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From the Principal:

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the 2014 school year.
Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for their enthusiastic support of our school and our programs throughout the year.
This year has seen many changes, particularly in staffing, as some of our teachers have moved on to retirement, while others have commenced their own families by bringing new children into our world!
In times of world-wide concerns in relation to extremes in weather conditions, pandemic, conflict and even the recent news related to terrorism, so close to home, it is heartening to share in the optimism of our staff, our families and certainly our children.
2015 already promises to be another year of change but also a year of consolidation and of ongoing improvement for Great Ryrie.

Diary Dates

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At our final school council meeting for this year, on Tuesday night, we endorsed our new school strategic plan, which has the following four goals:
• To increase growth in student learning,
• To increase student engagement in their learning,
• To empower all members of the school community in strengthening an inclusive, safe and supportive school and learning environment,
• To improve the processes, procedures and practices that enhance student learning, through consolidating whole school strategies.

As you can see, our students are very much at the core of everything we do. Their wellbeing, their engagement, their community, their environment and their learning combine to clarify our focus and purpose as a school.
I am certainly looking forward to what 2015 may bring. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to working with you in the coming year!

Final Assembly:
The 2014 school year ends tomorrow Friday, December 19. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 1:30pm!
Our final assembly will be held in the quadrangle at 9am.
At this assembly, as well as celebrating our Year 6 graduates, we will announce the recipient of the
Bendigo Bank Citizenship Award, to a student from years 1-5, who has demonstrated outstanding citizenship during 2014.

In 2015, school commences for students at 8:55am on Friday, January 30!

A Few Fond Farewells:
As you know Mrs Nicoll will be taking most of 2015 on long service leave. She will be greatly missed throughout this time and we wish her all the best for her upcoming break.

We also will be saying goodbye to our OSHClub Team, who have worked so hard to provide quality ‘before and after school care’ to so many of our students throughout this year.

Some families are leaving our community and moving on to other schools. We wish all of those who leave us at the end of this year, all the very best for what the future holds in store!

Significantly, we bid farewell to our Year 6 graduates! Exciting times lay ahead for all of these children and we look forward to hearing about their start at secondary school, in the coming months.

Wishing you a safe and happy festive season.

Doug Elliott
Principal
“Every Child, Every Opportunity, Everyday… Everyone’s Responsibility!”

On Monday when we went to the Shrine and went to wreath laying ceremony and we got a picture with two of the soldiers. We were told some amazing stories. Liam Finkbeiner

On Monday 15th December, Sam, Liam, Mr & Mrs Nicoll and I went to the Shrine of Remembrance for a special service. We attended the service in the sanctuary. The room where the light comes through the roof on 11th November at 11.00am on the word ‘LOVE’. We were very honoured and privileged to lay a wreath. The three of us laid the wreathe down with respect. We met some of the soldiers who fought. They had medals pinned to their suits, looking very professional. We all put our hand to our heart and remembered; remembering the people who sacrificed their lives for us. We learnt many facts about the war that touched our hearts. Lest we Forget. Stephanie Kewley

From the Assistant Principal
Before embarking on my Long Service Leave I would like to thank all the students and parents that I have had the privilege of working with. Great Ryrie is an ever evolving school environment and has seen many positive changes over the last decade to enhance the students’ and their learning. The staff are a very dedicated team and it is a cooperative and caring workplace and community. I wish everyone all the best for a productive 2015. Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Barb Nicoll

School Captains Reports:
Ethan N, Jasmine L, Ethan M and Lily M:

Ethan Mulligan in Foundation

The Foundation students have had a very busy week and are very excited about Christmas and the holidays, and now there are only 5 days left of school!

They have been creating Christmas cards and decorations and are enjoying decorating their classroom.

The Foundation students gave an AMAZING performance at the End of Year concert and had a fantastic time, showing great sportsmanship at the Foundation to Two Athletics Day.

They are so excited about visiting their new Years 1&2 class on Tuesday and the excursion to Lilydale Lake on Thursday. Have a great last week at school Foundation and good luck next year in Year 1.

Lily Moroney in Years 1&2

All the Years 1&2 students have had a great year and are looking forward to their well earned holiday break and progressing into their new classes next year. We wish ‘all the very best’ to any students starting 2015 in a new school too.

Thursday is ‘Party Day’ and all children in Year 1&2 are asked to bring a named plate and cup as well as a plate of food to share. We will be playing Tabloid Sports in the morning with the Years 3&4s, then our party lunch followed by a fun ‘movie’ afternoon.

We look forward to the special concert Tuesday afternoon of our Performing Arts students.

