NEWSLETTER

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Watch this space for notices sent out each week.
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Don’t forget to vote on Saturday 29 November.
Come to the polling booth at Great Ryrie and support the Fundraising team as they cook sausages and sell yummy treats on the cake stall.

Help us reduce paper use across our school by receiving your copy of our weekly Newsletter electronically!
To subscribe to our weekly email distribution list simply email: greatryrie.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and post “Subscribe Newsletter” in the subject line.

Meet Camp Australia!
Parents are invited to attend a presentation in the school library tonight, November 20th, at 7:40pm, by our new Out of School Hours Care provider for 2015.

Representatives of Camp Australia will be in attendance to answer all your questions and outline the transition for the summer vacation period and beyond.
The presentation will take about 30 minutes and will run after the Foundation Information Session for 2015, which commences at 7:00pm.

From the Principal:
Thank you to everyone who came along to our first community information session on ‘Active & Safe Travel To School’, which was held in the library last night.
The session was well attended with representatives from Maroondah Council (including the mayor, Councilor Tony Dibb), principals and assistant principals from our local schools, parents and staff.
Thank you especially to Leigh Cawood (Healthy Together Coordinator, from ‘Victoria Walks’) who so very capably facilitated the session!
We are now well and truly started on an exciting journey to create a safer, friendlier, healthier and less congested environment for all our children and the local community.
School Leadership in 2015:

I am now able to advise that Barb Nicoll is taking an extended and well-earned break next year, from January through to August. Barb is taking long service leave and will no doubt be enjoying the time she will have with her lovely family as well as pursuing personal interests.

Barb has spent over forty years in dedicated service to education, with the last eight of those years as Assistant Principal at Great Ryrie.

Barb will be greatly missed through the first three terms of next year. During her absence Leading Teachers Di Gordon and Alex MacDonald will be released from teaching duties for half of each week, to take on some of the many roles that Barb currently fulfills.

Class Structure In 2015:

Due to a slight drop in numbers over the past few years we will be running with 20 grades in 2015 (down from 22), with five grades instead of six in Year 3&4 and Years 5&6. Di Gordon will have a teaching responsibility in Years 5&6 for half of the week and Alex will be supporting the teaching in Years 3&4.

At this stage we are unable to confirm teaching assignments across the school but we are working to finalise these at the same time as we finalise class placements for students for next year.

We expect to be able to announce class placements as well as hand out End of Year reports for 2014, on Monday, December 15!

Bendigo Bank Grants:

Thank you to the Ringwood East and Heathmont Branch of the Bendigo Bank, who have once again sponsored our school, this time with a cheque for $2000 to help us with the installation of a new, all seasons, cricket pitch on our oval in 2015!

Monday Assemblies

Last Monday we finally presented the Aussie of the Month Award for October to Coco Dastolto in FDS! You may remember that we cancelled two assemblies last month due to rain.

Next Monday we will have the Aussie Of The Month Assembly for November!

Wishing you a great weekend,
Doug Elliott
Principal
“Every Child, Every Opportunity, Everyday…”

School Captains Reports:

Ethan N, Jasmine L, Ethan M and Lily M:

Ethan Mulligan in Foundation

The Foundation children have started learning about money. They are learning about notes and coins. They know the amounts and the colours of the different notes.

The children are now creating shops as part of the responsibility unit and focus on money. They have put themselves into groups and talked about what they would like to sell and the name of their shop.

The children have started friendship rotations and they are making friendship bracelets, picture frames with a picture of a them and a friend, a friendship tree and learning and making friendship songs.

Lily Moroney in Years 1&2

In Maths the students have been completing their Portfolio Task on Division and Multiplication and will be learning about ‘Flipping, Sliding and Turning’ this week.

Their writing focus has continued to be Persuasive Text and they have written a simple piece to persuade others to think the way they do and this is also going to be included in their portfolio. The spelling sound for this week is the ‘ou / ow’ sound as in the ‘round cow’!

The ‘Curiosity’ unit has seen the students playing many old fashioned games such as Marbles, Cat’s Whiskers, Tiddlywinks and Elastics.

Remember to return your excursion notice to Hoyts Eastland as soon as possible.

Ethan Newnham in Years 3&4

The Years 3&4 students have looked at unusual types of poetry, as well as doing a great job presenting their book circle books to students in other grades.

In Maths, they have begun a unit on fractions, and are learning to understand them as part of a whole and as fractions of a group.

In the integrated unit, the students have split into specialist groups to choose an area to raise awareness. All of the Years 3&4 students had a fantastic time at the fete and did a wonderful job at
manning their arcade games. The students also had their first 'Footsteps' dance session in their five-part incursion.

**Jasmine Lacy in Years 5&6**

This week during Literacy the students will be focussing on the suffix 'ful' and what it means when it is added to a base word. In writing the students are gathering information so they can write an informed opinion on the topic, 'Should We Explore Space?'.

