From the Principal:
Parents and staff were thrilled by the outstanding performances given by our junior instrumental students at Tuesday night’s Junior Instrumental Soiree. The Brian Allen Hall was filled to capacity and the packed audience responded enthusiastically to every performance.

The evening opened with several items by the Junior Orchestra and finished with one of several rousing drum solos performed on the night. Students strutted their stuff, also performing on piano, keyboard, guitar, flute, saxophone and trumpet!

Next Tuesday will see our second Instrumental Soiree with our senior students showing off their talents.

Our School Philosophy:
Parents are invited to have their say on our new school philosophy, before it is adopted by School Council at our December meeting.

The draft Philosophy Statement is included in this newsletter and may be found under the “Policies” tab on our school website.

Any feedback should be in writing addressed to the principal before COB on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Election Day BBQ:
Come to Great Ryrie on Saturday to vote in the State Election and treat yourself to a ‘barista style’ coffee, BBQ Breaky or lunch, an “old style” Cake Stall and our “Trash’n’Treasure Market” in the Big Shed.

All proceeds will go to improved facilities and equipment for our students to benefit from in 2015!
Monday Assemblies
Last Monday we held our final Aussie Of The Month Assembly for 2015, where we were treated to a spectacular performance by two of our dance groups as well as a demonstration by our Cheer Leading Club!
Next Monday will be an outdoor assembly in the quadrangle, weather permitting! This will be followed by a parent information session and chat with the Principal over a cuppa, in the staffroom!
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 students have been so busy learning about money. They know the amounts and the colours of the different notes. This week they have been very busy designing signage, items to sell and opening their own shops!
The children have been learning to write letters. We have written to people who are responsible in our community and maybe even sent letters to a man with a beard at the North Pole…
The students have kept focussing on how they can be kind and caring friends and have really enjoyed the friendship rotations.
The children really enjoyed their visit to the Grade One –Two area and are very excited about the end of year concert coming up. We might even practise our song at home to show our families!
Lily Moroney in Years 1&2
Excursion notices were due Tuesday 25 November for our walk to Hoyts Eastland to see ‘Maya The Bee’ on Tuesday 2 December. The viewing of this movie is part of the Years 1&2 literacy program (viewing a media text) and there will be follow up responses. Please make sure your child is wearing correct uniform on our excursion as well as a hat (and coat if needed).
In Spelling we are investigating the ‘or / aw’ sound and in Maths we have been practising our counting and looking at lines of symmetry.
Ethan Newnham in Years 3&4
The Years 3 and 4 students have been having fun looking at more suffixes and the rules of adding them to other words.
In Maths, some students have looked at adding fractions, while others are looking at equivalent fractions.
In the Integrated Unit, the students have done a fantastic job investigating, researching and writing about their chosen ‘raising awareness’ area.
All students have enjoyed their first transition session, as the Year 4 students experienced a taste of Year 5 and 6 rotations, while the Year 3 students had some wonderful help from the Year 6 students in their classrooms.
Jasmine Lacy in Years 5&6
This week at Years 5&6 the students are learning about the suffix ‘ly’ and how it relates to adverbs. In writing the students are almost finished their exposition ‘Should We Explore Space’. In speaking and listening the students will be presenting their homework open-ended task on ‘Election Time’.
In Maths the students are collecting data on Planetary Size and Distance Comparison for their portfolio task.
This Tuesday the Year 5’s look forward to working with the Year 4’s as the two cohorts join together for transition activities. On Thursday the Year 5 and Year 6 girls will be participating in a social development program called ‘M Power N Girlz’ facilitated by Ms Jacobs. On Friday sport rotations continue.
Book With Camp Australia for OSHC!
As you will be aware Out of School Hours Care in 2015 will be provided by Camp Australia.
To book in for vacation care over the summer break, phone Camp Australia on 1300 105 343 or go to their website www.campaustralia.com.au
Registration is free with an annual enrolment fee of $20 payable per family upon first use of the service.
It is our policy to have all families registered just in case there is ever a need for emergency care after school, such as in the even that parents can’t collect their children from school as planned, which sometimes does happen.
Vacation care commences on January 12, 2015 and runs from 7:00am to 6:15pm weekdays.
Before and After School Care will commence on January 30, 2015 and will run between 7:00-8:45am and 3:30-6:15pm on school days, starting as low as $5.71 with the full Child Care Benefit.
Have Your Say!
Parents are invited to have their say on our draft school philosophy, before it is adopted by School Council.
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**DRAFT School Philosophy:**
At Great Ryrie we strive to develop our students physically, socially, emotionally, academically and to enhance their natural talents and abilities. We get to know our students, we build positive relationships and we tailor their learning to their individual needs. We develop an Individual Learning Plan which is negotiated between the teacher, parent and student, providing direction for teaching and learning. Our teaching and learning is focused on making our students literate and numerate and also on encouraging a curiosity to make sense of their world through real life inquiry learning.

