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# NEWSLETTER

## NOTICES SENT OUT SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

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.

11 February	Junior & Senior Choir notices	Interested students
12 February	Class notice	2J & 2R families
13 February	Notice about Chocolate Drive	All families
13 February	District Swimming Carnival	Level 3 & 4 students
13 February	Competitions	Level 3 & 4 students

### **Are you entitled to receive EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)?**

Parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card. Application forms are available from the office and MUST be completed by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Friday 20	Year 6 Sport vs Croydon Hills
Monday 23	Aussie of the Month
<b>Wednesday 25</b>	<b>7.15pm Prep Parent Info Night</b>
Friday 27	CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY Year 6 Sport vs Warranwood

### **From the Principal**

#### **Farewell to Mr. Petersen:**

Many of you will be aware that Colin Petersen has been on various forms of leave for most of the past two years. Colin has decided to retire from the teaching service and yesterday was his last day with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Mr. Petersen has been a teacher for over thirty years and the last ten have been with Great Ryrie. We will all miss him greatly and wish him all the best for his retirement!

**School Council Elections** Congratulations to Andrew Hastas, Barb Nicoll and Ryan Jacobs who were elected unopposed to the GRPS School Council for 2009 & 2010.

We have three casual vacancies for parent membership on School Council. Any parents who may be able to help our school by joining this group is asked to contact the office. No election is necessary as School Council co-opts members to fill casual vacancies. Your time and effort will be both highly valued and greatly appreciated.

Our thanks go to our three outgoing members of School Council. Lisette Pine and Bruce Anderson, who no longer have children at our school and Kerryn Gosbell, who has joined us on School Council as a parent member for 3 years now.

#### **The Greening of Great Ryrie Primary:**

School Council is considering setting up a new sub-committee to work in conjunction with but separate from the Facilities Committee. Facilities will continue to focus on school infrastructure while the Greening Committee will focus on developing and enhancing our planting across the school. If you are willing to help with either of these groups please contact the office to leave your name and contact details.

#### **Fete Options for 2009:**

Staff and parent groups have been discussing the options of holding a school fete in November 2009, as a major fundraiser. Given that this year is also a school production year, which requires a lot of effort by students, staff and parents, it has been suggested that we hold our fete every 2<sup>nd</sup> year alternating with school productions. Your thoughts on these matters would be welcome before School Council meets, to decide on a path of action, in early March.

#### **Parking on Great Ryrie Street:**

Council officers were out observing Great Ryrie St on Monday afternoon and noticed a number of cars double parked, and illegally parked at the front of the school. Parents are reminded not to park in 'no standing' zones, or double park next to other cars. Parking inspectors will be visiting this area more regularly over the next few weeks.

Parents are encouraged to park further afield and enjoy a healthy walk with their children each day, when dropping off or collecting children from school.

### **OSHClub:**

Quality Junior Programs who run our Out of School Hours Care (before and after school as well as holiday programs) have changed their name. They are now officially known as OSHClub

### **Bush Fire Appeal:**

Congratulations and thank you to all the students, parents and staff who supported our Casual Dress Friday last week, in aid of the Bush Fire Appeal. We raised over \$1,850 which will all go to the Red Cross Appeal, along with funds raised by schools all across Victoria.

As well as making a personal donation on Friday, our canteen manager Eunice has also donated all the money raised from Zooper Dooper sales over Monday and Tuesday this week.

Lucinda Murphy, who is one of our members of PFA (Parents and Friends Association), will also be holding an Enjo demonstration in the staffroom after our Aussie Of The Month Assembly next Monday. She will be donating proceeds to the Bush Fire Appeal.

Have a great weekend,  
Doug Elliott  
Principal



### **From Barb Nicoll**

#### **PFA**

Last meeting was our AGM and we thank the outgoing committee and congratulate our new office bearers.

President: Karen Beecher  
Vice President: Lucinda Murphy  
Treasurer: Rachael Clayden  
Secretary: Fiona Visser

#### **Fresh Fruit**

The government introduced the 'Go for Your Life' Free Fruit Friday program last year. This meant that all students in Prep to Year 2 were supplied with fresh fruit in their classrooms. We have been notified that this program is to continue this year. Each Tuesday Heathmont Fruit Supply delivers a box of fresh fruit for the students in these classes. Please encourage your child to bring along a piece of fruit each day in their lunch box as well. Happy eating!

#### **Baha'i**

Baha'i classes will soon resume at Great Ryrie. There is a brochure in this week's newsletter that outlines the program. Baha'i is an alternative program that we offer to CRE. CRE is conducted in classrooms whereas Baha'i is taken for all enrolled students in the Library. Baha'i session times are to be determined once we know how many students are interested but they may have to be in the lunch break. There is an insert in today's newsletter for further information. Please complete the permission form and return to the office or the class teacher if you would like your child to take part.

