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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.

17 September  
5 October

Parent Sessions  
Annex News

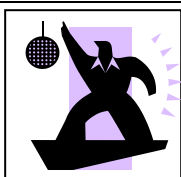
All families  
Level 4 students

### Disco 16th October.

In our school hall starting at 6.30pm until 8.30pm.

Sausages, drinks and chocolates for sale.

All welcome.



### Diary Dates

**OCTOBER** calendar included in this newsletter

### From the Principal



*(Level 3's enjoyed the Puppet Show on Tuesday)*

### Interactive Whiteboards

All interactive whiteboards have been installed around the school over the holidays. It is great to see teachers and students exploring the endless possibilities that the whiteboards offer.

### Congratulations!

At the end of last term we had the wonderful news that Lisa Moon had given birth to a lovely little girl and both mother and daughter were doing well. Lisa named her daughter Sahara Atlanta Moon.

In the holidays, Peta Dal Pra welcomed the early arrival of her new daughter Olivia Maree weighing in at 5lb 6 oz. Both are doing well.

We look forward to both teachers coming back to visit and showing us their lovely bundles of joy.

Jess Steer is still going strong and we are looking forward to hearing her happy news in the near future.

### Hats

Great Ryrie Primary School is a Sunsmart school and this means that in Term 4 all students are required to wear hats when they are outside. It is important for parents to support us in this effort to keep students protected. If your child does not have a school hat, they can be purchased from the Uniform Shop at a cost of \$10.50. We ask that parents check that their child's hat is in good condition and is named.

Students not wearing hats will be asked to sit outside Rooms 15 and 16 for their breaks.

Congratulations to 2H and 2E as they were the first grades to have 100% of their class with a hat at school.

Reminder that school uniform is compulsory and that students must bring a note if they are out of uniform.

### Road Safety

This week one of our students was involved in an accident and it has brought home to us the message of how important it is that children wear helmets when riding bikes and scooters. If it hadn't been for his helmet the child would have sustained far more serious injuries. Sometimes accidents occur even when children may not be doing anything dangerous. Please ensure your child ALWAYS wears their helmet when riding.

### Parent Session Reminder

A reminder that our Parent Forum sessions are on next week. These sessions are an important way of gaining parent input into our soon to be written Student Engagement policy. Parents received a personal invitation at the end of last term and I appreciate all those parents that have sent back their reply slips. If you wish to come

along and haven't already returned your slip please fill out the one attached. Sessions are Monday 12 October after assembly and Thursday 15 at 7.30pm in the Library.

**School Disco**

Footsteps are running our next school disco on Friday 16 October and as part of the package our students will be having a half hour special dance session in the hall tomorrow.  
Barb Nicoll, Assistant Principal

*"Every Child, Every Opportunity, Everyday...  
Everyone's Responsibility!"*

**Level Reports by Our School Captains:**

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

**David:** At Level 4 this week, the students will be learning the sound of "au" as in cause and the suffix "able". In Maths, we are continuing on with fractions, decimals and percentages. This term, the students will explore the topic of Economics. The students will learn how to manage personal finances and how to be informed consumers. We will explore the history of money, the concept of bartering/trading, the differences between goods and services, supply and demand and needs and wants. The unit will climax with a Level 4 market day where students from the whole school will have an opportunity to buy products/services made by small groups of students. Each group will submit a business plan and decide upon a worthy charity to support for all proceeds.

This term will be a busy one with the Year 6's preparing for Graduation and the Year 5's preparing for leadership for next year. This Friday commences a new program for the Year 6 girls called 'Simply Gorgeous' - a follow up course to 'M Power N Girlz'.

**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!!*

- Reminder to all parents to please check uniform, especially children in 1M and 1S as a windcheater named 'Declan Magee' is missing.

**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Monday 8.30am – 9.30am  
Friday 3.20pm – 4.00pm

**HATS**

Hats are compulsory to wear during Term Four, we have four sizes in the Uniform Shop - cost of \$10.50.

- SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, EXTRA LARGE

Thank-you ..... Mardi Pechar

**PFA NEWS**

**Bunnings BBQ**

On Sunday 27 September the PFA ran a Bunnings BBQ raising over \$1500 for our school. Special thanks to Tony at Bakers Delight for supporting us again, to Janine for her amazing help with this event and all our volunteers; Adam & Hayley Morrow, Lisa Cardiff, Jane Smith, Karen & Nadine Beecher, Liz Framic, Lucinda Murphy, Jo Griffiths, Doug Elliott, Di Welsh and Michelle Dang who, with the help of Jennifer, Stephen and Sylvia, cut up 20kg of onions.  
Yaaay for GRPS .....Di Morrow

**LIBRARY**

**Book Club** Issue 7 October has been distributed, payment and orders are due back to school no later than FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER, thank-you for your orders.

**BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair Safari is arriving at the school on Wednesday 21st and departs on Tuesday 28th October, watch this space next week for all the details, looking forward to a fantastic Book Fair.

Thank you ---- Mardi Pechar

**Great Ryrie Primary Chess Club**

We are once again offering Chess sessions on Friday afternoons, starting tomorrow, 9 October, between 3.30 – 4.30pm. Cost will be \$50 each for the 10 weeks. Please send payment to the office.