**Vision:**
At Great Ryrie we will provide a supportive and engaging learning environment that equips students to constructively contribute to an ever changing world.

**Mission:**
Our school is committed to students’ becoming ‘Literate, Numerate and Curious’ and valued members of society.

We do this by:
- Living our school values and using them to guide our daily lives
- Caring for others, valuing difference and treating everyone with dignity
- Providing a personalised and student-centred approach to learning
- Implementing a broad range of curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities
- Focusing on continuous improvement and shared accountabilities
- Developing partnerships with our community
- Encouraging personal and community health
- Maintaining attractive and welcoming grounds and facilities.

Positive relationships underpin all that we do using a Restorative Practices model to promote positive attitudes towards ourselves and others. Our school values are Collaboration, Respect, Responsibility, Learning Understanding and Acceptance, Honesty and Integrity, Individuality and a Positive Attitude which promote learning and a happy community.

Our school programs will support and promote the principles and practices of Australian democracy including a commitment to:
- An elected government
- The rule of law
- Equal rights for all before the law.
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of speech and association
- The values of openness and tolerance.

**Enactment of School Philosophy**
Our philosophy is embedded in every day practice through differentiating the curriculum in planning and the classroom and developing Individual Learning Plans for each student. We provide a variety of programs to cater for individual students such as Chaplaincy, Refugee Transition and EAL, Kids’ Hope, Student Support Services, Reading Recovery, Extension in all areas including Physical Education, Indonesian, Performing and Visual Arts.

It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that all work and processes are in line with the school’s vision, values and beliefs. It is the role of all school leaders to model the philosophy.

Regular evaluation processes will be in place to measure performance in all areas of the school with respect to the implementation of the vision and values of the school.

**‘M Power N Girlz’ Program**
Great Ryrie Primary School is running a social relationship’s program called, ‘M Power N Girlz’. This program helps girls understand the roles that they have assigned to them or that they choose in their social group. This year, the program is running over one day, facilitated by Sharon Jacobs. The ‘M Power N Girlz’ program has been created to empower girls in solving friendship disputes and to build resilience and self esteem. The girls taking part in the program are then looked upon to model the skills to other students and therefore be a positive role model. We are offering this program to all Grade 5 and Grade 6 girls on Thursday 27th November from 9.00 am – 12 noon for the Year 5 Girls and 12 noon – 3.15 pm for the Year 6 Girls in Room 19 of the Annex.

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**Years 5&6 Luna Park Excursion**

Notice 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.

**School Term Dates 2015**

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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!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUSSIE OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2014

Amelia Sutherland

This Aussie of the Month is a Grade 1 student whose smile and enthusiasm for life brightens our class everyday. She is a cooperative team member who is always willing to include others and demonstrates excellent work habits. She is always striving to do her best and her dedication to learning is an inspiration to others! She is a polite, kind girl who is always respectful to her peers and her teachers. She demonstrates fantastic resilience skills and upholds our school values in every way. She is a highly valued member of our class and 12N is proud of her!

JSC and House Captain News

On Friday 5th December between 11.10 am—12.30 pm, the whole school will be involved in the Walk-a-thon. The aim is to walk around the school on a designated track as many times as you can. The purpose of the Walk-a-thon is to raise much needed money for the State School’s Relief Committee. This honourable charity supports families in need of funds to buy school uniforms, school books and school shoes. A notice has gone home asking for each student/family to seek sponsors. On this day all students are encouraged to wear house colours, school hat, walking shoes and a drink bottle. Parents/guardians are also invited to walk with their child/children. Please contact Ms. Jacobs with any queries.