Year 1&2 would like to also wish all the Year 6 students the very best as they move on to secondary school and thanks to Lily for presenting our reports each week.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday – see you next year!

Ethan Newnham in Years 3&4

The Years 3&4 students have been finishing their unit on poetry, and choosing their favourite piece for display in their portfolio.
In Maths, the students have had a fantastic time designing their very own theme parks, to showcase their area and perimeter knowledge. The Years 3&4 Students are also looking forward to their end of year disco party, as well as meeting their new class teacher and classmates on Tuesday. Well done Years 3&4 Students on a fantastic year of learning!

**Jasmine Lacy in Years 5&6**

It has been a very busy lead up to the end of the term. Congratulations to the Yeara 5&6 Year 6 girls for their participation and involvement in the ‘M Power N Girlz’ program. Congratulations to all Year 6’s for their enthusiasm during the Transition Workshop and finally congratulations to the Years 5&6 boys who were trained in the art of communication, co-operation and team skills. Thank you to Miss Francis for an amazing end of year concert, it was wonderful to see the level of involvement and enjoyment by our Years 5&6 students.

This week the Year 6’s will be preparing for their Graduation on Wednesday evening. On Thursday 15 Years 5&6’s are commuting to Luna Park for a day of thrill rides. Well done to all the Years 5&6 students for a great year of learning. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

**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 Lachlan Nuttall (34M) who received his Green Belt last weekend!

**LIBRARY**

Stocktake is completed! If you have books at home could they be returned as soon as possible please. **OVERDUE NOTICES**

Overdue notices have been issued, if the books cannot be found there is a replacement cost, could you please pay at the office, thank-you.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

15 December 2014

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Indonesian – Kiran Singh, Orlaith Keenan

Visual Arts – Hayley MacDonald, Grace Dashwood

**Fundraising**

Much has been achieved this year by many but some have put in so much. The Fete Committee did an outstanding job throughout the year and we are now very close to a final figure of $21 000. The Election Day Barbeque is running at a profit of $2696.64. The Twilight Market raised over $2300 which is a fantastic effort. The End of Year Concert made $1150.

Overall this year we raised a total of $38250. An enormous thank you to all the parents and extended family that have helped with all our activities throughout the year. This money now enables the school to purchase resources that have been determined by the school community and are on the Priority List.

Have a wonderful and restful time over the holidays!

**PERFORMING ARTS CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to all students in our school for their efforts and contributions that they have given to Performing Arts this year. It has been another fantastic year in Performing Arts with many opportunities for performances including State Schools Spectacular, Great Ryrie Fete, Instrumental Soirees, End of Year Concert, Great Ryrie’s Got Talent, Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and various assembly performances. Our students have many talents and they have demonstrated them through their enthusiastic participation in choirs, orchestras, dance groups, cheerleading group, solo performances as well as in their weekly Performing Arts lessons.

Finally, we congratulate one of our Year 6 students, Flynn Stelfox, on attaining the Performing Art scholarship at Ringwood Secondary College. Flynn has featured in many performances and Performing Arts groups in his time at Great Ryrie P.S. and is very deserving of this award. Well done Flynn!

**Instrumental Program**

Enrolments for the instrumental program in 2015 are now available from the office. Placements into the program will be given in order of forms received. Please return these forms as soon as possible to avoid disappointment and missing out on a position in our instrumental program.

**Production 2015**

We are very excited to announce the dates for our Production in 2015. The 2 evenings that have
been booked at George Woods Performing Arts Centre are Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th August. Please keep these dates free and mark them on your 2015 calendars now. We will announce the title and theme of our Production in Term 1 next year. Watch this space!!
Helen Francis and Peta Murray

Last Day of School
The last day of school this year is Friday 19th December, this Friday. School finishes at 1:30pm. OSHClub will be open from 1:30. If your children are attending we ask that you please provide them with lunch as normal. We will have a lunch break and then afternoon tea as normal.

Farewell
Thank you to all the parents and families that attended our farewell party last Friday. It was great to chat with all of you and we really appreciate your support.

Goodbye Great Ryrie!
Goodbye Great Ryrie it has been a great experience working here this year. We will miss the families, children and staff here. We have been made so welcome by so many of you, it is a shame that we are leaving after forming these close relationships. Maybe our paths will cross again, until then thank you for welcoming us into your community and we wish you all the best in your future adventures 😊

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Chaplain’s Spot Term 4 Week 11 2014
“These are the things I learned (in Kindergarten):

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don’t hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don’t take things that aren’t yours.
7. Say you’re SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some, drink some, draw some, paint some, sing, dance, play and work every day some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.”
— Robert Fulghum, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

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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