### **Level Reports by Our School Captains:**

**(David, Abbey, Zoe and Ellena)**

**David: In Level 4** last week, the teachers have been involved in testing and assessing the students. We have been focusing on the 'aw' sound in spelling and learning about place value in Maths. This week we also introduced the topic of 'Early Australia' and we started by exploring the concept, "What is history?"

**Ellena: In Level 3** this week, the students have been measuring with bodies, millimetres, centimetres and metres. They are still getting to know each other and this week they started L3 sport. They have also been learning about nouns and adjectives.

**Zoe: In Level 2** last week, the children started their handwriting with the letter 'a'. They have investigated the number 10 on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of school, which was last Friday. They also started planning their 'Me' investigation.

**Abbey: In Level 1**, the Preps have had a great week learning all about graphs and making graphs. The graphs they have made display when each student's birthdays is. They have continued testing and name games. Their teachers are trying to get them into a routine now and the children are doing a great job.

#### **PFA**

Welcome back everyone!

Thank you to everyone who has returned the forms indicating that they are willing to help the PFA in 2009.

We will be selling chocolates this term. Buy early for Easter and help Great Ryrie at the same time. Anyone who is interested in receiving minutes from PFA meetings are invited to email the school on [great.ryrie.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:great.ryrie.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) and this can be arranged.

Karen Beecher, President.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

#### **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS FOR 2009**

**will be:-**

**MONDAY 8.45AM – 10.00AM**

**FRIDAY 3.20PM – 4.00PM**

If you need to purchase items of uniform and cannot make it during these hours please fill in the order form, obtainable from the Office, and pay by either cash, cheque (made payable to Great Ryrie Primary School) or credit card/EFTPOS at the Office, and I will fill the order and send home with your child as soon as possible, depending on availability of stock.

### **SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS**

Thank-you to everyone that has sent along uniforms as Second-hand uniforms, please keep sending them as they are in great demand. As always please name your child's clothing. If it ends up in lost property (located outside Miss Kemke's room near the chess pieces) the items can be easily sorted and returned to your child.

Mardi Pechar

#### **Reminder**

To contact OSHC (Out of School Hours Care)  
please telephone them direct on:

**0418 571 136**

### Wanted – Large Roll of Carpet

Level 2 would love to hear from anyone who may be able to supply carpet for use during our PMP sessions. Ideally it would cover a large area and be able to be rolled away between sessions. Please contact Anne Frazer (Rm 6) or the office if you can help. Thank-you, Level 2 Team.

### Canteen

Some Canteen Price List amendments :

- 1) Potato cake @ 80c
  - 2) Frozen water melon wedges @ 40c
- Deletion:
- 3) Nutella sandwich NO longer available

## 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**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**16 February 2009**

1D	-	Finlay Wright
1J	-	Cooper McAuley
1M	-	Lacey Heveren
1S	-	Lily Anthony
2E	-	Henry Miles
2F	-	Ethan Newnham
2H	-	Ameerah Ahmed
2J	-	Declan Knee
2K	-	whole class
2M	-	whole class
2R	-	Taylor Blakemore
2T	-	Daniel Ho
3E	-	Jay Lindsay-Anderson
3G	-	Jessica Framic
3H	-	Kaity Wadley
3M	-	Darby Crisp
3N	-	Holly Mayne
3S	-	Sonia German
4F	-	Ally Vance
4J	-	Sophie Xu
4M	-	Chloe Huynh
L4 LOTE	-	Mei He (4F)
LOTE	-	Amber Landewee (3E)

Visual Arts – Keigan Dingey (2K) & Pyper Ross (2R)

- ☉ Congratulations to **Georgia Denham (4W)** and her family on the safe arrival of Gabrielle Charlotte, born on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is well and happy!
- ☉ Reminder to all parents and other adults who come to GRPS to help out in the classrooms that you must obtain a 'Working With Children Check' before starting. These checks can be applied for at larger post offices (eg. Eastland). Also, when you do come to school, for any reason, you must sign in at the front office.
- ☉ **CONGRATULATIONS GREAT RYRIE ....** On Friday, our 'Free Dress Day', we raised \$1848.30 towards the Red Cross Bush Fire Appeal. That was a fantastic effort!
- ☉ **THANKS to Eunice in the Canteen ...** \$59.50 was raised through the sale of zooper dopers on Monday and Tuesday. Profits will also be donated to the Red Cross Bush Fire Appeal.

- ☉ Thank you to **Sanja Assic (Lara in 2E's mum)** for kindly donating lots of strawberry plants to Great Ryrie. They will be looked after by the Level 4s and we look forward to enjoying some yummy strawberries soon.

### LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 1 has been placed on-line. Delivery should be approximately seven working days.

Thank-you for all your orders,  
Mardi Pechar



### **Instrumental and band program**

The instrumental program is now fully operating. All students who have returned an enrolment form should have had at least one lesson by the end of this week. If your child has not had a lesson please contact me asap.

