NEWSLETTER

Watch this space for notices sent out each week.
If you have not received any of the following notices, please ask your child’s teacher or contact the school office.

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End of Year Christmas Concert
Tuesday 10 December
We need LOTS of helpers to cook and serve sausages before the concert. If you can spare some time please complete the form included in the newsletter or speak to Barb Nicoll.

Help us reduce paper use across our school by receiving your copy of our weekly Newsletter electronically!
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

(End Of Year Christmas Concert In The Quad!)

A Concert On The Green:
Next week we plan to have our annual end of year concert on the oval again after several years of running this in the school quadrangle. After all these dry years it is so good to have a ‘green’ oval on which we can picnic. Parents are reminded to consider the risk of allergic reactions that may occur and to take precautions for their family.

Our wonderful fundraising volunteers will open the canteen, with a sausage sizzle (and limited burgers) available for sale prior to the concert, followed by ‘left overs’ on sale after the event.

Sausages go on sale at 5:00pm and the concert, which due to the time of the year has a Christmas theme, commences at 6:30pm sharp.

NB: Thursday is our back up day if the weather is inclement and if Thursday turns out to be too wet, we will go ahead with the concert anyway, in the Sports and Performance Centre, albeit a little cramped for space.

Soiree Number 2:
On Tuesday night, we held our second Instrumental Music Soiree when our instrumental students had a chance to showcase the many skills they have developed over the year. My thanks to the tutors and Performing Arts staff for all the hard work they put into these programs.

There were many highlights and it was very easy to forget you were listening to primary school age performers when you closed your eyes for a moment and found yourself lost in the music.

My only regret was that I was called away for parts of the concert and missed some of the outstanding performances.

Well done kids!
**Celebration Season:**
What a busy time of year it is! On Thursday the staff put on a morning tea in the library to thank the many volunteers who have helped out in so many ways over the year. If you weren’t able to make it, please be reassured that we greatly appreciate your contribution to our school, which ultimately benefits all of our children.

Thursday night, we are holding our ‘Kids’ Hope Celebration’.

On Wednesday, December 18 we will hold our Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Presentation Night, which concludes with a disco for the students and a parent supper.

December 19 is our day for Level parties and excursions, which are always a highlight of the year. After school, class allocations for 2014 and End Of Year Reports will be sent home.

On the last day of term, we will have our final assembly in the quadrangle at 9am, when we will announce the recipient of the 2013 Bendigo Bank Citizenship Award.

Students will also get to meet their new teacher and classmates in their new rooms for 2014 before being dismissed for the summer break early at 1:30pm.

**Monday Assembly**
On Monday this week, we held our assembly on the stage outside the Sports and Performance Centre as a trial of this venue’s suitability for our End Of Year Christmas Concert. The acoustics were great but the morning sun and the allergies resulting from sitting on the grass annoyed some of us.

A group of parents joined Barb and myself in the staffroom for a ‘cuppa’ afterwards, when we chatted about a few topics.

Next Monday, there will be no assembly, as we hold our final Connections Groups for 2013.

2014:
In 2014 the school year commences for all our students on Thursday, January 30, 2014.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Doug Elliott
Principal

“Every Child, Every Opportunity, Everyday, Everone’s Responsibility!”

**School Captains and Vice Captains Reports:**
**Daniel (4J), Sam (4F), Abby (4E) and Molly (4F):**

**Daniel in Level 1:** In Level 1, the students are building amazing Literacy skills and are writing some terrific weekend recounts. They are also learning how to write letters to their friends.

In Maths, they are continuing their unit on measurement and are learning that different containers hold different capacities. They are estimating which container holds more and are then ordering the capacities of the containers.

In Integrated Studies, they continued their unit on ‘Responsibility’ and made Pet Rocks to look after. They also made food and a house for the rock to live in. They had a visit from the Police and it was extremely exciting for the students. They also had the Bizarre Bazaar which was held in the Annex and they bought some amazing products which were all made by the Level 4 students.

Keep up the Good Work, Preps!

