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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

(End Of Year Christmas Concert On The Green!)

School Finishes at 1:30pm Tomorrow:
A reminder that children are to dismissed early on Friday for the Summer Break. There will be a final assembly in the quadrangle at 9am, when we will present final awards for 2013 and farewell our Year 6 graduates.

Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1:30pm.

The canteen will be open for counter sales only at recess tomorrow and will reopen for business as usual on Thursday, January 30, 2014, which is the first day of school for all students.

Student Leadership Positions For 2014:
As part of our review of the Student Leadership Selection Process we will be appointing all student leadership positions for 2014 in the first few weeks of February next year. Accordingly there has been no selection process for School Captains and Vice Captains in 2013 and therefore there will be no handover at our final assembly this year.

Thank You to Aquinas College
Aquinas College has worked hard to support our school’s needs, during their very challenging major building project throughout the year and are very aware of the inconvenience this has caused parents in particular, due to restricted parking in the area.

As a token of their appreciation for our tolerance and forbearance throughout, they have very generously donated a range of PE equipment to our school, which will be a huge benefit to our students for the next several years. We would like to thank the college for their kind gesture and look forward to the completion of works in early 2014.

Start of School 2014:
School commences for children at 8:55am on Thursday, January 30, 2014. Foundation children will be dismissed at 2pm on the first two days of school.

Diary Dates

DECEMBER
Friday 20 1.30pm students dismissed for 2013

JANUARY
Tuesday 28 Teachers return
Thursday 30 Students start school for 2014

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.
10 December Reminder re Funfields Level 4 families

Best wishes for Christmas and we hope that everyone at Great Ryrie enjoys a safe and happy holiday.
From all the staff

Merry Christmas

19 December 2013

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and from then on at 3:30pm along with the rest of the school.

Foundation children with siblings at school start at 9:00am on the first day and Foundation students whose families are new to the school commence at 9:30am on that day.

Our first assembly for 2014 will be in the quadrangle at 9am on Monday February 3. The office is open between 8:30am and 4:30pm daily, commencing Thursday January 30, 2014.

**Graduation 2014:**
Thank you to all the parents and staff involved in last night’s Graduation Dinner, Ceremonies and Disco held in the Brian Allen Hall and the Sports and Performance Centre. It was a magnificent event! Our appreciation goes also to all who assisted on the night and our congratulations go to the winners of the Year 6 subject and special awards in 2013;

**Deakin Award for Leadership:** Daniel Roberts

**McCutcheon Shield for Citizenship:** Maddie Leigh

**Performing Arts:** Excellence; Stephanie Henry
Encouragement; Michael Syme

**Indonesian:** Excellence; Willow Lindner
Encouragement; Matthew Heron

**Visual Arts:** Excellence; Tser twee
Encouragement; Taylor Blakemore

**Physical Education:** Excellence; Kyla Morrow
Encouragement; Shannon Fraser

**Science:** Excellence; Ethan Bird
Encouragement; Jake Smith

**Mathematics:** Excellence; Alex Jackson
Encouragement; Sam Rosa

**English:** Excellence; Georgia Keane
Encouragement; Camille Page

**Humanities:** Excellence; Stella Parkinson
Encouragement; Nick Graham

**Design Creativity & Technology:** Clayton Wright
Encouragement; Lara Asic

**ICT:** Excellence; Ankit Rawat
Encouragement; Emily Adams

**Multi-Cultural Education:**
Excellence; Leah Burnett

*(The Encouragement award is presented to a student for high achievement in a particular area.)*

**Farewell:**
Farewell to those students in Year 6 and their families who are leaving us at the end of this year, as well as to students in other years who are moving to new schools and new areas in 2014. We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Clark, Ms Burch, Mrs Bolch and Mr Brown and wish them all the best in the next phase of their careers in education.

Miss Holdsworth is continuing her leave for another twelve months and we now look forward to her return in 2015. We also look forward to welcoming new staff members Jo Kim, Ann-Maree Bosomworth and Michelle Waterson to the Great Ryrie Team in 2014.

**Staff Assignments for 2014:**

**The Office Team:**
Doug Elliott - Principal, Barbara Nicoll - Assistant Principal,
Janine Wallace-Smith - Office Manager, Yvonne Davies - Human Resources and Rowena Broderick - Finance Officer.