**Tuition fees and instrumental hire fees are now due. Please ensure that these are paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February.**

There are an extremely large number of students who have enrolled in this program and most programs are fully booked. We do have a limited amount of vacancies with the following instruments:

- Violin (hire at the school unavailable)
- Guitar - all styles (hire at the school unavailable)

**We would like more students to learn the saxophone, trumpet and trombone. If you would like your child to learn one of these instruments we will endeavour to fit them into the program.**

Enrolment forms are available at the office.

Senior Band auditions are currently being conducted. Both Junior Band and Senior Band will commence next week. Eligible students will be contacted before these band sessions commence.

Regards, Helen Francis.

### **MOBILE PHONES: NO LONGER WANT YOURS???????**

**RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE. DON'T JUST THROW IT AWAY.**

**WE HAVE A BOX IN THE SCHOOL FOYER TO PLACE YOUR OLD, UNWANTED MOBILE PHONES INTO. PLEASE USE IT IF YOU NEED TO.**

### **Healesville Railway Show Models, Miniatures and the Real Things**

Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Croydon Model Railway Club and Yarra Valley Railway.**

- ◆ Heritage rides ◆ Work Shop tours ◆ Rolling stock on show
  - ◆ Steam Traction Engines ◆ Stationary engines
- ◆ Large array of model train layout ◆ Second hand stalls
  - ◆ U-Drive Thomas layout for the kids
- ◆ Four of Australia's major model manufactures

**More information call Paul on 0419 135 003**

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We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors.  
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**Century 21 UNLIMITED** Real Estate Agents, Ringwood East, offer a \$250 referral fee to members of the school community (*with a further \$250 going to Great Ryrie Primary School*).

Contact Jenny for more information on:

**0433 770 676**

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**AMAZING TRANSFORMATIONS**

**COSTUME HIRE** kindly donate all the wonderful costumes we use for school functions.

**33 High Street Glen Iris, 9885 4714**

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**BAKERS' DELIGHT, HEATHMONT** donate all the bread requirements for school.

**144 Canterbury Road. Phone: 9738 0322**

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**BEAUTY ON RYRIE** donate many beauty products and vouchers for all school fundraisers and events.

**41B Great Ryrie St Ringwood, 9870 6766**

The Roberts family offer a **DRY CLEANING SERVICE** to the GRPS community, with a percentage going to school fundraising.

**Please call at the office for details.**

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**ENJO - CLEAN THE WORLD**

Lucinda Murphy donates goods and commissions to GRPS through ENJO with 10% of all sales going towards the school!

**Call Lucinda on 0412 621 214**

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**BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK (East Ringwood**

**Branch)** sponsor our school and along with Student Banking offer a donation of \$150 for all home loans and a donation of \$50 for all personal loans and car leasing arrangements referred through the school.

**All Smiles of the Yarra Valley**

are major sponsors of our fundraising events.

21 - 23 Delaneys Rd, Warranwood, The Yarra Valley, Victoria 3134. Phone: 9876 4044  
[www.allsmiles.com.au](http://www.allsmiles.com.au)

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**Hot Chilli Thai Restaurant** Proudly sponsor our food fairs and support other school functions!

17 Maroondah Hwy

Croydon 3136 VIC

Phone: (03) 9870 1862

**MATHS TUTORING 2009**

All primary grades.

In your own home.

Phone Elaine (ex Primary Teacher) 9729 5547

**2<sup>nd</sup> Maroondah Scout Group**



2nd Maroondah Joey Scouts meet on a Thursday night between 5.30pm to 6.30pm at the Scout Hall H.E. Parker Reserve, Heathmont Rd, Heathmont.

We would like to invite girls and boys between 6 and 7 years of age to join us. Our themes for the next few weeks are water, Baden Powell, and a family night at Lilydale Lake.

Waratah Cub Scout Pack meets on a Thursday night between 7.00pm and 8.30pm. Boys and girls between 8 and 10 years of age are invited to come along and join.

For more information please contact Ann and Geoff Naughtin on 9870 2830 after 6.00pm.

**Registration Day for Summer Basketball (Boys and Girls)**



Spirit Magic Basketball Club has teams in all grades of competition for all standards of players from beginners through to the

more experienced players. Most importantly, we focus on making the game enjoyable while developing physical and social skills. Games are played on Saturdays in the Ringwood / Nunawading area with training weeknights in North Ringwood.

Player registrations for the Winter 2009 season will be taken between 8:30am and 4:00pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Ringwood Golf Course Function Room (adjacent to the Maroondah Indoor Sports Centre), Canterbury Rd, Ringwood. Anyone interested in playing basketball with a warm, enthusiastic and friendly club should come along and join us. For further information call the Registration Secretary, Joe Egan, on 9879 9859 or email us at [spiritmagicbasketball@gmail.com](mailto:spiritmagicbasketball@gmail.com).