This week past I sent home 172 letters to families congratulating students on perfect attendance for Term 1. Across all grades, K-6, students are putting in a very determined effort to be at school for every minute the school is open. Out late arrivals are hurrying to class with a bit more urgency and the number of students signing in late each day is reducing. Congratulations and thank you for helping in this area.

Don’t forget, when your child is absent for good reason, a note must come from home the next day the student is back at school, unless of course you have responded to the SMS that came from the school. It is your legal obligation to let us know when and why your child is not at school.

We have been very fortunate to have a team of parent helpers this year to cover hundreds of books, organise mathematics equipment and assist in the classrooms. Recently we have also had some parents helping us to improve our grounds with the gardens. I can’t thanks them enough for helping us to make our school a great learning environment for the students. If at any time you wish to assist in our school please come to the office to complete some paper work about our volunteer policy and child protection matters, we would love to have you involved.

You may have noticed a couple more picnic tables around the school recently. This is thanks to a donation from the P&C through their fundraising efforts. Other items that will be purchased with the donation will be repainted playground games for the students and a new electronic message board at the front of the school. Thank you all for your continued support of the school through P&C fundraising efforts.

The Stage 2 camp expression of interest notes that went home have now been returned. Unfortunately the number of interested families does not allow for this trip to go ahead. The Stage 2 team will plan an alternate excursion for the students in light of this information.

This week is National Family Week. There will be a workshop on Tuesday night about Raising Confident, Competent children. I have included information on page 4 of this newsletter about nominating teachers for an award through Officemax. Please consider nominating a teacher for these awards.

Mr B Warwick
Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

WARNING FROM GREEN VALLEY POLICE

The following is information from Green Valley Police for you to be aware.

Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to communicate with strangers without registering. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the handles "You" and "Stranger". The site was created by 18-year-old Leif K-Brooks of Brattleboro, Vermont, and was launched on March 25, 2008. Less than a month after its March 2008 launch, Omegle garnered around 150,000 page views a day, and in March 2009 the site introduced a video conferencing feature. The site now provides a mobile application that lets users chat with strangers from mobile devices (Website background obtained from Wikipedia).

The dangers of this site is that due to the fact that the website does not require a user name or password to access the site, there is no permanent record to assist police in identifying the person of interest (POI). Police would require a random ID number provided to the POI at the time. This number is only available whilst the POI is logged on to the website, and once the session is ended this random ID number cannot be recovered. As a result, police have no way of identifying the POI.

Please be vigilant in monitoring your children’s online activities.

Voluntary Contributions

$30/family.

Please consider helping us out financially with this payment. Payments to the front office.
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
Bags can be filled with good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets. Please return all bags to the school office by Tuesday 27th May.

RAISING COMPETENT AND CONFIDENT CHILDREN WORKSHOP
Reminder...
WHEN: Tuesday 20th May 2014
WHERE: Cubbyhouse
TIME: 6.30pm—8.00pm

YEARS 3-6 ASSEMBLY
WHEN: Thursday 22nd May
WHERE: School Hall
TIME: 12.40pm

PREMIERS DEBATING RESULTS
Congratulations to our debating team with a win over Mt Pritchard P.S. The topic: Should there be no exams in schools?

STAGE 3 IMAX EXCURSION
WHEN: Wednesday 21st May
VENUE: Imax Theatre, Darling Harbour
TIMES: Depart school 9.00am, return 2.55pm
DRESS: Full school uniform to be worn

PRELIMINARY AEROBICS COMPETITION
WHEN: Sunday 25th May
WHERE: Sutherland Entertainment Centre
We are entering two teams: “Valley Violets” our junior team and “Valley Vivas” our senior team. They have all worked very hard on their routines and we wish them every success.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
WHEN: Friday 24th May

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by: Walking with them the whole way to school, If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS
A big thankyou to all the parents who have given up their time to work in the school gardens or lend a hand in organising school resources. It is greatly appreciated! If you would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Harris or Mrs Webeck.

The gardening group are getting together every Friday to work in the garden beds. The CLAG group (cutting, laminating and gluing) group meet every second Wednesday in the counsellor’s office. Please see the calendar for dates.

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

MAY
20 Raising Confident & Competent Children
Session 6.30pm—8.00pm
19 Stage 3 Excursion—Imax
22 3-6 Assembly—11.40pm
22 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
23 GVPSA Cross Country Carnival
23 Walk Safely to School Day
25 Preliminary Aerobics Competition (Sunday)
28 Stewart House Clothing Appeal collection
29 Parent Working Bee 9am-12pm
29 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
29 Debate vs BHPVS
30 K-6 Assembly—9.10am

