PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Here we are at the end of term 1 already. A year goes very quickly. This week is a very important week for us with parent teacher interviews being held on Tuesday evening. We hold our parent teacher interviews in term one so that we can share a two way exchange of information with three quarters of the year still to go.

The purpose of interview nights is to give an update of how your child is going with their schooling and our plans for addressing areas of need in the final three terms of the year. Please make the time to come to school to see your child's class teacher. We would like you there and more importantly, your child needs you there.

We recently came into some additional resources with thanks to a competition being run by OfficeMax (our stationery and office supplies dealer) in the form of a first place lucky draw for 10 iPads. These are greatly appreciated and will go to good use.

When we come back from the upcoming holidays, one of the first events will be our annual Anzac Day service. This year we will be participating in a competition organised by our federal member of parliament, Mr Chris Hayes, in the lead up to the hundred anniversary of Anzac next year. Just for being part of this competition the electorate of Fowler has given us $1500.

This week is also an important week for students as they celebrate a successful term of learning. All students who have shown a commitment to following our three rules of be respectful, be a learner and be safe will be rewarded by attending Buzz Day activities. This Buzz Day is not only a student reward day but also a P&C mufti day with the "fine" for being out of uniform being some sort of Easter treat that the P&C can use to make raffle prizes. At Buzz Day this week, students will be able to use our very own jumping castle thanks to Year 6 2013.

Congratulations to all students who have upheld the strong work ethic of the school. Well done, have a great holiday and we will see you all back at GVPS on Tuesday 29th April.

Mr B Warwick
Principal
EASTER HAT PARADE
WHEN: Thursday 10th April
WHERE: Under the shelter
TIME: 9.30am

Come along and see our “egg-citing” parade. The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn at the parade.

BUZZ DAY—Mufti Clothes, Bring an Easter Treat as a “Fine”
WHEN: Wednesday 9th April
WHERE: Green Valley Public School
K-2 - Jumping castle, craft activities & movie
Stage 2 & 3 — Riding bikes and scooters at Mihajlovic Oval.
Stage 3 can bring electronics.

There is no cost involved, but students are require to wear closed in footwear. Permission slips are to be returned to the classroom teacher.

CHANGE OF STUDENT OR FAMILY INFORMATION
Please remember to update the school where 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.

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.

STAGE 2 CAMP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
All forms are due back on Wednesday 9th April. Please note that unless minimum numbers are reached, the camp will not proceed. Please see your child’s class teacher if you have any questions.

P&C NEWS
Easter Raffle— On Wednesday 9th April, we will be having a Mufti Day (out of uniform day) and we ask students to bring in an Easter item for our raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each. Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the 10th April.

Easter Raffle Working Bee— On Wednesday 9th April, we will be holding a working bee at 1.00pm in the school hall to help make the raffle prize hampers. All parents are welcome to come along and help.

Gelatos— Sold every Friday afternoon after school near the cubbyhouse for $2.00 each.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS AND FAMILY CAMPS

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

APRIL
8  Parent/Teacher Interviews
9  Buzz Day
9  P&C Mufti Day & Working Bee 1.00pm
10 Easter Hat Parade
10 P&C Easter Raffle
11 PSSA Round 7
11 Last day of Term 1
28 Staff Development Day
29 Students return for Term 2
30 ANZAC Service

MAY
1  Cross Country Carnival
1  Stage 3 Police Visit
2  PSSA Round 8
7  P&C Meeting
7  Mother’s Day Working Bee 2.00pm
8  Mothers’ Day Stalls
9  PSSA Round 9
9  Parent Working Bee — Gardens 9-12pm
13 K-2 Assembly
13 NAPLAN
14 NAPLAN
15 NAPLAN
16 PSSA Round 10
22 3-6 Assembly
23 GVSSA Cross Country Carnival
23 Walk Safely to School Day
28 Stewart House Clothing Appeal
30 K-6 Assembly

JUNE
6  PSSA Trials
10 K-2 Assembly
11 P&C Meeting
12 SWS Zone Cross Country Carnival
13 PSSA Round 1
16 ICAS Writing Competition
17 ICAS Spelling Competition
19 ESL Aquarium Excursion
19 3-6 Assembly
20 PSSA Round 2
24 Stage 2 Camp
26 Buzz Day
27 K-6 Assembly

Gate locked between 9.15 & 2.50 each day.
Between these hours all visitors please report to the office.

Next P&C
Wednesday 7th May
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.
It’s not too late to book your child into a NSW Sport and Rec holiday camp. There are also family camps available year-round, for an active, family-friendly (and pocket-friendly) getaway. Find out more: http://bit.ly/1hWxTra

MANAGING SCREEN-TIME

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screentime is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk

BOOKS TO BOOST BRAINS

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

GREEN VALLEY ARE WINNERS!

We are pleased to announce that Green Valley Public School has won 10 iPads for ordering our Back to School Resources from Officemax. Mr Laurie Gibson from Officemax attended our K-6 Assembly last Friday morning and presented the iPads to our school community.

CROSS COUNTRY 2014

Green Valley Public School will be holding the School Cross Country on Thursday 1st May 2014. All students who are turning 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 are eligible and expected to participate. The students will be running out of school grounds but will be supervised by teachers at all times. Parents are welcome to attend the carnival. If you would like to volunteer on the day of the Cross Country, please see Miss Chiovo or Miss Pauk.

Where: School grounds
When: Thursday 1st May 2014
Time: 11.40am
What to bring: Hat, sunscreen, medication (asthma puffer, etc).
Clothing: House Coloured shirt with school sports shorts
  - Freeman – Red
  - Beachley – Blue
  - Gilchrist – Green
  - Thorpe – Yellow

PSSA BEST AND FAIREST ROUND 4

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Gold Fever

Gold fever struck at Green Valley last week when Stage 3 participated in Gold Rush Day.

Students presented homemade musical instruments, participated in bush dancing games such as marbles, elastic, cricket, sack races and quoits. There was also Green Valley's very own gold rush where students searched for gold and were able to exchange gold for various items at the Ye Olde General Store. Some students were lucky enough to purchase a ‘No Homework’ pass!

Well done to those students who came dressed in costume, they looked fantastic! Congratulations to Hannah Nosovan and Nuzayh Ali for winning best dressed on the day.

Mr Warwick also got involved, as a sheriff on the gold fields checking gold licences, and presenting students with a range of authentic treasures at the end of the day.
Cops & Kids League Tag Shield

The Green Valley Local Area Command Invited students from local schools to participate in the Cops and Kids League Tag Shield on Thursday, 23rd April. A mixed team of Year 5 and Year 6 students represented Green Valley Public School.


Homework: 6W have created musical instruments from scrap or recycled materials. Take a look at some of our amazing creations!
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