Principal’s Reflections
I hope this newsletter finds everyone “dry” after the recent torrential rain last Friday and Saturday!

As a result, we are postponing the commencement of 1st half lunch Cross Country practice until our grounds dry. Children are encouraged to bring a second pair of old shoes to run in and keep at school when they practice Cross Country at school over the coming weeks.

Baiada Poultry (Steggles)
Thank you to our local company Baiada Poultry (Steggles) who are supplying our school with 120 pieces of fresh fruit each week for Breakfast Club, Crunch & Sip and classrooms as needed. A weekly delivery of fresh fruit from the local markets, to encourage healthy eating, has commenced.
Well done Baiada!

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour:
- Piyper Carne-Jordan
- Kali Cheetham
- Ryan Reid

“Pacific Smiles” Dental Visit
Last Monday “Pacific Smiles” again generously supported our kids with a free dental program to encourage healthy brushing an oral hygiene. The kids came away with a free “show bag” to support healthy dental habits at home.

P&C AGM Meeting (Reminder)
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our P&C is scheduled for Tuesday, 12th March commencing at 3.30. Supervision for students of parents attending is provided. The meeting only lasts one hour max (finishes @ 4.30 sharp if not earlier).

Grandfriend’s Day (Reminder)
Thur 14th March from 11.30 till lunch.
Please let “Nan and Pop” know about this date. Stay for a picnic in our beautiful school grounds afterwards. Hopefully, the weather will be kind!

New Library and Yr 2 Classroom Furniture
I recently called for a furniture audit of our school and as a result our entire Y2 classroom, library and some other areas will be supplied with new desks and chairs at no cost to our school. This also means that we will be able to sell off (I do have approval), at a very small cost some old chairs and desks to interested parents and community. Chairs @ $2 each and desks @ $5 each. I will keep you posted when available.

Personal Items at School (Including Excursions)
Please be aware that any personal items brought into school (or on an excursion) are the responsibility of the person (child or adult) who brought them. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage as per DEC policy. Student mobile phones must be handed into the office of a morning, are kept secure, and are returned at the end of the school day.

Easter Hat Parade and Picnic
Thur 28th March commencing at 12:00. Stay for a picnic in the grounds and special canteen. Donations of eggs for the raffle to the office please.

Anti-bullying Policy and Other Key Policies
All our key policies are available on our school website. Policies are developed in strong partnership with our P&C and reviewed regularly.

Christopher Parkinson
TPRG PPA H/CC
Principal 😊
March
Thur 7 Mar – School Photographs
Tue 12 Mar – P & C AGM 3.30pm
Thu 14 Mar – Grandfriends Day
11.30
Tues 19 Mar – Football clinics
Mon 25 Mar – Young Leaders Day Y5/6
Wed 27 Mar – Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Thur 28 Mar – Easter Hat Parade
Fri 29 Mar – GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

April
Mon 1 Apr – EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
Wed 3 Apr – My Friends and I Show
Wed 3 Apr – School disco at school
Tues 9 Apr – P&C 3.30

Term 1 ends – Friday 12th April
Term 2 begins for students - Tuesday 30th April

SCHOOL INFORMATION

GYMNASTICS
Our gymnastic program is running smoothly. The ten week program costs $30.00 per student with a maximum cost of $60 per family. If you have not already done so payment needs to be finalised as soon as possible.
Please, Note: the Easter Friday lesson will be made up on another day towards the end of the term.

BOOKPACKS
Book pack prices for all students:

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Payments can be made at the office.

YOUNG LEADERS DAY
Monday 25 March 2013
Students attending need to be at Energy Australia stadium Broadmeadow by 5.45am as coaches will be departing at 6am SHARP. Coaches are due back about 5.00-5.30pm depending upon traffic conditions. Students are to wear full school uniform.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8.30-9.00am.
Breakfast Club operates Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30 – 9.00am in Mrs Parkes classroom. Please contact the office if you are able to help. This year we are also offering fresh fruit plates thanks to the generous donation of fresh fruit from Baiada Poultry.

SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS CARNIVAL
Wednesday 27th March 2013
At Woodberry Oval
9am – 2pm
Children will need to be dropped at Woodberry Oval at 9am and have their name marked off by their teacher.
The carnival will finish approximately 2pm and we ask that students are picked up from the oval.
Children needing to leave with another parent must have a signed permission note stating who is taking them home.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD
Sydney Opera House
Sunday 30 June
A deposit of $10. is required by the end of Term 1. Total cost is $40. per student. Money can be paid to the office. Parents and supporters can leave their names at the office for seats on the bus to watch our stars perform.

Y2-3 CAMP – FORSTER
Thurs 5th and Friday 6th September
Cost $150.
A deposit of $20.00 is required before Friday April 5. Please drop deposit and permission note to the office, thank you.

Y4-5-6 CAMP - BATHURST
Monday 24- Wednesday 26 June
Cost $300.
A deposit of $50.00 will be needed for all participants before Friday April 5.
Full payment of $300. per adult participant is required by May 3.
Thanks.
SNACK SHACK now open
LUNCHES & SNACKS
Mondays and Fridays
The Snack Shack will be open again for recess, lunches and snacks on Mondays and Fridays.

Please send your child’s lunch order on a paper bag or in an envelope with their NAME, CLASS and ORDER written clearly. The bag can be placed in the lunch order box at the office before 9am or in the canteen after 9am.

EASTER RAFFLE
We are asking for donations for our Easter Raffle. Please leave your donations of eggs, baskets, stuffed bunnies and anything else relating to Easter at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home on the next newsletter. The raffle will be drawn at our Easter activity day 28th March.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Beresfield Football Club
For any inquiries phone Sue Allen 49664018 or Denise Giles 49661192 or you can register online.

Francis Greenway High School
Years 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening for Years 7 in 2014-2015 will be held on Wednesday 6th March 5.30-7.00 pm in the library.

Come along and hear all about our school.