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A Learning Community

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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 May	Circus excursion details	All children
	Circus Working Bee/Talent Search	All children
	Pyjama Day	Level 1 children
	District Cross Country	Selected Level 3 & 4 children
12 May	Head Lice notification	Various grades
	Somers Camp	Selected children



'Family Life' sexuality education program to be held in our library on Tuesday May 19.

Have you returned your response slip yet?

Details included in this newsletter.

Diary Dates

MAY

13 – 19	Book Fair in Library
18 – 23	EDUCATION WEEK
19 – 29	Level 2 Swimming
Tuesday 19	7.30pm Chaplaincy meeting Family Life evening in Library
Wednesday 20	Year 4 Ringwood Library excursion District Cross Country 7.30pm Production meeting

From the Principal



(Book Fair!)

IT'S A GIRL!:

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Shattock on the birth of their baby girl. Ella Rose Shattock was born at 3:15am Tuesday morning and came in at 8lb 4oz.

Open Morning Postponed:

Due to the Level 2 swimming program and the Level 1 excursion planned for Friday May 22, our annual Open Morning, normally held on the last Friday of Education Week, has had to be postponed. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused. Parents will be notified of the date for this year's Open Morning as soon as possible.

Ask The Teacher:

Parents are reminded that the best port of call for any question or concern is your child's teacher.

It is not necessary to wait for 3-Way Conferences or for the teacher to arrange an interview with you with issues that may arise. Simply arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher to catch up on your child's progress or to clarify a concern on any issue (e.g. homework) whenever you wish.

Teachers are often busy at the start and end of the day but they are usually available to say 'hello' and to arrange a time to talk in person or over the phone later on.

Notes or letters to the teacher can be forwarded through your child or via the office. If you have a issue that relates to the school in general then Barb and I are always available to listen and see what can be done!

Keeping Costs Down:

As a school community we are very aware that families face significant costs and that this can make things difficult this year, especially as we have several activities planned for this term. However, all these activities are of a high educational value and have been organized as cost effectively as possible.

Total costs for excursions and incursions for any year level at Great Ryrie, (excluding camps, swimming, productions and Level 4 electives) are kept between \$60 - \$80 per child. Camps are run for Years 3-6 (in alternate years to our whole

school production). Swimming is run each year for Levels 1 and 2 only.

Parents experiencing financial difficulties are asked to contact me through the office to make any arrangements needed for assistance in ensuring their children do not miss out!

NAPLAN:

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills in much the same way as the AIM tests did. The results will be used to provide evidence of student achievement to:

- Support schools and teachers in planning for whole school and individual student learning programs, and
- Provide information about national comparisons of student achievement levels in literacy and numeracy, to inform policy-making and resourcing for schools, at both the national and state/territory levels.

We wish all our students in Years 3 and 5 all the very best with their tests.

Parents Victoria Online Conference:

Parents of primary and secondary students, are invited to take part in the third online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference 2009 website will open from 6am next Monday, May 18 at:

http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_09/

You need to register yourself online first at:

<http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm>

We hope you have the opportunity to connect with parents across Victoria through this conference.

Wishing you a great weekend,
Doug Elliott
Principal



Level Reports by Our School Captains:

(David, Abbey, Zoe and Ellena)

David: In Level 4 on Monday, the children had an excursion in the school hall. A funny and hilarious performance on Australia's early history. This week NAPLAN begins for the Grade 5's. Today (Thursday) the JSC have organized LOUD Shirt Day to raise money for hearing impaired children. This Friday we are playing Holy Spirit for Interschool Sport. In our literacy we are covering "ow" and the prefix "im" and we are reading all about convict life. Maths is focusing on measurement, i.e. "Area".

Ellena: In Level 3 last week, the children had a great week. They have been practising for the upcoming NAPLAN test, and in integrated studies they are enjoying learning about the 'Human Body'. On Friday they went on an excursion to IMAX and had a terrific experience. On Thursday they also participated in the Cross Country Run.