**Teacher Aides:**
Mardi Pechar - Library, Glenda Winchester, Carol Brown, Elaine Burton and Di Welsh - Multicultural Education Aide/First Aid.

**Specialist Programs:**
April Nicoll & Ann-Maree Bosomworth - Visual Arts,
Chris Breen - Indonesian,
Helen Francis & Peta Murray - Performing Arts,
Peter Henson - Physical Education,
Lauren Rice - Refugee Transition,
Jodie Henry - English as an Additional Language and
Di Tilley - Reading Recovery.

**Foundation:**
Ryan Jacobs - FdJ room 9, Victoria Stamatonikolos - FdS room 10, Di Gordon - FdG room 11 and Erin O’Connor - Fdo room 12.

**Years 1 & 2:**
Andrew Shattock – 1/2S room 1, Penny Nicholls – 1/2N room 2, Michelle Waterson – 1/2W room 3, Kris Headland & Lisa Moon – 1/2H room 4, Rob Greaves 1/2G room 5 and Helen Abbott – 1/2A room 6.

**Years 3 & 4:**

**Years 5 & 6:**

**Class Placements and Portfolios:**
Class placements for 2014, End of Year Reports, School Magazines and Student Portfolios for 2013 were all sent home today.

We strive to provide a balanced profile for each class to ensure the best learning opportunity for every student. As a rule, we try to keep students with the same grouping and teacher for two successive years, however this is not always possible.

A lot of hard work goes into taking account of a variety of considerations when confirming each placement. If you have any concerns at all about your child’s progress during 2013 please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

All parents are encouraged to develop a close working relationship with their child’s teacher on an ongoing basis. Together we aim to provide your child with every opportunity to get the most out of their time at Great Ryrie Primary.

Congratulations on a wonderful year of outstanding achievements, wishing you a safe and happy summer break,

Doug Elliott
Principal

*“Every Child, Every Opportunity, Everyday, Everyone’s Responsibility!”*
School Captains and Vice Captains Reports:
Daniel (4J), Sam (4F), Abby (4E) and Molly (4F):
Daniel in Level 1: The students had a fantastic day at their first school Athletics Day. They loved the Christmas Concert and they sung ‘I’m a Little Santa’ and ‘Here Comes a Reindeer’.
In Literacy, they started to write about Christmas and they also wrote letters to Santa and Christmas cards to friends.
In Integrated Studies, they finished their unit on ‘Responsibility’ and they had fun making Pet Rocks and many other objects that they had to look after.
They loved rotating around Christmas activities and enjoyed making Christmas cards and many more fun activities. They also walked to the Ringwood Church for a Christmas Concert which they all enjoyed.
Good luck in Year 1!
Abby in Level 3: We are in our last week of school for 2013 here at GRPS. Another year has already passed. I would like to thank you all for having me as one of your School Captains this year.
Last week on Wednesday the Level 3’s really enjoyed the CRE Christmas concert, at the Ringwood Church of Christ. Many of our students were singing and dancing in the aisles, to the puppet show, which everyone was entertained by.
Unfortunately some of the students who were going to Jasmine Lodge, to play games with the elderly in their challenge teams, weren’t able to go, due to the wet weather. The students were fortunate to send off some cards, to the Kids’ Hope Foundation in Uganda, and were able to include a photo of themselves.
They have been continuing on with their Maths skills in their rotations, working on mapping, symmetry, volume, capacity and probability.
On Thursday the weather was perfect for our annual Christmas concert. Everyone had a fabulous time singing, dancing and some students performed a solo in their class item. Congratulations to Miss Francis and Mrs Murray for entertaining everyone on this wonderful occasion.
I hope that everybody keeps safe over the Christmas break and has a happy holiday.
Assistant Principal Thank You
With our camp coming up for Year 5 and 6 students next year it can sometimes be a very costly time for parents. Our policy at Great Ryrie is that no child should miss out on these events for financial reasons but this is an extra pressure on school funds. This year Wesley Central Mission has been wonderful in helping us out and paying for students to be involved in camps and excursions. They subsidise the cost for families and have helped out to the tune of nearly $3000. We would like to thank Wesley for their generous support of our school. If you have any financial difficulties they are there for you, so please contact them or just let them know that you appreciate what they do for needy families in our community.
Fundraising
Thank you to all the parents and staff that helped to man the food stalls at the End of Year Christmas Concert. We made a profit of nearly $1200. I look forward to making next year a big year with our fete as the major event on November 8.
Congratulations to all the parents that have run an event for the school this year and I look forward to your continued support next year.
Our last event will be the drawing of the raffle at the last school assembly on Friday morning. Well done Meagan Scotto on coordinating this event and good luck to all those families that purchased tickets.

