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From the Principal:
We are so proud of all our students, who have made a fantastic start to the school year and show every day how well they embody our school values.
Many children are already trying out to represent our school in the upcoming swimming competitions and Year 6 students are preparing their applications for leadership positions.
On March 13 our new School Captains will be joining school captains from neighboring schools at the Halogen Student Leaders Conference in Melbourne, courtesy of the Bendigo Bank, Ringwood East and Heathmont Branches.

Our Volunteers Make Us!:
Our volunteer helpers make us the great school that we are! If it wasn’t for the many hours of volunteer work contributed by staff, parents and friends in our community, we wouldn’t be able to offer the many fantastic programs and resources that we do!
As well as volunteering in the classroom and at excursions, three areas in which we particularly need your help and support are in the areas of Fundraising, Working Bees and School Council.
If you can help out in any of these areas, whether on a committee or as a ‘soldier in the field’, please pass on your contact details to our office.
We encourage as many people as possible to come along to a committee meeting to find out how things work!
School Council Sub-Committees:
Please note the corrected times for the following meetings. Please feel free to come along to observe or join one of these groups.

Facilities: Tuesday, 17 February at 5:15pm in the Staff Room
Policy & Planning: Tuesday, 17 February at 6:30pm in the Staff Room
Fundraising: Tuesday, 17 February at 7:30pm in the Staff Room
School Council: Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30 in the Staff Room
Chaplaincy (AGM): Wednesday, 25 February at 7:00pm in the Staff Room.

School Council Election:
As per our website and the notice sent home last week, nominations for the 2015-16 term on School Council close today, Thursday, February 12, at 4pm. Parents can self-nominate, using the form available at the office.
The newly elected School Council will meet for training and to elect office bearers on March 10, 2015.

Monday Assembly:
Our assembly last Monday was held in the Brian Allen Hall, as we have been pestered by European Wasps visiting our drinking taps and didn’t want to risk toddlers in the quadrangle for a half an hour assembly.
Parents are asked to make sure that their children bring a water bottle to school rather than use our drinking taps, until we locate and destroy the wasp nest.
There will be no assembly next week as this will be our first Connections Groups meeting for 2015.
Information about our Connections program can be found on our website under Wellbeing!

Connections:
Connections are like links in a chain, Bonding us all together,
It puts a smile on kids' faces,
It shows enjoyment of their group,
We learn things about each other,
That we never knew before,
Connections are like building bridges,
And meeting new people on the way,
Creating new friendships,

And finding things in common,
It's being able to say hi to other kids,
Out in the yard,
Getting to know lots of others,
From all different levels.
Having others to talk to,
If something goes wrong,
Connections is important,
A positive step in the future for Great Ryrie.

Written by Chaniece Silvester and Steph Roberts, who were students at Great Ryrie when we first established our Connections Program.

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

From the Office
Reminder: If you wish to pay for your child’s incursions/excursions for the year the activity charge MUST be paid by Friday 27th February or an approved instalment plan is in place.
Do you wish to pay your school fees by credit card instalments over the year?
Please complete the Payment Option Form distributed with your school charges information and submit to the office prior to Friday 20th February.
Monthly instalments start Friday 20th February
Quarterly instalments start Friday 27th February
If you wish to pay your school fees by BPAY, use the Biller Code and unique reference number detailed on your family statement. Please send the remittance advice to the office indicating what you have paid via BPAY.

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!!

School Banking with Bendigo Bank
Wednesday is School Banking day. If your child has a Bendigo Bank account and you would like to encourage regular banking, send the book and money to the office on Wednesday mornings. Books will be returned to the children on Thursdays. If you would like to open an account call at the office for an application form.

Library
The school library is up and running and the children are already busy borrowing from the school library.
Foundation students borrow 1 book for 1 week
Grade 12 students borrow 2 books for 2 weeks
Grade 34 students borrow 3 books for 2 weeks
Grade 56 students borrow 3 books for 2 weeks
Every child should have a Library Bag to protect the books as they travel to and from school.
Happy reading!

Book Club
Our school participates in the Scholastic Book Club. Each term one or two brochures will be sent home
with a different selection of books offered. You will find books that span a wide range of children’s reading level and interests, award winning books, new and old favourites at reasonable prices (some books cost $2). The brochures have been distributed to the grades and all orders and payment are due back no later than next MONDAY 16th February.

Please follow payment instructions on the back of the form. There are now 4 possible ways to order. Credit Card Using LOOP– Our school has opted-in to LOOP a new way for parents to order and pay by credit card directly online, visit: Scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app!

No need to fill in the order form or send anything back to school, your orders must be placed online by the date above, if not, you will have to enter your home address and the items will be posted to your address. There will be an additional fee for postage and handling.

Pay by credit card by phone or online: Scholastic.com.au/payments

Automated FREE call 1800 557 908

If paying by the above methods please return to school by due date with the completed order forms which should also have an 11-digit receipt number filled in.

CASH – If paying by cash, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.

CHEQUE – If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia, attach to completed order form and return to school.

If you have any questions please contact Mardi Pechar, Book Club Co-Ordinator at Great Ryrie Primary School, between 3-4pm on 9870 6098.

Thank you for your time.