Zoë: In Level 2 last week, the level children enjoyed Cross Country a lot. They have been making books about their excursion to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. In Maths they have been working on storyboards about numbers. They have also been growing broad

beans and thought they were very interesting to watch grow.

Abbey: In Level 1 last week, the Preps have started their new topic for this term which is 'The Circus'. They drew animals, made caterpillars and have read stories all about the circus. They also learnt all about 'Ippie Ink' which is the letter 'I'. They learnt the number 9 and have been making puppet shows. They made Mothers Day cards and have enjoyed the Mothers Day stall. What a busy week you Preps have had! Hope your mothers enjoyed their presents.

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

11 May 2009

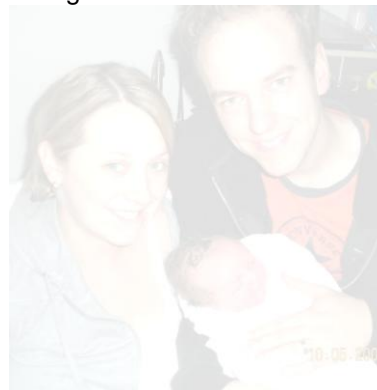
1D	-	Caitlin Graham
1J	-	K'bw Moo
1M	-	Asif Ahmed
2E	-	Duncan Birt
2F	-	Lilly Shobbrook
2H	-	Jack Luttick
2K	-	Cooper Trembath
2R	-	Emily Kefford
2T	-	Tom Wadley
3E	-	Charlie Ignatidis
3G	-	Dania Al Shaw Af
3H	-	Jennifer Chan
3M	-	Ben Holland
3N	-	Chelsea Lonie - Jones
3S	-	Freya Scott
4B	-	Gai Wal Gai
4F	-	Hannah McHardy
4H	-	Jas Kaur
4J	-	Ben Nyhuis
4M	-	Nathan McHugh
4W	-	Lloyd Shilton
LOTE	-	Jasmine Lacy (2H)
Visual Arts	-	Chloe Demmert (2R)
PE	-	Brooke Mullenger (2T)
LOTE (L4)	-	Ella Birt (4F)

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

0418 571 136

MORE BABY NEWS:

Remember **Bronwyn Allen**, Coordinator of OSHC some years ago (daughter of Brian Allen and Auntie of **Noah (2H)** and **Tia (1M)**)? She and husband, Peter, are the proud parents of Grace Claire, born on 9 May. What a lovely Mothers' Day gift! Congratulations to **ALL** the family!!!



PE NEWS

Level 4 Interscholar Sport this week

V Holy Spirit PS (Melway 49K3)

Playing away:

Softball girls, Netball B and C, Volleystars

Help needed:

We are looking for parent help for Level 4 sport, during Term 2, on Friday afternoons between 1:50 – 3:30pm. If you are available, and able to help, please contact the Level 4 teachers or Peter Hensen.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA 2009 'UNDER THE BIG TOP'



Help!!

If anyone has any of the following or has any contacts for supplying them could they please leave a note at the office for Dee Skinner or Fiona Cooke.

Black bike shorts - level 2 size

Black bonds singlets – Level 2

Black long sleeve shirts - Level 3

Black pants (karate will do) Level 2 and 3

1-11/2m lengths of colourful patterned or plain fabrics for clown pants

Bright wide elastic.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 8.30 – 9.30am

Friday 3.20 – 4.00pm

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is located outside Miss Kemke's Room 9, near the chess pieces. If you have lost uniform there are lots of items filling the box.

FAMILY LIFE NIGHT: for children and their parents

Families are invited to participate in a 'Family Life' sexuality education program to be held in our library on Tuesday May 19. A trained, experienced educator will conduct this program to support parents in helping their children learn about sensitive but important aspects of growing and developing.

Books will also be available for sale on the night.

