Dear Parents,

We are officially halfway through the final school term of 2016 and there is a lot of positive learning occurring in every classroom throughout the school. A big thank you to the teachers for maintaining such a high level across the four terms and well done to you, the families, for being positive role models in your children’s lives. Attached to this newsletter, is a letter from the school’s P&C Association. I would like to strongly reaffirm the sentiments of the letter and encourage all families to continue to work together to ensure Greenlands remains the fantastic school that it is today. As always, my door is open for any questions or concerns.

- Kyle Low

17.1 Bookfair
The Greenlands Bookfair starts on Monday 14th November at 11am and will finish at 11:30 am on Friday 18th November. It will be based in the Science / Arts room.

Families who are buying books are asked to pay on purchase as books cannot be held. Purchases should take place during school hours and correct change or payment by cheque (payable to P&C) would be appreciated.

Children will be choosing books for the P&C presentation at the end of the year. Children in Years Prep — 5 choose one book to the value of $20 and children in Year 6 choose one or two books to the total value of $30. Class teachers will have to approve of selections and then books will be stored until presentation during break up night.

17.2 Dr Karl
Our Year 6 student have been invited to Dalveen State School next Tuesday 15th November for a fantastic opportunity to meet and listen to Australia’s favourite Scientist Dr Karl Kruszelnicki. Dr Karl, science communicator extraordinaire and possessor of an (almost) infinite amount of knowledge on everything from belly button fluff to dark matter will be visiting Dalveen to give a talk to students about all things science.

We will be needing travel assistance from some parents to get our 17 students to Dalveen and back. We will need to depart school at 9am and will leave Dalveen at around 10:30. If you can assist please contact Mr Low.

17.3 Fire Education Visit
Our Prep—Year 2 students will receive a series of visits from the Stanthorpe Fire and Emergency Services for a Fire Safety presentation. The first visit will be Wednesday 23rd November and the second visit will be Wednesday 07th December.

17.4 Enrolments 2017
This week we welcomed our 2017 Prep students for the first of their
transition sessions. This was a great opportunity for the new students to meet the teachers, classmates and see all the wonderful things at Greenlands State School.

We still have some spots left for 2017 enrolments in prep and throughout the school, so please encourage anyone that you are aware is looking at Greenlands for next year, to contact the school as soon as possible. This helps us plan for staffing and class sizes.

17.5 Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Just a friendly reminder to the parents of Year 6 students to please continue returning the Graduation Dinner forms as soon as you can.

The dinner is at the Jamworks at Glen Aplin on Friday 02nd December. The invite and payment and order envelope was sent home a few weeks ago with the students, but if you require another one, please let Mr Low know.

17.6 Tallebudgera School Camp

The Year Five and Six students at Greenlands joined other schools from the Granite Belt to attend school camp at Tallebudgera Beach School on the Gold Coast. Our students embarked on 'The Hero’s Journey' which is designed to awaken the hero within each child. The students completed a number of outdoor activities that needed the characteristics of confidence, organisation, cooperation, resilience and persistence to complete.

Congratulations to all students from Greenlands who received excellent feedback from all camp staff and represented the school and their families well. Some pictures from camp can be seen on the following page.

17.7 High School Awards Night

Many former Greenlands State School students received awards at the Stanthorpe State High School's 56th Annual Awards Night. Past students of Greenlands won a combined 28 Industry awards, 5 Merit awards, 15 Exceptional awards, 7 Highest Exceptional awards, 1 Sporting award and 5 Special awards. Congratulations to these students, we are very proud of your achievements.

17.8 After School Supervision

Just a reminder about after-school supervision from our school information book (available from our website).

Parents should make every effort to collect children, who are driven home, as soon as possible after the end of the school day (approx. 3pm). Only those students catching the bus should be present at school more than 5-10 minutes after the conclusion of school. Any parent who is delayed in collecting their children is asked to please notify the school.

As soon as parents arrive to collect children, students must be regarded as their responsibility and should be seated in their car. Students will not be allowed to congregate, play in or near the parking area.

Thanks for your help with this.

17.9 Premier’s Reading Challenge Success

Each year students from our school participate in the annual Premier’s Reading Challenge. In 2016, our school had more participants than ever before and over 85% of students were involved with many putting in extra hours to meet the challenge. Thank you to Mrs Stephens for organising and well done to the students who completed the challenge.

17.10 Hot Chocolate Fundraiser

Over the past two days, Shelby, Grace and Anava from Year 5 have been selling Hot Chocolates to help raise funds for a very important cause. Shelby and Grace organised the fundraiser to raise money to donate to the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation. The girls’ fundraising got a good head start with a donation of $120 from the Stanthorpe Lions Club. Whilst all the money has not finalised, the girls are on target to make well over $500. Well done Shelby, Grace and Anava.

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