**Molly in Level 4:** Last Thursday 28 November was the Level 4’s Bizarre Bazaar. The students had an amazing time and certainly learnt a lot about the whole process of sales and marketing. Thank you to all the students who bought a product or two. The overall sales for the day totalled $1,734.30. The next stage will be for the students to put together a report showcasing their learning.

This Thursday the Year 6 girls will be participating in the ‘M Power N Girlz’ program and Friday is the last session of the Sport Elective Program.

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**Messages from the office**

**2014 Level 4 Camp**
The next installment of payment for the 2014 Level 4 Camp ($80) is due to the office next Monday, 9 December.

**2014 Year 6 Bomber Jackets**
Order forms and payment MUST be sent to school no later than Wednesday 18 December.

**Absences**
Parents need to be reminded to seek approval for known absences in advance and to send a note ASAP for absences that were unexpected e.g. illness.

**Production**
All Production photos and DVD orders have now been distributed. We have a few copies left from each night available at $35.00 each. Once these have gone, we cannot order any more.

**Update Your Records**
If you are visiting a doctor over Christmas holidays please remember to update medical records. It is important for the wellbeing of your children to have up to date medical records. Any ‘Over the Counter’ medications (Panadol etc) must now have a pharmacy label for the individual child.

**Head Lice**
A reminder to parents to be vigilant with regard to head lice. Please check your children’s heads regularly. We have had many reports of outbreaks recently.

If your child has had lice and you have treated it, don’t forget to re-treat about 10 days later to ensure any residual eggs are also destroyed.

Janine Wallace-Smith
Acceptance into lessons and hiring instruments will be taken in the order that they are handed in. EXISTING 2013 STUDENTS MUST ALSO RE-ENROL AND FILL OUT A 2014 ENROLMENT FORM.

End of Year CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Our Christmas End Of Year concert will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 6.30pm. If it rains, it will be held on Thursday 12th December. Please keep these dates free. All students have been rehearsing their items for this enjoyable, family event. More news and details are in the attached flyer.

CONGRATULATIONS
We congratulate one of our Year 6 students, Michael Syme this week. Michael was offered a prestigious Music Scholarship at Ringwood Secondary School. He had to audition and have an interview. Michael has given a lot to Performing Arts at Great Ryrie and been a great role model to boys. He has been one of the Music Captains this year, had the lead role of ‘Rockerfella’ in one of our Productions and been an enthusiastic member of Level 4 Dance Group and Senior Vocal Group for the last 2 years. We wish Michael well in his next journey through Secondary College.

Congratulations also go to Emma Hanley and Caitlin Graham who sat for their first violin exam recently. Both girls achieved Honours for their exam. Well done! Helen Francis and Peta Murray

LIBRARY
Borrowing has now ceased and the Library Stocktake has begun. Overdue notices will be sent home early next week. Could you please send the books back to school as soon as possible? Thank-you!

PERFORMING ARTS
INSTRUMENTAL/ORCHESTRA PROGRAM
Instrumental End of Year Soirees
We had our second Instrumental Soirees this week on Tuesday evening. It was also a great success with more than 50 students participating in Senior Orchestra and individual solo items. Over the last 2 Tuesday evenings more than 90 students have performed solo pieces on their instruments in front of an audience. Each student demonstrated their skill and progress in their instrument in front of family and friends. It was also fantastic to see so many family members supporting their children and attending this event. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful and enthusiastic team of Instrumental teachers. They are Viv McPherson (piano and woodwind), Carolyn Bialecki (piano), Marianne Ryan (guitar), Rebekah Galbraith (violin), Tom Sly (brass, bass guitar, keyboard) and John Milton (drums/percussion).

ENROLMENT FOR INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
Enrolment forms for learning an instrument at school during 2014 will be available from the office from Thursday 5th December. (Prep students cannot start lessons till Term 3 in 2014).

Please note that students are only able to learn one instrument during school hours at Great Ryrie Primary School.

Great Ryrie Primary School has qualified teachers who are able to teach a variety of instruments including:
- Bass Guitar *
- Drums/Percussion
- Trumpet *
- Trombone *
- Euphonium *
- Saxophone *
- Clarinet *
- Flute *
- Violin
- Piano
- Contemporary Keyboard
- Guitar (All styles)

* A limited amount of these instruments are available for hire from the school at $60.00 per term and a re-fundable $60.00 bond. Asterixed (*) instruments only.