For more information see Maureen Frith in the Annex.

**Reminder**

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

**0418 571 136**

'M Power N



Girlz'

This Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 6 girls will participate in a refresher course, titled 'Simply Gorgeous'.

The program will revise the skills and strategies learnt during the 'M Power N Girlz' course as well as incorporating a new element of exploring the gorgeous qualities every girl has. This program is a celebration of being exactly who you are.

**Ms. Sharon Jacobs**  
**Program Facilitator**

**Just announced....**

Orientations Sessions for 2010 Preps  
Thursday 3 December 9.30am – 10.30am  
Monday 7 December 2.00pm – 3.00pm

**REPLY SLIP FOR PARENT FORUM SESSIONS**

Number of people attending: ..... Attending Session 1/ Session 2

Child's name ..... Grade .....

Parent's Signature .....

## The Chaplain's Corner 8/10/09 "When will the children play?"

I am currently reading a book by this title, written by Angela Rossmann. Its sub-title is "Finding time for childhood".

I wonder how many of us recognize that our children are growing up too fast, or believe that they are being exposed to adult aspects of life way too early. I am sure there are many of us.

Some of her chapters include: The Importance of Being a Child, Childhood Under Threat, Our Busy Lives, Kids in an Adult World, Play is for Real & A Deep Experience of Childhood.

One of the key points is that we are often filling our kids' lives with so much activity to stimulate them, that they do not have any time to just 'be themselves', and to imagine, create and grow according to their own personalities. As we know, many kids spend hours in front of screens, whether they be computer, TV or any number of computer games.

Angela starts her book by saying that "what kids need most urgently is the time to engage in those processes that are vital to their healthy overall development: the time to play, .. to imagine, .. to dream, .. to do nothing much at all.

Here are some quotes from kids that Angela includes in her book:

- 1) "What I loved best about childhood was using my imagination."
- 2) "What's good about being a kid is that you have an excuse to be silly." [Yay!]
- 3) "I like being a kid because I can ... climb up to my treehouse." [I would love to have had a treehouse]
- 4) "I like being a child because you have more time to play."
- 5) "The best thing about being a kid is having fun and stuff."
- 6) "When you are a child you have a lot of energy and a lot of imagination."
- 7) "Being a kid is fun. Who doesn't like being as kid?" [Not all children feel the same on this one]
- 8) "I used to love daylight saving, because I could stay outside longer and play."
- 9) "What I loved about my childhood was being carefree. I could go around barefoot and muddy."
- 10) "I've got a great computer and best thing of all I've got a excellent family."

Life's discoveries and skills are usually made when we are living life together, just being ourselves, not being told by a computer or TV what the reality of life is. Don't underestimate your role as a parent in developing great kids!

**Alan Silverwood** – Chaplain

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

This is a voluntary program in our school community.]

### Can you make it?

Olivia Flavell was a great woman – She was extremely funny, smart, generous, gregarious and filled with a lust for life. Olivia deeply loved her husband and 2 young children. Olivia was diagnosed with breast cancer on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and passed away on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Her youngest child, Aiden, was just 2 years old.

Many people love Olivia, thousands of people's lives were touched by her and millions of people's lives are changed by her, or someone they care about, having cancer.

As a night of celebration to rejoice in the spirit of Olivia and others who are no longer with us – and to rejoice for the survivors who are still living with this disease, you are invited to join us for a fundraising ball on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010.

At this stage, in order to assist with planning for venues, pricing and catering we invite your expression of interest to attend this event. Prices will be kept reasonable and all profit will be donated to the Jane McGrath Foundation.

Please email [livsball@yahoo.com.au](mailto:livsball@yahoo.com.au) to indicate your interest and any friend's interest and your details will be kept on our mailing list for regular updates.

Join us in a night of celebration and contribute to funding research and services for the women and men who are diagnosed with breast cancer.

Liv life!

**OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, RINGWOOD,** will begin classes on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 for Catholic children who wish to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2010. Inquiries to Tess on 98707807.

### **Family Health and Development** **Thursday 8 October**

#### **The Minefield called Adolescence**

What parents can do to understand the highs and lows of the adolescent years?

Speaker: Jacqueline Novacek (Royal Children's Hospital Integrated Mental Health Program).

Vermont Uniting Community Centre  
640 Canterbury Road, Vermont.

Enquiries to Richard on  
0418 314 828

### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

**FREE** Activities for Children and Families. Come and Enjoy an Exciting **FUN DAY** for all at the

**Heathmont Baptist Church**  
**78 Cuthbert Street Heathmont**  
**SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER**  
**10.30 - 4pm**

#### **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

Amazing Jumping Castle  
Musical Entertainment  
Cooking Demonstrations  
Train Rides  
Farm Yard  
Face Painting  
Craft Activities  
Massage  
Pony Rides  
Carousel  
Sport Activities  
Gourmet Food Hall  
Market Stalls  
And more .....

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We would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors.

(For more details please see our website!)

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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** donates 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

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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.**

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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.

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**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

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

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