

Green Valley Voice

Green Valley Public School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to see our **2024 Kindergarten** students arriving today for their first orientation sessions. This year we are providing 6 sessions for our pre-schoolers to help them feel comfortable with the primary school setting. This is an exciting time of the year for families. Tomorrow, we will be presenting information to our new families in the hall. So far we have 46 Kindergarten students for 2024.

This Wednesday morning is the **Annual General Meeting of our P&C Association**. The meeting will be held in the Cubby House. Please come along and consider joining up for 2024. We always need new members. Our executive positions (President, Secretary and Treasurer) are two year terms. This year the President Mrs Houda Krayem will be stepping down from the presidency as she has completed her two year term. Mrs Jenny Pan, treasurer will also be stepping down from her role.

In this newsletter are **two cut off slips on page 3**. The first is for you to let us know if there is anything you think we should consider for your children when we are forming classes for 2024. Things such as keeping twins apart or together, making sure that your child is placed in a class with a close friend or to separate from a close friend may be some examples of things to consider. Whilst we take this request on board, we cannot guarantee that it will be met as there are many variables we take into consideration when forming classes for the new year.

As we approach the end of the year, families sometimes consider purchasing gifts for staff members to say thank you for the year. I need you to know that as government employees we are bound by a **code of conduct that prevents us from accepting gifts of \$50 or more**. Please do not be offended if staff decline gifts that are more than \$50 in value.

Gifts are nice, but I always feel the nicest thank you is when someone goes out of their way to write a heartfelt message or call in and say so face to face.

Please remember that the **school gates open from 8.25am** when supervision of students begins. Students arriving before this time are not supervised and are waiting outside the school gates.

For your safety and that of your family, please do not cross the road outside the school gates near the office. Go to the **pedestrian crossing** to teach your children safe road crossing. An extra 200 metre walk is much better than putting yourself and your children at risk and teaches good road safety to your children.

Finally, **Green Valley Rd has become a traffic snarl** as more and more families are choosing to not park and walk to collect their children. Double parking, stopping in no stopping zones and other traffic infringements are making the area a bottle neck for road users and is an accident waiting to happen.

In the interest of traffic flow and safety in the area, I urge you to park and walk to school to collect your children at 2.55pm when the bell sounds for dismissal. Teachers have after school work commitments that follow the 2.55pm bell and are regularly held back from meeting these obligations on time due to the late collection of children.

On Wednesday afternoons we have a **book covering working bee** here at school. Please come to the school office to sign in if you can spare some time to help us get our student work books set up and covered ready for 2024.

Finally, I was extremely proud to hear how well our students did in the **Write a Book in a Day** charity competition. Almost 2000 schools across Australia entered this writing competition that doubles as a fundraiser for the Kids Cancer charity. Not only did we take out Best Book in the NSW primary schools section but we also won best primary school book in Australia. Congratulations to the 10 students involved who were led by Miss Pauk and Mrs Keegan. We will get some copies of the book published for class reading and several copies for the school library. A magnificent achievement by all.

B Warwick,

Principal

COVID 19

Please remember in the interest of the safety of all, that even though your child may not test positive to COVID 19 they must be symptom free to attend school. This helps prevent the spread of any other illnesses as well.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Tuesday 14th November - 9.15am— 10.45am
Parents and Carers will meet in the school hall for a parent information session.

Wednesday 22nd November— 12pm for a Teddy Bears picnic.

Thursday 23rd November—9.15am—10.45am

Tuesday 28th November— 9.15am—10.45am

Wednesday 29th November—9.15am—10.45am
Parent information session in the hall at 10.20am.

The Uniform shop will be open for purchasing each Orientation Day.

K-6 ASSEMBLY

When: Friday 24th November

Time: 9.10am

Hosted By: 5/6P & KT

All Welcome.

LOST PROPERTY

To prevent your child losing their property, use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron on personalised labels. Remember to go through your child's bag with them each night. If something doesn't come home, get your child to check the lost property located outside the hall.

CHANGE OF STUDENT OR FAMILY INFORMATION

Please remember to update the school when changes in address, phone numbers, court orders and medications occur. To provide for the safety and well being of your child, we need the most current information available. It is vital we know how to contact you in cases of illness, injury or other school matters.

CELEBRATIONS AT SCHOOL

Below is a reminder of our approach at GVPS to Celebrations at School.

Celebrations such as birthdays are an important time in the lives of students and their families. Here at GVPS, teachers recognise a variety of celebrations throughout the year. Typically, student birthdays are acknowledged in classrooms in various ways such as stickers, certificates, badges and singing.

Whilst a birthday is a time of celebration, we do however have concerns over families supplying party bags at school to be distributed to students. Concerns around choking hazards, allergies and whether or not families allow their children to have these types of treats are the main factors.