If you would like to enrol your child and possibly hire an instrument from the school please return these forms as soon as possible to the office.

CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
2 December 2013
Prep C – Olivia Thacker
Prep G - Varada Lele
Prep J - Tyler Fong
Prep S - Jerry Yui
2A - Charlotte Spencer
2H - Mason Aronleigh
2K - Clay Prissmll, Bawi Cem
2N - Sienna Neil, Jackson Mooney
2O - Kiahna Pomponio, Jay Hook
2S - Thomas Wheeler
3B - Renee Egan
3G - Mawi Te Van
3H - Dillon Maes
3J - Lucas Strawhorn
3R - Brigid Parkinsson
4F - Lara Harloff, Jhett Williams
4J - Kia Bongers
4M - Justin Pomponio, Dawson Sinclair
4W - Lal Lian Hualngo

Language – Joshua Thompson, Nathan Clark
Performing Arts – Alex Jacson, Abby Allen

Community Notices
Is there some good news in your family that you would like to share with the rest of GRPS? A new addition to the family, a win in a Grand Final, a great sports game …. Let Yvonne at the office have the details by Wednesday morning and we’ll let everyone know!!
Dear School Community,

In Level 3 we are working on challenges to make a difference. Our subject is Social Justice. Some of the organisations which we wanted to help by collecting donations for include The Smith Family, Vive Café and soup kitchens in the area. We would like your support by bringing food that doesn’t go stale (such as canned food), toiletries, spare blankets, clothes, and toys (new or in good condition). Donations can be placed in the tub outside Room 5. We will be collecting donations until Friday 6th December.

Thank you for your support.
From the Challenge Groups working to make a difference.

Chaplaincy News: ICY POLES

The Chaplaincy Committee will again be selling icypoles for $1 at the end of the day. We will give you advance notice so you can bring your coins to quench your thirst.

Also, as you know, the Chaplaincy program operates for 3 days a week, 2 of which are mostly funded by the Federal Chaplaincy program. The 3rd day is covered by donations from local churches and individuals. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please hand this to either Barb Nicoll or Alan Silverwood.

Chaplain’s Spot Term 4 Week 9 2013

How to Take More Action: 9 Powerful Tips

[Henrik Edberg]

“It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.”

Leonardo Da Vinci

To get things done you need to take action. Things seldom happen on their own. Here are some tips you might find useful.

1. **Reconnect with the present moment.** Just go and do whatever you want to get done.
2. Be accountable to others. Tell others that you are going to do something. Motivating each other brings enthusiasm when one of you is feeling low, helping to develop consistent habits.

3. Be accountable to yourself. In the long run a more consistent and healthier way to develop a habit of taking more action is to answer to yourself instead of others. Set your own standards and principles.

4. Lighten up. If you can relax and lighten up, you often realize that the problems and negative feelings are something you are creating. With a new state of mind your task seem lighter and easier to start.

5. Use a limited to-do list. A to-do list is a simple and great way to remember what you need to do. Concentrate on the most important items on the list.

6. Choose instead of should. You don't really need to do anything. You always choose what to do. When you choose whatever you do, you regain control and power. And it becomes easier to take action.

7. Focus on the how instead of the ifs. What ifs can really mess with your mind. So, focus on how you can do something, solve a problem or achieve a goal. Do some research or get support from others.

8. Get enthusiastic. Enthusiasm is a great emotional state to be in to get going and take action. You can pretty much always create enthusiasm.

9. Start small. One of my favourites is simply to take a few minutes to clean my desk. After that the next thing doesn't seem so difficult to get started with, since I'm now in a more of a “take action” kind of mode.

Chaplain’s Community Spot
“Support Services in GRPS and beyond!”

As we move closer to Christmas, and the year draws to a close, there are times when we need extra support for a time. Here are a few ideas of where we might seek help and support over the next few weeks.