Messages from the office
Update Your Records
Don’t forget to let the office know if you, or any of your emergency contacts, change phone numbers.
A full printout of the information we have will be sent home with every child early in the new year. It is imperative that these be checked, amended if necessary, and returned to school as soon as possible.
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.

Uniform Shop
You are reminded that the hours of operation during the first week of school will be:
Tuesday 28 January 2.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 29 January 8.30am – 1.00pm

CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
16 December 2013
Prep C - Hannah Leu
Prep J - Sienna Peakall
2A - Lily Rogers
2H - Zanda Filliponi
2K - James Ignatidis, Alannah Jones
2N - Ben Lovatt
2O - whole class
2S - Mia Grasso
3B - David Mu, Pamis Marudashti
3G - Aaron Hook, Josh Bird, Molly Paul, Elijah O’Brien
3K - Blake Mullenger
3R - Charlotte Illic
4A - Par Te Van
4E - Declan Smith
4F - Jordan Armstrong
4J - Dion Braione
4M - Chloe Robinson
4W - Din Ram Lawt, Sophie Adamson
Languages – Ethan Newnham, Kia Bongers
Performing Arts – Nicholas Graham, Mikayla Clark
Reading Recovery – Ruth Zaa Thang, Daisy Wah, Rocki Silver, Brayden Collins, Ashton Thompson

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!
Term Dates 2014
Term 1: 28 January (teachers start) to 4 April
Term 2: 22 April to 27 June
Term 3: 14 July to 19 September
Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

THANK YOU
Ashley Newnham (3B) did some fundraising over the Term 3 school holidays selling his artwork and used the funds raised to buy and donate a copy of his favourite book ‘Hatchet’ to the GRPS Library in the hope that many more kids will love reading it too — Thanks Ash!

LOST PROPERTY
Leah Burnett 4A has lost her Year 6 jacket. It is labelled. Could everyone please check whether you have her jacket by mistake? If you find it, please bring it to the office.

PERFORMING ARTS
ENROLMENT FOR INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
This week is your final opportunity to enrol your child in the instrumental program before 2014. Enrolment forms for learning an instrument at school during 2014 are now available from the office. (Foundation 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.

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.

Helen Francis

Chaplain’s Spot Term 4 Week 11 2013
Christmas Acrostic

People everywhere need peace
Everyone deserves release
Away from conflict, pain and fear
Comfort bringing a heart near
Every life has desires, dreams
Hopes of what they’d like to be
On Christmas Day, the greatest Hope
Peace and Love that we could know
Each day that we are valuable
& life is ours to the full.
Love, Peace and Hope be for you
Over all you experience and do
Valued you are, regardless of life
Enjoy being you at this Christmas-time.

May you have a wonderful Christmas and holiday time with your families and friends, staying safe and being refreshed for all that 2014 has in store for you and your family. For those who are grieving, may you know comfort and strength as you ponder life without your special person. If you ever want to read my past articles, they are on the school website ['About us', 'Wellbeing', 'Chaplaincy'].

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.]

Weekly News
Wow what a year! OSHClub would like to thank all the children and families of Great Ryrie for making this another fantastic year. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas! We can’t wait to see you all back in the new year!

Don’t forget Holiday Program begins on the 13th of January till the 29th of January! Bookings are NOW OPEN!!!

Hope to see you there!

Some Activities to look forward to during the Holidays
*Party Games *Excursion to Ace Space
*Treasure Hunts *Jungle Parade
*Excursion to Polly Wood Side
*Splashtastic Incursion *Mystery
*Australia Day *Chess Incursion
*Star Wars
*Tie Dying Incursion *Tennis incursion
*And So Much More ☺

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