Level 2: 'Body Basics' (5.45 pm)

Level 3: 'Where Did I Come From?' (7.00 pm)

Level 4: 'Puberty Clues' (8.15 pm)

1 session: \$15, 2 sessions: \$20, 3 sessions: \$25 (payable on the night)

Helen Abbott

MOTHERS' DAY STALL THANKS

Firstly, thank you to all our helpers; those people who made gifts as well as those who helped the children select special pressies for their Mums.

Nadine Friend

Lara Tucker

Lisa Cairnduss

Jo Bowers

Kerryn Knipping

Trudi Owens

Bernadette Ashcroft

Fiona Collier

Allison Lawrence

Carolyn Anthony

Melita Salmon

Jane Smith

Roz Nyhuis

Simone Rhodes

Trudy Milton

Tracey Adams

Fiona Cooke

Kate Keough-Murray

Liz Collins

Mandy Shave

Lieu Steinmann

Secondly, a huge 'thank you' to our coordinators, Margaret McHardy and Sam Spencer-Keeble. We hope everyone enjoyed their day.

LOTE NEWS

The following children are attending the Sayembara Lisan Competition at Mullauna Secondary College on Saturday 16 May. I would like to wish them luck on behalf of all the staff here at Great Ryrie PS.

Stephanie Kewley 1D, Josh Bird 1D, Emily Hopper 1D, Kirrilee Knipping 1S, Samuel Kircher 1S, Heath Demmert 1S, Ethan Bird 2M, Chloe Demmert 2R, Ally Whitby 3N, Freya Scott 3S and Ella Birt 4F.

Hope you enjoy the experience!

Dari Ibu Breen.

PFA NEWS

Great Ryrie Primary School is now registered as an organization which receives fundraising contributions from Aussie Farmers Direct. Expression of interest flyers will be sent home this week. If you already receive deliveries from Aussie Farmers, please mark your completed form 'existing customer'. This will allow us to receive the \$10 per customer fundraising contribution.

If you are interested in the service, return the slip with your details. Aussie Farmers will contact you in a few days. There is however no obligation.

The bread supplied by Aussie Farmers is general quality bread. Please continue to support Bakers Delight Heathmont when purchasing specialty breads and/or hi-fibre bread.

Deliveries in the Heathmont/Ringwood area are Monday and Thursday mornings.

If you require extra forms for neighbours and family members, please see the office.

Please return forms by 25th May.

SICK BAY desperately needs sizes 8 and 12 boys' tracksuit pants for accidents. Please send them to the office if you have spares.

Family Life Session Tuesday 19 May 2009

Family Name will be attending

Admission per family 1 session \$15, 2 sessions \$20, 3 sessions \$25

Session 1

Session 2

Session 3

Cash/cheque payable to Family Life on the night.

Please return this form to school by Friday 15 May

LIBRARY **BOOK CLUB**

Most of the Book Club May Issue 3 has arrived and been distributed to the classrooms.

BOOK FAIR 13 – 19 MAY

COUNT THE DINOSAURS COMPETITION

Come to the Library during Book Fair and have a guess of how many toy dinosaurs and lolly dinosaurs are in the lunchbox. The winner will be announced at Assembly on Monday 25 May. The prize will be the lunchbox containing the dinosaurs.

The JURASSIC BOOK FAIR is now on in the Library, remember the last day to buy a book is TUESDAY 19 MAY.

SALE TIMES

Wednesday 13	3.30-4pm
Thursday 14	8.30-9am 3.30-4pm
Friday 15	8.30-9am 3.30-4pm
Monday 18	8.30-9am CLOSED
Tuesday 19	8.30-9am 3.30-4.30pm

Our Book Fair is a lively and fun event that enables children, parents, teachers and community members to purchase quality books and classroom materials at reasonable prices, while raising funds for our school.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Jurassic Book Fair. There are free book marks with every purchase and the chance to win one of 5 Door Prizes. One drawn each day. See you there and thank-you for your time.

Mardi Pechar

DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

Do you like to garden?

Would you have some spare time to help garden at Great Ryrie PS?

If you can offer some time and expertise to further improve our gardens by working alongside teachers and students, to prepare, plant and maintain our school gardens, please leave your name and contact details at the office or come and see me.

