

Green Valley Voice

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



With the holidays fast approaching, it is timely to reflect on the term that has been, particularly given that we are in our first term of our new three year school plan.

One of our three strategic directions in which we will be focusing over the next three years is: *Developing an informed and engaged community*. The reason we will do

this is that having parents and carers who are deeply engaged in their child's education has been proven to bring about improved results for students.

To measure this area, we will be checking data on the participation level of families in school events and look to see ever increasing numbers of families directly involved in the school. One such event next week is our annual parent teacher interview evening. A vital way you can show your child that you are a great supporter of their education is to come along to discuss how the year has started for them and to make plans for their education for the rest of the year.

Teachers are expecting that every child has an adult from home come along to take part in this discussion. If you can not make one of the times listed on the letter that went home, please see your child's teacher to make another time. They will be expecting that you will want to talk about your child's learning this year.

Another measure of the school plan to check on parental engagement with their child's education is to make sure that *"student attendance data improves over time. Partial attendance data in regards to lateness improves."* Students need to be here on time for the morning bell at 8.50am. Though this is improving gradually, we still have too many students who are regularly late to lines and/or class in the morning.

This term we started an award to recognise students who are never late in the mornings. At the Monday morning assembly, two names are selected at random from all the students who have not been late over the past week and they receive a certificate and a \$2 canteen voucher. They must be present at the assembly to claim the prize.

Please have a very safe holiday period. School resumes for term two on Tuesday 21st April for students.

Mr B Warwick

Principal

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

\$40 for one student

\$60 per family

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

SCHOOL INFORMATION



HOT AWARD (Here On Time)



Every week at the Monday morning assembly, we will draw 2 students' names who have had no absences (100% attendance), in a 5 day period (including the Monday assembly). One student from K-2 and one from 3-6 will be rewarded with a \$2 canteen voucher.

WAKAKIRRI



DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A STORY TO TELL? THE SEARCH IS ON

Our school is preparing to enter WAKAKIRRI 2015-Australia's Search for the Best Story! Our Story Dance Performance will include the students from Years 1 to 6 who are very excited to be taking part.

They will be participating in an unforgettable experience; by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item – A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

This term, the students and teachers will be looking at who and how people will be involved, the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.

We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Miss Zimmer. In the meantime, visit the website www.wakakirri.com for more information and updates.

Perhaps you;
Can assist with props and set making.
Are able to arrange some catering for Rehearsals and Performance day.
Have contacts for transport (students and/or props & sets to the venue on show day).
Have access to great music and editing programs we can use for our soundtrack.
Can help with fundraising & Sponsorship.
Could encourage your child to take part, get involved and ask how it's going.



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Stay tuned to the website www.wakakirri.com and subscribe to Wakakirri to keep updated with the Wakakirri Story. Purchase tickets to the Show to see your child and school perform LIVE at a Professional Theatre. Have skills you can offer the group; costume making, choreography, story ideas, make up and Hair designing.

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!

WAKAKIRRI NATIONAL PANEL



YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER PIZZA LUNCH

2 Slices of Pizza and a Drink \$5.00

All orders to the school office by Tuesday 24th March. No late orders will be accepted.

EASTER HAT PARADE

WHEN: Wednesday 1st April

TIME: 9.30am under the shelter

Students in K-6 will be making an Easter Hat in class. Students are welcome to make a hat at home. All students who participate will go into a prize raffle and a winner will be drawn from each class. Parents and pre-schoolers are encouraged to participate. There will be a colouring competition and the Easter Bunny will visit.

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

To Keely Lay 2/3Z for coming 6th in the 50 metre freestyle event at the Sydney South West Regional Swimming Carnival. All our other participants swam their personal bests. Well done Green Valley!



Boys OZ-TAG	Juniors	Hassan Al Hamdani	Marko Yousif
	Seniors	Nick Desanoski	Joud Sabbouh
Boys BASKET-BALL	Juniors	Rohallah Al Mosawi	Ethan Van
	Seniors	Lachlan Rawlins	Jason Van
Boys SOFT-BALL	Juniors	Tyrese Collett	Kayden Phillips
	Seniors	Dominic Watton	Brandan Saythavy
Girls SOCCER	Juniors	Amy Gabara	Oceana Haimona
	Seniors	Sondos Suliman	Layla Davis
Girls TOUCH	Juniors	Jade Gilbert	Alicia Yang
	Seniors	Jessie Thornton	Sophia Kouch
Mixed NEWC.	Juniors	Breanna De Groot	Krystal Phommachanh
	Seniors	Seth Mills	Carleigh Pukawa

DIARY DATES

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

MARCH

23 Stage One Excursion
27 PSSA Round 6
27 K-6 Assembly
30 P&C Mufti Day
30 Buzz Day
30 Year 6 Pizza Day
31 Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm-7.30pm