PERFORMING ARTS 2015

There are still a large number of students who are not bringing their music equipment to Performing Arts sessions. Following is a list of equipment needed to run this program. Students will be required to bring this equipment to their Performing Arts lessons each week. These items are available through the school at a cheaper price than you would pay through retail outlets.

- Recorder - The one available through the school is the Yamaha descant recorder.
- Recorder Cleaner
- Recorder Book - The book that we will be using is called ‘Black Belt Recorder’ – Book 1.
- Music bag to keep recorder, sheet music and recorder book together.
- An A4 display folder - This will be used to keep additional photocopied music.

(This is the only item not available at school)

ENROLMENT FOR INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrolment forms for learning an instrument at school during 2015 are still available from the office. However, there are now very few vacancies and we have a waiting list for most instruments. The following instruments have limited vacancies now:

- Bass Guitar
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- 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 refundable $60.00 bond. Asterixed (*) instruments only. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries regarding your child and the Performing Arts Program.

Helen Francis and Peta Murray

LANGUAGES-INDONESIAN

Selamat datang ke Bahasa Indonesia. (Welcome to the Indonesian language). Nama saya Chris Breen. (My name is Chris Breen). I teach Indonesian throughout the whole school.

I plan songs, stories, games, cultural activities, bookwork, role-plays, computer, IWB, i-pad, guests, incursions, excursions, buddy lessons and a whole lot more in my lessons.

I encourage individual, partner and group work to help each other learn.

The main topic for term 1 is ‘Keluarga’ (Family) for the FD and Years 1 and 2 students. Foundation students will also look at colours, greetings, objects and numbers to 5. Year 1 and 2 students will look at speaking and writing short sentences. The topic for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is ‘Pekerjaan’ (Occupations). Year 3 and 4 students will extend their vocabulary to include question and answers. Year 5 and 6 students will revise all the language from Foundation to Year 4, and include more complex language.

Intercultural Language Learning means teaching a language through culture, and an appreciation of the similarities and differences to their own. Therefore you will hear the students talking about puppets, masks, dances, costumes, kites and other important cultural aspects of Indonesia.

I also organise some activities for Cultural Diversity Week in the week 16th-23rd March. The focus this year will be fairy tales from around the world. Harmony day is on Saturday 21st March but we will celebrate it on Friday 20th.

Chaplain’s Spot Term 1 Week 2 2015

Thank you

Melannie Svoboda wrote this alphabet prayer. I really enjoy being creative about expressing things. After her version, is mine.

Thank you [God] for

Apples, bluebirds, cinnamon, diversity, eggs, friendship, generosity, healing, ice cream, jokes, kisses, learning, music, neurons, oceans, popcorn, questions, rain, starts, technology, unicorns, valentines, warmth, x-rays, yearnings and zippers.

This is mine for today:

Thank you [God] for
Alphabets, Bonnie [my wife], cuddles, dancing, Ezra [our grandson], funny faces, God, Hi-5's, ice, jaffas, kangaroos, lion, meercats, Natalie [our daughter], open minds, Paul [our son], quizzes, rest, Sam [our son], time, umbrellas, Volkswagen [beetles], water, xylophones, you and zest.

What would be your alphabetical thanks list?

Feel free to email me or contact me at school if you would like to talk with me, on family, individual or other issues.

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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**BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK** (Heathmont & East Ringwood Branches) sponsor our school and along with Student Banking donate the following amounts for services taken out.
The amounts are
$400 for a Bendigo home loan greater than $250,000
$200 for a Bendigo home loan less than $250,000
$50 for a Bendigo equipment finance loan
$50 for a Bendigo personal loan
$20 for a Bendigo credit card

Heathmont branch: 9870 6654
East Ringwood branch: 9870 3655

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Make Friends, Have Fun, Learn new Skills and Leadership
Make a difference in your Community
Expressions of interest welcomed for a new group of Girl Guides and Girl Guide Leaders in the Croydon/Ringwood Area.
For more information about Guiding in Croydon/Ringwood

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Contact Jan McMenamin P: 0405 955917, E: jmcmenamin@guidesvic.org.au www.guidesvic.org.au

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**COME AND TRY FREE LESSON**

Dates Available:
Tuesday 17th, 24th February
Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March

Ringwood Catholic Tennis Club, Great Ryrie Street, Ringwood

5:00pm-5:30pm

Please book your spot in the class with Head Assistant Coach Jake Mutton on 0438 306 686

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**O’Connor School of Irish Dancing**

Irish Dance is an important part of Irish culture that is enjoyed around the world by people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds. At the O’Connor School, dancers can learn the unique art of Irish Dance, make new friends and gain confidence in a fun and friendly environment. We offer opportunities for students to perform at school fetes, nursing homes, multi-cultural festivals, and more, as well as local, national and international competitions.

Classes for new beginners commence on Tuesday 10th February.

First Term fees HALF PRICE for new beginners

**VENUE:**
Aspect Motion Studio
8/21 Power Rd., Bayswater

**ENQUIRIES:**
Email: irishdance@aurirince.com
Phone: 0412 543 130 (Mary)

**TEACHERS:**
Mary Grantham (ADCRG)
Tracy Coutts (TCRG) Gabrielle Lowe (TMRF)

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