HICH [Heathmont Inter-Church Help] runs an Opp Shop at 136 Canterbury Rd Heathmont, with an office open between noon and 3pm each weekday. They provide practical care and support to those in need, living generally in the Maroondah and adjacent areas. Contact 9720 6757.

Knox Info-link is at 136 Boronia Rd, Boronia. They are the main provider of Emergency Relief assistance for the City of Knox, assisting the citizens of Knox who are finding themselves in difficult circumstances. All of their services are free, confidential, impartial and independent. Contact 9761 1325.

Wesley Eastern Homeless Crisis Service is located at 291A Maroondah Hwy Ringwood, and can be contacted on 9879 5344. Wesley provides emergency accommodation in the Eastern region of Melbourne, for people who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness and domestic violence. They also provide emergency relief in the city of Maroondah.

Emergency: Call 000, or 112 from a mobile.
Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 for children to call for help.
Lifeline 131114 for crisis support.

Eastern Community Legal Centre 9762 6235 for legal help
Maroondah Citizen’s Advice Bureau 2a Ringwood St Ringwood 9870 3233 for food relief
Free Community Meals are available at: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 57 Wantirna Rd, Ringwood, Sundays 5-6pm. 9870 7054 No disabled toilets.
The Dining Room, Anglican Church, Cnr Wicklow & Toorak Ave, Croydon, Tuesdays 6-7pm 0430431613, also on the lawn outside the chapel Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7pm.

Our school has a Food Bank which provides food for emergency situations. Please contact the office or myself if at any time you would like a meal sent home for your family.

“Chaplain’s Christmas Spot”

The ‘Road To Bethlehem’ live Christmas story presentation is on again next month - Mon 9th - Thu 12th 7-10.30pm. Ticket booths open at 6pm. To avoid long waits, arrive early and pick up your tickets, then either enjoy the entertainment or leave and return just before the estimated time of your performance.

Tickets: Everyone must have a ticket. There are groups of up to 30 people. Tickets are FREE! However they really appreciate donations to help run this event. There will be an opportunity to give a donation at the end of your journey.

There are two ways you can obtain tickets:
On-the-night Tickets
You can line up for tickets for each evening’s performance from the ticket booths on location at ROAD TO BETHLEHEM.
Pre-Booked Tickets – on-line or phone [including groups of 20 or more]

The booking phone line 9264 7770 is open from Monday Nov 25 until Friday Dec 6 between 9am and 5pm.

Where: Nunawading Adventist Convention Ground, 141 Central Rd, Nunawading
It is a family friendly event. You can check it out on their website, which is: www.roadtobethlehem.org/

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain
[silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au]
Pastoral care for our community, dealing with issues of emotional, financial, spiritual, physical nature. [The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.]

NUDE FOOD RESULTS THIS WEEK
We encourage all children to bring their snacks, drinks and lunches but leave their rubbish at home. Especially on Tuesdays!

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Welcome to the OSHClub newsletter. This past couple of weeks has seen some big changes at the program. We have also had to say goodbye to the new coordinator, who left to pursue other opportunities.

Jeffrey Michaels, who is also the coordinator of Kalinda OSHClub, will step in until a new coordinator is found. Jeffrey will also be the Holiday Program coordinator at Great Ryrie.

Holiday Program enrolments for January 2014 are also now open. The program will operate from Mon 13th Jan through to Wed 29th Jan. Please visit our website for more information.

Week 8 of Term 4
This week, we continue the theme of CHRISTMAS. The children have already commenced creating their own ‘Hand Tree’, Stars, Post Box for Letters to Santa, colouring in sheets (Comp) and we will be building upon that.

There will also be many opportunities for Active Play with Adam running AASC sessions each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. These sessions run for about 1 hour each.

No Hat or Sunscreen = No Outdoor Play
(Sunscreen provided by OSHClub)

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call, email or pop in for a chat. 😊

Some activities to look forward to next week

** Arts & Crafts ** Ball Sports ** Brain Teasers ** Science Experiments ** Music ** Cooking

* Do you have an idea that you’d like us to follow up on? Please let us know. *

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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator directly at the program.