THANK YOU – FROM ZOE NEALE

Thank you to everyone who brought along a gold coin donation last Friday to help me to get to Nationals. A big thanks to Mr Henson for organising the netball game. Thank you Mr Elliot and all the teachers for letting the students come outside during class time to watch the game. Thanks to the grade 6 boys and girls who played the game. It’s great to be at a school that has given me so much support in my athletics! I’m looking forward to competing in the 100m sprint, 4 x 100m relay, long jump and 8 x 100m mixed relay in Tasmania this week end.

Zoe Neale

CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
24 November 2014

FDG Mia Harrington
FDJ Ashleigh Ball
FDO Hunter Settle
FDS Rachael Bowers
12A Brandon Sharp - Butterworth
12G Lun Pi
12H Tess Morton
12N Ruth Zaa Thang
12S Harrison Ashton
12W Molly Humphrey
34B Ned Scotto
34J Alicia Recinos, Shiku Kabanya
34K Whole class
34M Joseph Shobbrook, Heath Murphy, Kiana Bongers, Veinsa Tuikolovath
34R Jayden Stephens
34W Aaron Hook
56A Estee Fifita
56E Deih No Hatzaw
56F Ben Pietz
56J Callum Rigg
56K David Xia
56M Brooke Mullenger, Jack Stelfox
Performing Arts Baldeep Singh, Cooper Carpani-Hines
Visual Arts Nikita Walker, Aya Nahas
Indonesian Dylan Berringham, Raya Avaryon
PE Taiah Upson, Lawson Thomas

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 56K 87%
Years 3&4 34W 83%
Years 1&2 12W 86%
Foundation FDG 88%

KNOX CITY COUNCIL invites you to the Knox Carols, the biggest night on the Knox Calendar Starring Katie Noonan, Fatai V, Daniel Kelaart and Emma Pask together with the Australian Navy Band. It promises to be a fantastic night! Saturday 6 December
Wally Tew Reserve, off Brennock Park Drive
For details contact Knox Council on 9298 8000 or at knox.vic.gov.au
Fundraising
Election Day
We need lots of helpers at the barbeque, cake stall and Trash ‘n’ Treasure Stall on Election day, Saturday 29 November. If you have not returned your form please do so or let the office know of your availability on 9870 6098.

Twilight Market
Hope to see you at our annual Twilight Market. It will be a great night of shopping.

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
Beauty on Ryrie www.beautyonryrie.com.au,
Healthybake Bakery, Lilydale
www.healthybake.com.au
Maroondah Leisure Facilities
www.maroondahleisure.com.au
Noel Jones Blackburn
Camp Australia www.campaustralia.com.au
Michael Sukkar, MP www.michaelsukkar.com.au
Temptation Bakeries temptation.com.au
Priceline Pharmacy, Heathmont
www.priceline.com.au

Heathmont Farmers Market www.rfm.net.au
Active Feet www.activefeet.com.au
Studio Glo Personal Training www.studioglo.com.au
Lunar Drive In www.lunardrivein.com.au
All Smiles Restaurant, Sorrento
www.allsmiles.com.au
Myuna Farm www.facebook.com/MyunaFarm
Canopy Outdoor www.canopyoutdoor.com.au
Ringwood Redbacks FC www.ringwoodfc.com.au
Amazing Transformations www.amazingtransformations.com.au
Andrea’s A.C.E. Driving Academy
www.andreasacedrivigacademy.biz
Olivigna www.olivigna.com.au
Alba Day Spa albadayspa.com.au
Triple ACE Tennis Coaching
www.tripleacetennis.com
Heathmont Meat & Poultry
www.facebook.com/pages/Heathmont-Meat-Poultry/331971497440
Heathmont Hairdressing
Pet Stock www.petstock.com.au
Bouffant Hair Design
www.bouffanthairdesign.com.au
Heathmont Flowers
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Anton’s Fresh Grocery
www.facebook.com/AntonsFreshGrocery
Chinese Museum www.chinesemuseum.com.au
The Head Shed, Heathmont
Heathmont Newsagency
PCC Herbs www.ppcherts.com.au
Barclay’s Café www.barclayscafe.com.au
Crumbles Bakehouse, Heathmont
CRK Ladies Wear, Heathmont
Pancake Parlour, Eastland
www.pancakeparlour.com
Woody’s Bakehouse
www.facebook.com/pages/Woodys-Heathmont-Bakehouse/392593397502481
Dan Murphy’s www.danmurphys.com.au
Maroondah Printing
www.maroondahprinting.com.au
Eastern Electronics, Ringwood
Aussie Farmers www.aussiefarmers.com.au
Heathmont Jets FC www.heathmontjets.com
Arty Party www.facebook.com/pages/Heathmont-Arty-Party
Directfresh Meat Supply, Bayswater
Twocan Print twocanprint.com.au
PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental Soirees