APRIL

1 Easter Hat Parade
1 P&C Easter Raffle
2 Cops and Kids Cup
2 3-6 Assembly
2 Last day of Term 1
20 Staff Development Day
21 Students return for Term 2
24 PSSA Round 7
27 Homework Club starts
29 P&C Meeting 9.00am
30 P&C Disco

MAY

1 PSSA Round 8
1 P&C Raffle drawn
8 PSSA Round 9
12 Kinder Aquarium Excursion
12 NAPLAN
13 NAPLAN
14 NAPLAN
15 PSSA Round 10
22 K-6 Assembly
22 Cross Country Carnival
27 P&C Meeting 6.30pm

JUNE

3 ICAS Science Competition
5 PSSA Season 2 Round 1
11 SSW Primary Cross Country Carnival
12 PSSA Round 2
16 ICAS Spelling Competition
17 ICAS Writing Competition
19 PSSA Round 3
19 K-6 Assembly

Next P&C

Wednesday 29th April
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.**



UNITY DAY

2015

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INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator

Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

"Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you're not even dressed yet!"

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10:00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven't fully prepared for the day.



✓ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ Model a good routine.

It's pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get your breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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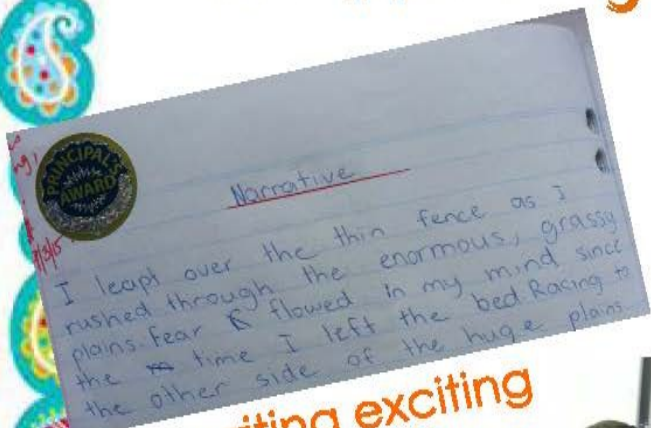
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This term, **6W**
has been busy...



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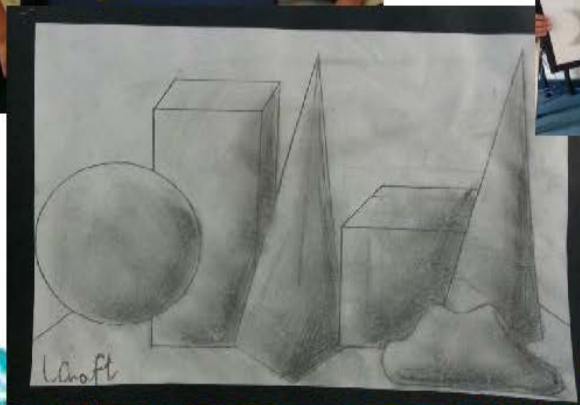
...writing exciting
narratives...



...completing awesome
science experiments...



...and creating
beautiful artworks!



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
29th April

9.00am

EVERYONE
WELCOME

P&C News

MARCH 2015



Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle Tickets were sent home last week. Tickets are \$1.00 each and must be returned to the school office by **Monday 30th March**. The raffle will be drawn on **1st April**.

Mufti Day

On Monday **30th March** students are to come to school out of uniform. Students are to bring a non-perishable item that will go into the Easter Hamper Prizes.

School Banking

Every Thursday each week. At the school office there is a box for banking deposits. All deposit books will be returned to the students in class.

BBQ

Election Day is the **Saturday 28th March**. The P&C Committee will be holding a BBQ on the day. If you can help, please contact Mrs Rosa Clima.

School Disco

Our first school Disco will be held on **Thursday 30th April** in the school hall. K-6 5.00pm—7.00pm. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold in Term 2.

President's Report

I would like to congratulate Mrs Sharon Rawlins and Ms Kylie French who were voted in as our new Vice Presidents. It was great to see new parents at our evening meeting, we welcome all new faces and new ideas. For our P&C to grow and continue to benefit all our students, we need the support of our parents. If you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school.

Thank you—Rosa Clima—President
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EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL



\$2.00 EACH.
IN FRONT OF
THE KINDER
ROOMS



No matter what you put in the lunchbox be sure to be safe. The NSW Food Authority offers some simple tips to help keep your cool at school:

- Use insulated lunch boxes or cooler bags
- Keep a frozen drink or freezer brick inside the bag.
- If you're making lunches the night before, store them in the fridge until leaving for school
- Ask your kids to store their lunch in a cool, dark place like a locker, not in direct sunlight

Consider the contents of the lunchbox, it is important to keep meat or chicken sandwiches within the safe temperature zone and ensure that 'leftovers' are still fresh and kept cool.

Remember there are plenty of lunch food options that don't require cooling to keep safe such as whole, uncut fruit and vegetables, tinned meat or fish or crackers and hard cheese.

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