In Maths this week the students are making connections between money and finance with fun activities from the Maths 300 resources. Following that the students will be learning about angle facts for triangles, straight lines and polygons.

This Thursday the Year 4 students will be venturing up to the Annex for a fun morning of Rotational activities including Science, Cooking, ICT, Health, Design Creativity and Technology. On Friday the excitement builds with a Netball game; Students vs Teachers as a fundraiser to support Zoe Neale in representing our school at the National Athletics.

**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!!**

**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!

- **Years 5&6**: 56F, 92%
- **Years 3&4**: 34M, 91%
- **Years 1&2**: 12A, 81%
- **Foundation**: FDS, 66%

**‘PE News’**

A reminder to bring a gold coin donation on Friday 21 November to watch the 'Teachers Vs Year 6 All Stars' netball game. This game will take place at 2:15pm on the outdoor netball courts. This is a fundraiser for Zoe Neale who will be going to the National Athletics in Tasmania from November 27-December 2.

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

17 November 2014

| FDG | Miller Jenvey |
| FDJ | Finlay Clark |
| FDO | Jessica Cao |
| FDS | Lachlan Fahl |
| 12A | Nash Duffy |
| 12G | Lun Pi |
| 12H | Isabella Hoskin |
| 12N | Ashley Sharkey, Louise Ramos |
| 12S | April Bright |
| 12W | Jasmine Coney |
| 34B | Rachel Lai Sang |
| 34J | Isaac Kirchner, CJ Bosomworth |
| 34K | Ben Nicholas |
| 34M | Esther Hual Ngo, Jesse O’Neil |
| 34R | Emily Sheridan, Mely Niching |
| 34W | Kaelie Walker |
| 56A | Lina Filkin |
| 56F | Mawi Te Van |
| 56J | Ethan Newnham |
| 56K | Stephanie Chaouk |
| 56M | Liam Fink Beiner, Nathan MacDonald, Callum Mead, Cooper Carpani-Hines |
| Performing Arts | Mitchell Plant, Asal Babadi |
| Visual Arts | Luren McDonald, Chloé Xu |
| Indonesian | Hayley Birch, Tha Cung |
| | Hlawn Ceu |

**Great Ryrie Chess Students Compete in State Finals**

On Friday November 7th five students from Great Ryrie Chess Club competed in the Chess Victoria Primary Open State Final at Box Hill Chess Club, coming eighteenth. They each played seven games and their scores were:
- Sam Rhodes 4
- Duncan Birt 3.5
- Jacob Henry 2.5
- Jordan Armstrong 2
- Tom Jackson 1.5

Their final score was 12.5.

On Friday November 14th six students from Great Ryrie competed in the Chess Victoria Open Junior Primary State Final at Box Hill Chess Club, coming seventh. They also played seven games each and their scores were:
- Jacob Henry 4
- Sam Recinos 4
- Sam McPherson 3.5
- Finlay Hughes 3.5
- Lawson Thomas 3
- Levi Dastolto 3

Their final score was 11.5.

Congratulations to all these boys. With their enthusiasm, dedication and good sportsmanship they are great ambassadors for our school.
Fundraising
It has been a very busy year for fundraising and we thank everyone who has supported our BBQ and cake stalls, our Mothers’ Day stall and special thanks to the sponsors of our 2014 Fete: ‘A Festival Of Colour’.

As a school community we are extremely grateful to the following sponsors who helped to make the fete a success. Please support these companies by using their services when you need to.

Brian Lake
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Woody’s Bakehouse
Eastern Electronics, Ringwood
Heathmont Jets FC [www.heathmontjets.com](http://www.heathmontjets.com)
Direct Fresh Meat Supply, Bayswater

Election Day
A notice was sent home last week about helping out with the barbeque, cake stall and White Elephant Stall on the day. If you have not returned your form please do so or let the office know of your availability on 9870 6098. At the moment we are still short 5 people for each hour block. We have also registered our school on the official Election Day website.

Twilight Market
A flyer is an insert in the Newsletter. Add the date to your calendar for a great night of shopping.

Spinning Wheel Prizes
There are still some uncollected items from the Spinning Wheel at the fete. Please check your tickets and ring the school asap.

Ticket numbers:
- Red 55
- Blue 31
- Purple 67

PLEASE SUPPORT ZOE NEALE!!
If you’d like to support Zoe Neale in going to Tasmania for Nationals to represent GRPS in athletics please purchase a raffle ticket. Only $2.
Great prizes to be won!
Please see Janine at the office.

Many thanks
FROM THE OFFICE

Years 1&2 Hoyts Excursion
Notices were sent out last week for this excursion on Tuesday 2 December. Permission forms and payments are due no later than Tuesday 25 November.

Years 5&6 Luna Park Excursion
Notices were sent out on Tuesday for this excursion on Thursday 18 December. Permission forms and payments are due no later than Wednesday 3 December.

