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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.

19 February	Boomtech Disco	Level 4 students
23 February	Headlice notification	Various grades
24 February	Teacher absence	Grade 3N families

If you haven't already done so, please return the forms sent in the packs at the beginning of the year, especially the updated student personal details.

Diary Dates

Friday 27 CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY
Year 6 Sport vs Warranwood
March calendar included in this newsletter

From the Principal

I am pleased to advise that Heidi Victoria, the local lower house member of parliament in Victoria, will be attending at next Monday morning's whole school assembly to present the School Captains and Vice Captains with their badges. There will also be an opportunity for members of JSC and House Captains to have their photo taken with the member for Bayswater.

Our congratulations go to all those students who participated in the student leaders elections and selection processes for 2009 and congratulate those who have succeeded in attaining positions of leadership in the school.

House Captains and JSC badges were presented at last Monday's Aussie of the Month Assembly.

Congratulations Swimmers:

A huge thank you to those parents who arranged for their children to represent Great Ryrie at the swimming sports last Monday. Several children have qualified to compete at the next level. Our congratulations go to all the children who participated, several of whom are also members of our student leadership groups.

New Building Projects:

You may be aware that the federal Government has fast tracked funding for schools for major projects as part of its' initiative to stimulate the economy. Great Ryrie Primary will be eligible for up to \$3,000,000.00 for major works and \$200,000.00 for refurbishments across the school.

Priority will be given to construction of new libraries and multipurpose halls. These buildings will provide students, teachers and the wider school community with access to a range of high quality resources, information and cutting edge

tools to support learning and improve the quality and diversity of learning environments.

Schools with recently constructed, contemporary libraries and multipurpose halls will be permitted to apply for funding for refurbishment or the building of other facilities.

Refurbishment projects could include minor refurbishment of buildings, fixed shade structures, covered outdoor learning areas, green upgrades (water tanks), support for students with disabilities or special needs.

We are looking at the development of further shade areas, a new sporting facility and new Performing Arts resource centre amongst other ideas. Your thoughts on the development of Great Ryrie are welcome as we move into this exciting period.

Parking on Great Ryrie Street:

Parents are reminded not to park in 'No Standing' zones, or double park next to other cars. Parking inspectors visit the area regularly and fines are imposed without notice.

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.

School Council Elections

We still 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.

School Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month during school terms and determines

school policy on a wide range of topics as well as overseeing the financial operations of the school.

Parents are encouraged to get involved in the running of the school through the school council.

Greening Great Ryrie:

As noted last week School Council is looking at setting up a committee to develop and enhance our planting across the school. If you are able to help please contact the office to leave your name and contact details.

A School Fete In 2009?

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 2nd 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.

Have a great weekend,
Doug Elliott
Principal



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 24 February 2009

1J	-	Katie Fretter
1M	-	Bradley Plant
1S	-	Buster Todd
2E	-	Zac Ross
2F	-	Becky Pater
2H	-	Alex Jackson
2J	-	Stella Parkinson
2K	-	Matthew Heron
2M	-	Chan Joseph
2R	-	Dawson Sinclair
2T	-	Tate Tran
3E	-	Oscar Stammers
3G	-	Ben Shepherd
3H	-	Thaw Tet
3M	-	Maddison Lacy
3N	-	Billy Ure
3S	-	Tasha Ashton
4B	-	Jarred Muller-Dobbe
4F	-	Heather Dickie
4H	-	Megan Trushell
4J	-	Liam Cartwright
4M	-	Amy Davey
4W	-	Chris Young, Thomas Bradshaw
Visual Arts	-	Camille Page (2E)

- ☺ Baby congratulations to the Burdette Costello family which welcomed, yet to be named officially, "Princess" on 23rd January. She's doing well and so are sisters Gabby (now at secondary college), **Tahniah (4H)**, **Ally (3S)** and brother, **Jacob (3S)**.
- ☺ Congratulations to all the GRPS students who participated in the Interschool Swimming Carnival on Monday. All our children performed very well and had a great time too!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUSSIE OF THE MONTH February 2009

HAMISH LORD (4F)



This Aussie of the Month is a Level 4 student who has a highly developed sense of justice and demonstrates a strong commitment to class norms and school rules. His work habits and dedication to learning are exemplary. In this regard, he is a good role model for younger students, willing to share sound and helpful advice. He has participated keenly in the Prep Buddy Program and Interschool Sport. He is a highly talented member of Senior Band. He has participated in Science Talent Search, ICAS and the Australian Mathematics Competition, his wonderful results bringing recognition of the academic excellence which is fostered within the teaching and learning programs at Great Ryrie. He has demonstrated generosity and courage in the face of disappointment and with his great sense of humour and outstanding intellectual potential, he is a wonderful asset to the school.

Congratulations to Our 2009 House Captains

Blue House	-	Tahniah Burdett-Costello
		Sami Aedo Kailea
Red House	-	Hayley Morrow
		Lachie Kewley
Green House	-	TJ Blizzard
		Erin Marie
Gold House	-	Nathan McHugh
		Courtney Stelfox

Congratulations to Our 2009 Environment

<u>Captains</u>	-	Christie Giang
		Emily Monteau

2009 JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to Mia Allen, Sophie Xu, Bianca Collier, Georgia Mayne, Caillan Soutar, Kyan Foster, Ebony Lacy, Jade Randazzo, Morrin Weston and Hannah Bayliss

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.