Congratulations to the 60 students and Junior Orchestra who performed in our first Soiree last Tuesday evening. It was a very entertaining night and it was fantastic to see the students have the confidence and ability to perform on their own in front of an audience. Over recent years it is very noticeable that the ability and skills of the instrumental students in our instrumental program has increased and strengthened. This was also evident in the strong performance given by the Junior Orchestra. Next week we will have our second Soiree on Tuesday 2nd December (this includes a performance by the Senior Orchestra); 6.30 pm in the Brian Allen Hall. If you haven’t returned your attendance forms please do so asap.

Many thanks go to our team of very talented and dedicated instrumental teachers: Viv McPherson (woodwind and piano), Carolyn Bialecki (piano), Marianne Ryan (guitar), Hannah Galbraith (violin), John Milton (drums/percussion) and Tim Folliot (brass, bass guitar, keyboard).

Enrolment forms for the instrumental program in 2015 will be available from Monday 8th December. Placements into the program will be given in order of forms received.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to one of our violin students, Lily Rogers in 1/2A, who recently passed her violin AMEB Preliminary exam with an A+. Well done Lily! This is a fantastic achievement.

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. Please refer to the flyer enclosed for further details.

Helen Francis and Peta Murray

OSH Club

Weekly News

This week we will be doing some cooking with the children, making some tasty treats that they can take home. As we have for most of the term we have Active After School Care on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday night we will have tennis and Thursday night we have basketball. It is a great opportunity for the children to get involved and learn new sports.

Hats and Sunscreen

Please remind your 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.

Farewell

As most of the community knows OSHClub will finish up at the end of this year at Great Ryrie Primary School. We are very sad to say goodbye to the children, families and staff that we have formed relationships with. We wish you all the best over your Christmas break and in the New Year.

On Friday 12th December at After School Care we will be hosting a farewell. All families that have used the program over the years are welcome to come along and say goodbye. We will be putting on an afternoon tea for parents and children. We would love to see you there.

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.

Ringwood Church of Christ presents…

A Puppet Christmas Extravaganza featuring the talents of Ringwood Youth Puppeteers.

The Amazing Drumming Monkeys

Meet Bongo and Congo, the cheeky monkey puppets!

Bongo and Congo love playing African drums and want you to dance and sing along with them. They may even do a magic trick or two.

Celebrate a decade of monkey puppet drumming magic, at this unique and delightful variety show. Join in the fun at Karralyka this summer!

Recommended for children aged 1 – 7 (and big kids too).

For all children and their families.

Friday 16 January – 10.00am & 12.00pm

All Tickets $15.00

Please keep this date

for further details.

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in their classrooms.

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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.
Chaplain’s Spot Term 4 Week 8 2014

What will I do for our kids’ future?

There is no more important role than being a parent. However, there is probably no tougher role. As I spend time with both children and parents, working through what it means to be a family, I hear about very challenging situations, and I also hear some very helpful comments. Sometimes I hear frustrations about the amount of time that parents and kids get to spend with each other. Some talk about ‘quality’ time, making the most of a small amount of time. Sometimes children say their parent ‘is always on the phone or computer, playing games or on the internet’, or they don't get much time with them. Parents could easily say the same about their kids. Also, the financial stress on families is huge, causing us to often lose out on important things, like relationships.

When I was young, my Dad spent a lot more time with others than us, which meant our relationship wasn't so good, until later in life when we had a strong reconnection, which stayed until his death 20 years ago. From then on, I was determined to spend time with our kids, to be a good Dad [no-one is perfect].

A Mum recently told me that a life event reminded her of the need to ‘get back to the basics’. That was one of those ‘ah-ha!’ moments, which change our lives for the better. So -- what messages am I sending my children when the computer gets more time from me than they do, or when we watch TV in different rooms instead of together, or when I don't make time to hang out with them? It’s not too late to change? Here is a poem on this subject.

If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again - © Diana Loomans

If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields, and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging, and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.
It matters not whether my child is big or small,
From this day forth, I'll cherish it all.

From 100 Ways to Build Self-Esteem & Teach Values by Diana Loomans (c) 2004 New World Library

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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.]