Thanks

Helen Abbott

The Chaplain's Corner 14/05/09 **"Words and Attitudes"**

"Kind words are like honey – sweet to the soul and healthy for the body." This is found in the Bible in Proverbs 16:24.

Our choices of words and attitudes towards each other are very important. They can have a huge impact, either to build up or to knock down. Here are some 'attitude' words which I believe are beneficial to our life in families and in community.

1. **PATIENCE:** sometimes we are slow to understand – and we need patience as we learn
2. **ENTHUSIASM:** how good it is when we see others being excited about something, or about us
3. **FRIENDLY:** be a friend and help others to be one too [another person might just be a friend you haven't met yet]
4. **LISTENING:** this shows that we are valued, that we are worth listening to
5. **HELPFUL:** helping others is good for both me and you, we both feel better
6. **FORGIVE:** saying sorry and forgiving others helps people to let go of their burdens
7. **CARING:** caring for others means that "you matter to me"
8. **THANKFUL:** we have so much in Australia; saying thank you shows we are not taking things for granted
9. **UNSELFISH:** the world says "look after number 1" – it would be a better place if we put others first
10. **LOVE:** this is not just "I love icecream" or "I love footy". It's "You have a special place in my heart".

Words have great power – once they are said they cannot be taken back. They can make wounds on the inside, so we need to be careful which ones we use. It's also important how we speak our words.

So, this week, try and see how many good words or attitudes you can invest in others – in your family, at school, in your sporting or athletic team, at work or with your neighbours. Let's spread words that are sweet like honey, instead of sour like a lemon. As we live these priorities, our children will learn more about how to live a life that gives life to others as well.

U R SPECIAL!

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain

[The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support.

This is a voluntary program in our school community.]

INFORMATION STAND:

On the cabinet near the staff room is a stand with brochures for many types of services in the Maroondah area. These include counselling, youth services, early childhood, disability services, leisure and holiday activities, welfare support and many more. Feel free to browse through these and take those of interest to you. Or you can talk to Barb Nicoll or myself about other agencies.

Attention Past Heathmont Pre-School Families (Viviani Cres)

With the new extension to the Heathmont Pre-school, commemorative pavers are being laid. If you are interested in purchasing any these pavers please contact Dee Skinner 0412 620642 or Meagan Scotto 0413 121899 for details. Orders closing Friday 29th May 2009

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We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors.

(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 donates 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 offers 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



Marlborough/Great Ryrie Auskick

Mother's day with style

Mother's day was celebrated in good old Auskick style last week as we paid homage to all our mums/grandmas/aunties and other wonderful caregivers involved in our clinic. With a snag on the barby and the sun shining through the clouds, the mums all assembled on the bottom oval for a quick warm-up and a kick-to-kick before our classic 'Big Kick' comp got underway.

With some top prizes up for grabs (thanks to Eastland Shopping Centre) the pressure was on to perform in front of the masses.

With an eclectic mix of inside-out torps, worm burners, drop kicks and spiraling drop punts, it was like watching Richo on a good day! Mixed with an array of inspirational footwear – from high heels, sandals, work boots and Nike airs – the skill levels were truly tested... Well done to all who participated and made it (yet again) a great spectacle to watch. And congratulations to Carly (1st place) and Kerri (2nd place) who put on a fair-dinkum kicking clinic any AFL club would be proud of!



An appearance from a Star

Last week, we also had a (somewhat) surprise visit by Adam Thomson, # 31 for the Richmond Tigers. Originally from Port Adelaide, Adam shared his experiences playing at the top level. Of special interest was his appraisal of the great Ben Cousins at the club and how well both he and Cuz have fitted in. Adam mixed with kids, took several hard-hitting questions on notice (such as "What's your middle name?") and played some great games with the preppies. Well done Adam!

This week is a normal clinic. Come prepared to get wet and muddy as we head into the winter months...

Regards,
Shane Smith (0411 657 554)