LIBRARY

The children are now making use of the Library and beginning to borrow. It is most important that the children have LIBRARY BAGS so that the books are protected against the elements.

Below I have listed the days of the week and the grades that visit on those days.

MONDAY 2M, 2K, 2H, 2E

TUESDAY 4M, 4B, 2F, 2T, 2J, 2R

WEDNESDAY 4F, 4J

THURSDAY 4W, 4H, 1S, 1M, 1D, 1J

FRIDAY 3H, 3N, 3G, 3E, 3M, 3S

Level 1 children may borrow 1 book for 1 week.

Level 2 children may borrow 2 books for 2 weeks.

Level 3 children may borrow 3 books for 2 weeks.

Level 4 children may borrow 3 books for 2 weeks.

All children have been told that they are responsible for the book from the moment that they borrow them until it is scanned returned.

BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2 (MARCH) has been distributed to the classes, orders and payment due no later than *FRIDAY THE 13TH MARCH, the orders will be placed online on that day*, expect delivery to your child's grade in approximately seven working days.

Thank-you for your orders,
Mardi Pechar

Reminder

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

0418 571 136

UNIFORM SHOP

During the year the Uniform Shop is open:-

MONDAY 8.30am- 10am

FRIDAY 3.20pm- 4pm

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

If you have clothes that your children have grown out of and are in good condition they would be most welcome at second-hand uniforms.

All second-hand uniforms are FREE so please look through the boxes located outside the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING CLEARLY (Hats, Jackets, Windcheaters, etc.)

Thank-you,
Mardi Pechar

The Chaplain's Corner Feb 26th

"What's good for us?"

"Please God," prayed a little boy, "put all the vitamins in ice-cream, cake and chocolate. Don't put any in beans and carrots." I agree! Of course most of us know what's really good for us, but the tasty food is just so delicious.

During the past few days there have been families who have lost all their possessions. We have heard some of them say "at least our family is safe." Others have lost family or friends, and they feel a huge sense of grief and loss. Life will never be the same again.

These tragic situations certainly make us think about our priorities. Many of us have given money & clothes & time for those who were shattered by the events of Black Saturday. Our priorities have been challenged, as we thought about what others need, things which we take for granted.

In the long term, what is good for us is not anything with an expiry date, or anything that rusts, or is superseded by a later model. What is good for us is relationships with the people around us. We are made for relationship.

Our family is especially important, and time with each other is good for us. We laugh together at a favourite book, joke or story. We sit quietly and chat about the day. We play a family game of table tennis or UNO.

As parents we encourage our children to make good choices, choices that have a positive effect on themselves and others. As families, as a school community, let's keep making choices that are good for us and others, even when we would rather do something else.

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain

[The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.]

Chaplaincy AGM Tuesday March 17th

come!

This is an open invitation for any interested families to attend our Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30 pm in the library.

This is an excellent opportunity to hear about this program in the school, from the point of view of staff, families and, of course, the Chaplain, Alan Silverwood.

There will be opportunity to ask questions or comment on the program.

You can come and see some of the books, gadgets, cards and games that are used in working with the children, and there will be supper.

So, put this in your diary. We'd love to see you there.

We are starting soon!

At Great Ryrie PS we have volunteers who come once a week to teach from a government approved curriculum. In CRE we look at the world & all living things, how to treat each other, stories about God and how He cares for us, and the Bible. This is a program that complements the values that are taught at our school.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Chaplain, Alan Silverwood. We are looking for some extra teachers, so please contact Alan if you are interested. You can sit in on a class first if you would like to see what it is like.

CRE is an established program that helps children look at themselves and the world, and sort out their values for life. It helps them learn to engage with each other, and about finding meaning and purpose in life.

SCHOOL BANKING – PIGGY ACCOUNTS

By now all students would have received a Ringwood East Community Bank School Banking pack. Great Ryrie Primary School offers your children the easy availability of school banking through Ringwood East Community Bendigo Bank.

In order to take up this opportunity, all new applicants are required to complete the forms from your pack and bring along both parents and children's identification to one of the account opening sessions listed below:

Session 1:

Date: Monday 16th March 2009

Where: In front of School Library Near main office

Time: 8.30-10.00

Session 2:

Date: Friday 20th March 2009

Where: In front of School Library Near main office

Time: 2.30-3.30

Don't forget to send your school banking every Wednesday during school term.

And watch your money grow!!

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(For more details please see our website!)*

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

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

33 High Street Glen Iris, 9885 4714

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

144 Canterbury Road. Phone: 9738 0322

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.

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

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

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

17 Maroondah Hwy

Croydon 3136 VIC

Phone: (03) 9870 1862

RINGWOOD JETS FOOTY CLUB invite boys & girls from Grades 2-6 to register to play in our SATURDAY MORNING COMPETITION.

Registration Day: Thursday February 26, 3.30 – 4.30pm, & Friday, February 27, 3.30 – 4.30pm,

In the "Our Lady's Primary School" quadrangle, Wilana St., Ringwood.

For more information contact:

Tony Hayes: President (9893 1308);

Ray Mitchell: Coach U/10 (0404 056 073)

Chris Taggart: Coach U/12 (0402 099 032)

GO JETS!!!