Outstanding 2014 Subject Contributions
REMINDER: Families that have not paid their Subject Contributions, as we are fast approaching the end of the year, prompt payment would be appreciated.
Payment can be made via BPAY using the BPAY reference on your family statement or by CASH, CHEQUE or CREDIT CARD at the office.

Brian Allen Hall
Looking for a venue for your next function?
The Brian Allen Hall is available for hire on Saturday evenings.
Contact the office for details and prices.

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.

PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental Soirees
Notices have been handed out to all those instrumental students who will be performing in one of our instrumental soirees. The dates for these events are:
- Soiree 1 – Tuesday 25th November (this includes a performance by Junior Orchestra); 6.30 pm in the Brian Allen Hall
- Soiree 2 – Tuesday 2nd December (this includes a performance by Senior Orchestra); 6.30 pm in the Brian Allen Hall

Attendance forms should have been sent back to school this week. If your child has not received a notice this week please contact Helen Francis or Peta Murray at school.

End of Year Concert
This year we will, once again, be having our ‘End of Year’ Concert. This will be held on Tuesday 9th December in the evening. Please keep this date free as we would love to see all students and their families at this event. Students are now preparing items for this event in their Performing Arts lessons and in their classrooms. We will hold this concert on the oval in front of the steps area near the car park. It will commence at 6.30 pm and there will be food and drinks available before the concert. If the weather is unsuitable for an outdoor concert, it will be held inside the Sports and Performing Arts Centre.
Helen Francis and Peta Murray

Weekly News
This week children will be exploring new board games and card games. We will also have on offer a range of craft activities, box construction and painting. Jewellery making has been very popular and we will continue with this during the weeks to come.

Hats and Sunscreen
Please remind you children they need to bring their hats to OSHClub every afternoon and please have them named. If you would like to bring one and leave it here please name it and we can put it in the hat box. If the children don’t have a hat they will not be allowed to go outside to play.
Children must also wear sunscreen to go outside. We have some that we provide but if your child has sunscreen allergies please pack their own.

Homework
OSHClub has a homework policy that children will be provided a quiet space to do their homework, however often we are unaware which children have homework. If you would like your children to be completing their homework in our care please come and chat to us so we are aware of what they need to do.

Coordinator – Elisabeth Templar
Staff - Martin, Katrina, Amber, Natasha, Monali, Rhys, Diana
Program Phone: 0418 571 136
OSHClub Head Office – 8564 9000
OSHClub admin: admin@oshclub.com.au
Website: www.oshclub.com.au

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 direct at the program.

School Term Dates 2015
Term 1: 28 January (teachers start) 30 January (students start) to 27 March
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

Chaplain’s Spot Term 4 Week 7 2014

Tips For Staying Positive in a Negative World
There are many activities in our world that are destructive and cause anxiety. Here are some thoughts from Michelle Neuijahr about keeping a positive attitude, whatever happens.

Smile. A smile is simple but powerful. It makes us and others feel better.
Have positive reminders. Fill your mind and home with positive and motivational reminders.
Stop gossip. Let others be who they are. Concentrate on speaking positively about other people.
Be honest. When we tell the truth we never have to remember what we said to whom.
There is nothing wrong. Live in the moment, accept it, stop thinking something is always wrong.
Notice life. By noticing your thoughts, you are free to just experience life.
Enjoy the journey. Life is not a race. Our job is to simply enjoy the process.
Don’t engage in negative conversation. It’s okay to just walk away. Just simply excuse yourself.
Pay attention to positive thoughts. What are they saying? What do they tell you about yourself?
Choose positive people. Surround yourself with people who build you up.
Put on your attitude. Choose a positive attitude as you get up in the morning.
You have permission. Give yourself permission to be positive and enjoy life.
Leave on a happy note. End phone calls, e-mails and letters with a positive message.
Choose carefully. Be selective with your words. Once we speak words, we cannot take them back.
Study positive people. Watch how they interact with the world, and use them as a model for life.
Down days will come. Realize you will have down days. Remind yourself that life will swing back.
Stay true to being positive.

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain
[silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au] Pastoral care for our community, 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.]

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41B Great Ryrie St Ringwood, 9870 6766

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The amounts are:
$200 for a Bendigo home loan greater than $110,000
$100 for a Bendigo home loan less than $110,000

$50 for a Bendigo equipment finance loan
$50 for a Bendigo personal loan
Heathmont branch: 9870 6654
East Ringwood branch: 9870 3655

Ringwood Church of Christ presents…
A Puppet Christmas Extravaganza featuring the talents of Ringwood Youth Puppeteers.
Thursday 18th December 2014
6pm – 7.30pm
13 Bedford Rd Ringwood

Includes a sausage sizzle, carol singing and much more.

Gold coin donation for the sausage sizzle. RSVP to the church office ph 9870 8169 or email: office@ringwoodchurch.org.au for catering purposes.