Grey skies, and at times, quite heavy rain, didn’t detract from a great day of racing, recreational swimming, water safety lessons and swimming instruction lessons last week at the Michael Wenden Swimming Centre.

This was our first attempt at a whole school (Yrs 2-6) carnival of this nature for many years and it went very well indeed. Thank you to Miss Chiovo and her team of teachers and parents who put it all together to make it such a successful day.

We have had six students qualify for the next level of competition and we wish them well. As a community, you would have to say that swimming is not one of our strongest areas. With the facilities available at the Whitlam Centre and at Miller, it would be well worth looking into lessons for your children if you don’t already do so. It is a vital skill for students to learn.

Thank you for coming along last week to our annual information evening. We had around 16% of students represented on the night across the school. I would love to have seen 100% on a night such as this. Meeting your child’s class teacher for the year is the first step in getting involved in their education for the year. If you were unable to attend the night, please consider calling your child’s teacher to arrange the collection of information that was presented on the night and find out plans for their learning for the year.

A reminder that our next P&C meeting will be a trial of an evening meeting. We are hoping that a later start to the meeting might see an increase in families who get involved in helping out the initiatives of the school P&C.

Voluntary Contributions

$40 for one student
$60 per family

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

SCHOOL’S CLEAN UP DAY

Friday 27th February is Clean Up Australia: School’s Clean Up Day. Students at Green Valley will show their support for our environment by cleaning up around the school grounds. Students are asked to bring in at least one thick garden glove (disposable latex gloves are not suitable) to protect their hands when picking up rubbish. Thank you for your support.

CLASSROOM PACKAGE

All students in Kinder to Year 6 will require a classroom package. This package consists of: School book covers, Mathletics registration & a paper levy.

This year we will not be using any textbooks. We will only be utilising Mathletics—a web based learning program. Mathletics will be used by the students in school and for homework. To gain the greatest understanding of the program with your child, please see the guide links on the website www.mathletics.com.au

Mathletics is a necessary part of the school program and assists and consolidates all other activities within the classroom.

The total cost of the package is $15.00 per student. Notes have been sent home, please return the slip with payment to the school office by 27th February.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, you will receive an SMS message on your mobile phone from the school on the day of the absence. Please reply to this message with the reason your child is absent and this is all that is required. You do not have to phone the school or send an absence note.
SPORT

SPORT SOCKS

The uniform shop stocks green and yellow sports socks for PSSA teams. $7.00 a pair. They are available for purchase at the uniform shop on Monday mornings from 8.30am—9.00am.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students, staff and parents who attended our Swimming Carnival last Thursday. It was a huge success! Thanks to Miss Chiovo for her efforts in organising and coordinating this event. The students had a great day and the support they showed for each other was fantastic! The following students made it into the upcoming zone competition, we wish them good luck!

- Kalebb Kalcher 5/6P
- Benjamin Luu 6W
- Alan Nguyen 5/6P
- Brayden Thornton 5/6P
- Keely Lay 2/3Z
- Katrina Le Nguyen 3T

Thank you! A big thank you to Kylie French & Craig Brook for collecting and washing all the lost property from the Swimming Carnival. It is now located at the office.

PSSA BEST & FAIREST ROUND 1

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DIARY DATES

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

FEBRUARY
23  Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) Mobile Zoo Incursion
25  District Swimming Carnival
27  PSSA Round 2
28  Schools Clean Up Day

MARCH
6    PSSA Round 3
10   K-2 Assembly
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
24   K-2 Assembly
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 9
12   NAPLAN
13   NAPLAN
14   NAPLAN
15   PSSA Round 10
22   K-6 Assembly
22   Cross Country
27   P&C Meeting 6.30pm

MAY
3    ICAS Science Competition
5    PSSA Season 2 Round 1
12   PSSA Round 2
16   ICAS Spelling Competition
17   ICAS Writing Competition
19   PSSA Round 3

Next P&C
Wednesday 11th March
6.30pm 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.
Become an Ethics Teacher at Green Valley Public School

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes.

We have a few vacancies for volunteers to teach Years K-6 ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives. Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

For more information, please contact:
Christy Nguy
Ethics Coordinator for Green Valley Public School
Email: primaryethicsgyps@gmail.com

Safety In School Zones
Please remember to ‘Go 40’ between 8.30am and 2.30pm on school days:

- Children are small and hard to see
  Children can have a short attention span, poor peripheral vision and are easily distracted.

- Always drive at 40km/hr during school zone times
  Driving at a lower speed means you have more time to react to a child’s actions and may therefore reduce the severity of an injury if a collision does occur.

- Obey parking signs such as ‘No Stopping’ and ‘No Parking’
  You must not stop at all on a section of road that is marked 'No Stopping'. In a 'No Parking' area you can pickup and drop off as long as you stay no longer than 2 minutes and the driver of the vehicle does not move more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

- Always set a good example when crossing the road
  Children under the age of 10 should always hold the hand of an adult when crossing the road. **Always cross the road at the marked crossings or designated safe place to cross.** Never call your child across the road.

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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A once only quarter page advert costs $22 (including GST). The money raised through advertising covers the cost of newsletter production thereby putting funds back into the school budget for learning resources for the students in their classrooms.

**At the moment we have 4 spaces on the back cover.**
Please contact the school office if you are interested on 9607 8710.
Vice President Position

Mrs Sonia Zerafa has resigned as Vice President as from the 11th February 2015. This means there is an unfilled position. At the next meeting we will vote a person into this position.

The role of Vice President is as follows:
- To attend all P&C Committee Meetings
- To Support the P&C.
- To chair the meeting if the President is unable to attend.
- To be involved in the decision making process.

School Banking——EVERY THURSDAY

The school office has a locked metal box on the counter every Thursday for students bank deposit books. Deposits are processed by two P&C Committee members and books returned back to the classroom teachers for distribution to students.

Change of Meeting time

Our next meeting will be held at 6.30pm to enable those parents who work to attend. It will be held in the staffroom in the administration block. Our meetings will now alternate between day and evening. We hope to see many new parents at these evening meetings.

President Report

It is a new year and I know it will be a great year. For our P&C Committee to grow within our school we need the support of all our parents. Everything we do is for the benefit of all our students. All money raised helps them grow and learn. If parents have any questions regarding the P&C, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school.

Thank you—Rosa Clima—President
Mob: 0413048873
Shane’s Home

As he crawls through the wide fence, he is home. He doesn’t notice any of the scattered rubbish around his house. All the rusty, old clothes and the newspapers just lie there on the couches, waiting to be read. Along the house, artworks are ruined as they fall on the ground. The wooden, out of date walls get smaller time after time. Broken tea cups and plates lie on the bench and are small enough. With a busted lamp that’s wonky, it shows the poor quality of Shane’s home. Bags with holes in them and nothing but junk inside, sit quietly on the table. You can hear the creaks and the nails falling out of the wooden floor as you walk.

By: Jacob Morassut

Shane’s Home

As he crawls through the wired fence, he is home.

In his compact wooden home, there are newspapers scattered across the floor. On the side of the table is a single camping light shining for the boy to see. Behind the camping light are old posters keeping Shane some company. Underneath the old posters, is a paper bag of special stuff that he has to rummage through to find the things he needs. Behind the paper bag is a fallen poster that is very old. Next to the fallen poster is a warm, single blanket. Shane’s place is cozy and special to him.

By: Jessica Tran
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