Carnival
20 PSSA Season 1 Round 1
25 District Swimming Carnival
27 PSSA Round 2
28 School Clean Up Day

MARCH

6 PSSA Round 3
11 P&C Meeting 6.30pm
12 Selective High School Test
13 PSSA Round 4
17 Regional Swimming Carnival
20 PSSA Round 5
23 Harmony Day
27 PSSA Round 6
28 K-6 Assembly

APRIL

2 Last day of Term 1
20 Staff Development Day
21 Students return for Term 2
24 PSSA Round 7
29 P&C Meeting 9.00am

MAY

1 PSSA Round 8
8 PSSA Round 10
19 ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
22 K-6 Assembly

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

When: Wednesday 11th February

Where: Outside uniform shop

Time: 8.30am

Items priced from \$3-\$5

Next P&C

Wednesday 11th February

9.00am in the school Staffroom

All Welcome.

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

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



UPDATING OF DETAILS

When your details change, such as phone numbers and addresses, it is important that we know. Please contact the office to fill in a new contact details sheet every time your details change.

FAMILY COURT MATTERS Please let the school know if your circumstances change in regards to any legal matters that impact upon your child such as AVOs and custody orders.

SAFETY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Please remember to 'Go 40' between 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm on school days.

PARKING

We have had complaints from our neighbours about parents parking across their driveways. We ask parents not to park in neighbouring driveways in the morning and afternoons.

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

School begins with the bell at 8.50am. A teacher is on duty from 8.25am each morning to supervise students. It is important your child arrive before the 8.50am morning bell and only in exceptional circumstances should they arrive after this time. Students who arrive before 8.25am need to report to before school care as this is the supervision that is provided for families at this time. A reminder that school finishes at 2.55pm. Students are expected to then safely depart the school for home. Parents are advised that students who are late to be picked up from school will be looked after in before and after school care. Teachers will continue to monitor the safety at the front of the school.

SCHOOL SHOES



Below are examples of shoes not acceptable unless sport days.



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the library in 2015. Our Bookweek theme this year is "Books Light Up Our World".

BedtimeBags

Parents, if you have a child in years K-2, you can borrow a "Bedtime Bag", there are seven beautiful books in a cloth carry bag for a week of bedtime reading. Come to the library any afternoon after the bell to borrow.

Booksale

There will be a sale of pre-loved books outside the library on the next two Tuesday lunchtimes. Books are 10c each.

Overdues

Did you find any "lost" library books over the holidays? Please return them to the library as soon as possible so your child is ready for class borrowing.

Mrs Reardon and Mrs Whittle

SPORT

HOUSE CAPTAINS ASSEMBLY

On Monday the 12th February 2015, students in Years 3-6 will assemble in their house groups and elect two House Captains and Vice Captains from Year 6. Students are required to say a speech as to why they would make an excellent house captain. School captains, prefects and SRC students unfortunately are not able to become a house captain.

PARENT TIPS

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/smart-foods-to-boost-learning>

Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/getting-off-to-a-good-start/good-start-chapter-one>

Jargon buster

Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

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Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy>

Maths questions

Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It's aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Helping your child with homework

How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>



National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy 2015 Test Dates

Dear Parent or Carer

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

Test name	Includes	Date of test
Language Conventions test	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Tuesday 12 May 2015
Writing test	Writing task	Tuesday 12 May 2015
Reading test	Reading	Wednesday 13 May 2015
Numeracy test (Years 3 and 5)	Number, Algebra, Function and pattern, Measurement, chance and data, and Space. There is one numeracy test for Years 3 and 5. (No calculator allowed.)	Thursday 14 May 2015
Numeracy tests (Years 7 and 9)	Number, Algebra, Function and pattern, Measurement, chance and data, and Space. There are two numeracy tests for Years 7 and 9. (Calculator allowed followed by non-calculator.)	Thursday 14 May 2015
Catch-up day	For students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.	Friday 15 May 2015

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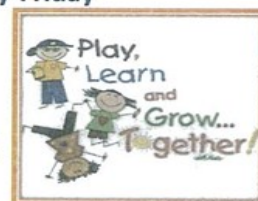
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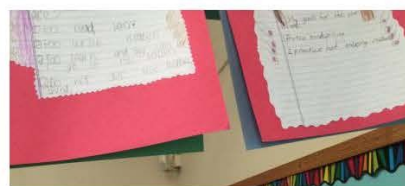


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