JUNE
4 Koori Carnival
5 Premier’s Debating @ GVPS
6 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
6 PSSA Trials
10 K-2 Assembly—2Z—2pm
11 P&C Meeting
12 SWS Zone Cross Country Carnival
12 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
11 PSSA Season 2 Round 1
15 State Aerobics (Sunday)
16 ICAS Writing Competition
16 Fitness Club finishes K- 2
17 ICAS Spelling Competition
18 Fitness Club finishes 3-6
18 Parent Working Bee 9am-12pm
19 ESL Aquarium Excursion
20 3-6 Assembly—12.40pm
19 Community Garden Project 9.30am-11.30am
20 PSSA Round 2
25 Stage 2 Excursion
26 Buzz Day
26 Yr 6 Pizza Day *
27 K-6 Assembly—9.10am—1S & 3P
28 PSSA Round 3
29 Last Day of Term 2

JULY
14 Staff Development Day
15 Students return for Term 3
15 Footsteps
17 NAIDOC Celebrations *
LIBRARY NEWS
Parents, have you borrowed a BEDTIME BAG from the library recently? Each bag is filled with seven beautiful books for a week's worth of bedtime stories. Parents of children in Kindergarten or Year 1 can borrow any afternoon after school.
Congratulations to all the students who have already finished the Premier's Reading Challenge - you can see their photos and some of their favourite books on our school website in the "gallery" section. Remember, the PRC continues until the end of August so there is still plenty of time to finish reading 20 books.

K-2 ASSEMBLY
The K-2 Assembly was held on Tuesday 13th May and was hosted by 2SH. They sang a very amusing version of Der Glumph (The Frog Song).

P&G NEWS
REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

SPORT NEWS
PSSA Notes have been sent home for the final payment of $12 for PSSA Season 1. We ask that all payments be made at the school office as soon as possible. Trials for Season 2 PSSA will be held on Friday 6th June and Round 1 will commence on Friday 13th June.

| Boys Basketball | Juniors | Yousef Zaidi | Matthew Delgado |
| Seniors | Ryan Van | Marko Kosic |
| Boys Oz Tag | Juniors | Alan Saisanavong | Daniel Sofkovski |
| Seniors | Connor Moore | Nuzayh Ali |
| Boys Softball | Juniors | Andy Inthalangsy | Sean Gounder |
| Seniors | Jarrah Al-Shamari | Milos Gladovic |
| Girls Soccer | Juniors | Layla Davis | Angelina Pinto |
| Seniors | Melanie Yousif | Elif Erkan |
| Mixed New/Ball | Juniors | Trinity Brook | Nick Desanoski |
| Seniors | Shevlyn Maharaj | Sandy Do |
| Girls Touch | Juniors | - | Ruby Hong |
| Seniors | Tiana Yan | Amber Gunn |

10 WAYS PARENTS CAN WORK WITH TEACHERS
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN’S LEARNING
1. KNOW WHAT YOUR TEACHER IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE
2. KEEP YOUR EXPECTATIONS REASONABLE AND POSITIVE
3. SUPPORT YOUR TEACHERS’ EXPECTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES AT HOME
4. SEND KIDS TO SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND ON TIME EACH DAY
5. INFORM KIDS OF THEIR CHILD’S CHALLENGES AND CHANGES
6. SKILL CHILDREN TO WORK WITH OTHERS
7. RESPECTFULLY SEEK JOINT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES
8. PARTICIPATE FULLY IN CLASS AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
9. TRUST YOUR TEACHER’S KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM AND EXPERIENCE
10. TALK UP WHAT HAPPENS AT SCHOOL WITH OTHERS

For information from Michael Grose about raising exceptional kids...

1. Phone 1800 004 484
2. Parenting Ideas
3. Parenting Ideas Facebook
SPORT CONGRATULATIONS

We are very lucky at Green Valley to have such a talented bunch of sports people! Many of our students have trialled and been selected to represent the GVPSSA Zone. Congratulations to the following people:

Boys Softball – Jesse Lovelock
Girls Softball – Amber Gunn, Jasmine Gunn, Kasey Thornton & Jesse Thornton
Girls Netball – Kasey Thornton & Hannah Nosovan
Girls Soccer – Sara Draskic & Honey_ieehan Bohol
Boys Soccer – Zane Woods
Boys Touch Football – Connor Moore & Jesse Lovelock

A special mention must be made of Keiran Brook from 6K who has been selected as captain of the South West Sydney Team for Hockey. He will be travelling to Canberra to compete later this term. What a huge achievement! Well done and good luck Keiran!

This Friday, Green Valley will be sending 32 students to the GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival. It will be held at Joe Broad Reserve, Mt Pritchard. Good luck to those involved, we know you’ll do us proud!

Last week was the last round of PSSA for season one.
Elmer the Elephant

Elmer is an interesting elephant. Elmer is colourful and patchy. The butterfly has red wings. Elmer went into a dark cave. The elephants helped Elmer. Elmer saved the red butterfly. The elephant was very happy.

Elmer the Elephant

Elmer the elephant is an interesting character. Elmer is patchy. Elmer has a long trunk. Elmer is colourful and big. Elmer is happy.

Elmer the Elephant

Elmer's body is grey. Elmer's trunk is long. Elmer's foot is white. Elmer's skin is patchy. Elmer is coloured because he is black and white.

Elmer the Elephant

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