We first sought the views of our P&C Association in 2019 over this matter and have again raised the issue at the start of the year and they continue to support the school in an approach where, we ask families **not to provide party bags to teachers for distribution for any occasion.**

Teachers have stated they are happy to distribute birthday cupcakes but will only do so if a full list of ingredients is attached.

In light of the above:

- Please do not supply any party bags for celebrations of any type.
- If cupcakes are supplied, a full list of ingredients is attached.
- If your child has allergies, you may like to have a discussion with their class teacher about how this will be managed.
- Teachers will politely decline the distribution of party bags if they arrive at school and ask you to take them back home.

We hope you can understand that student health, safety and wellbeing is our highest priority and this is what has driven the school to make this decision.

DIARY DATES

Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Changed dates are underlined.

NOVEMBER

13 Kindergarten Orientation
14 Kindergarten Orientation
15 P&C Meeting & AGM
21 Children's Parliament Heckenberg
22 Kindergarten Orientation
23 Kindergarten Orientation
23 Yr 5 present Prefect & Captains speeches
24 K-6 Assembly 5/6P & KT hosting
24 Student 2024 Leadership speeches
27 Prefects announced
28 Kindergarten Orientation
29 Kindergarten Orientation

DECEMBER

7 Year 6 Farewell
8 Reports sent home
11 K-2 Presentation Day
12 3-6 Presentation Day
12 Student Leaders announced at 3-6 Presentation Day
13 Last Day of SRE
15 Buzz Day

JANUARY

30 School Development Day
31 School Development Day

FEBRUARY

1 Students in Years 1-6 return for 2024

Next P&C Meeting AGM
Wednesday 15th November 9am
All Welcome

ANNUAL MEETING

SENTRY

PARENT PORTAL

Have you checked the activity notifications on the Parent Portal lately? This is the NEW way of keeping updated with what is going on at Green Valley Public School.

Make sure you check regularly and give permission when requested for school activities. Make sure all the boxes have answers and then SUBMIT.

All parents should have access to the Parent Portal. A letter with an access code has been sent home to families. If you are having trouble accessing the Portal, please contact the office for support.

2024 CLASSES

When forming classes for 2024, please take into consideration the following for my child _____
who is currently in year _____ in class _____

Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____

ENROLMENTS 2024

Please complete this slip and return it to the school office if your child/children **are not** returning to Green Valley PS for 2024 **or** will be returning but later in the 2024 school year (must be by the end of Term 1 2024 to maintain their place at GVPS)

Year 6 students need not return this form

My child/children _____ will not be returning to Green Valley PS in 2024.

They will be moving to the following school _____

OR

My child/children _____ will not be returning to Green Valley PS for the start of the 2024 school year.

They will return to Green Valley PS by _____

(Date)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____



Australian Childhood Anxiety TREATMENT STUDY

Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of home-based treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.

Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:

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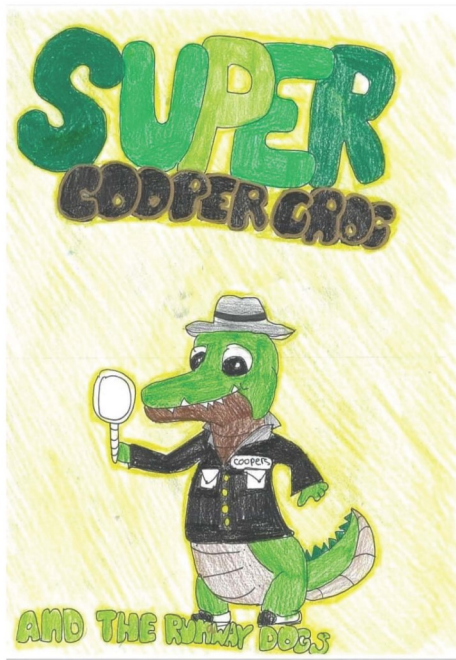


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WINNERS!

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Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to our Write a book in a day team. They were awarded: Best Book Primary School NSW/ACT and.... Best Book Primary School National with their book titled, "Super Cooper Croc and the Runaway Dogs".

There were 1,939 teams who participated this year. What an amazing achievement!

Authors and Illustrators include: **Aarush, Arameus, Ankitha, Bella, Dhrisha, Jessen, Mia, Safaa, Evanna and Nikita.**



ART EXHIBITION



Open Monday and Wednesday
8.30am – 9.00am



**Keeping your children safe
when dropping off and
picking up at school:**

- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park legally around the school.
- Always keep your seatbelt buckled until the vehicle has stopped.
- It is safest for children to get in and out of the car through the footpath-side door.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and 3-point turns are dangerous during the busy school drop-off and pick-up times.

- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you.
- Always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Never double park - it puts children at risk.
- Never park in a 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zone'.
- 'No Parking' is for drop-off and pick-up only.

Please park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.

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Adults: 7:00pm till 8:00pm

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