Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of Term 2 and it is time to reflect on what a fantastic semester it has been at Greenlands State School. We are extremely lucky that we have a bunch of hardworking, dedicated and caring staff who ensure that Greenlands State School students are receiving the best possible education. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3.

Kyle Low

9.1 Report Cards
Next Wednesday the 22.06, the school report cards will be sent home with the students. The report cards will detail the academic progress as well as other information including behaviour and overall comments.

The school staff put countless hours into preparing the report cards which detail how your child is progressing. We strive to make the report card easy to read and if you are wanting to view a full breakdown on how results are collated, please view Newsletter 6 (04th May) located on our website.

9.2 Staff Car park
A reminder to parents that the staff car park should not be used when dropping off or picking up students. It is important to avoid parking in this area for the safety of students.

Could parents please remind students that they are to exit the school from the front gates and should not be jumping fences or exiting through the staff entry. Thank you for your assistance.

9.3 Trail Ride help needed
The Greenlands P and C’s Trail Ride is fast approaching and is being held on the 17th and 18th September which is the first weekend of Term 3 holidays. The trail ride has long been an important fundraiser for the school and has played an integral part in allowing Greenlands to offer the best education, modern learning spaces, as well as allowing the P&C and school to provide school books and stationery to students at no cost. Help is always needed from families and no amount of time is too small.

The next trail ride help will be needed on Sunday 17th May to assist with track marking, clearing and fencing. If you are able to help, please contact the school. A form will be sent home in the near future which will ask when families are available to assist in the lead up to the event, as well as over the course of the weekend. Thanks for your continued assistance.

9.4 Tuckshop
Next Thursday the 23rd June, we will be having Tuckshop at school. The cost of Tuckshop will be $5 and will include morning tea and lunch. Morning tea will include a variety of home baked snacks such
as muffins and biscuits. Lunch will be a sausage sizzle.

Parent assistance is needed, both on the day as well as baking the foods. If you are able to assist, please email admin@greenlanss.eq.edu.au and advise what you are able to cook and how much, before the Monday in the last week of school.

9.5 Senior Shirts

Throughout the semester in Year 6 technology, the students have been working on designing their senior shirts. There was some creative and colourful designs by the students, but the winning design was created by Harriet. Order forms have been sent home and the shirts are expected to be with the students early in term 3.

9.6 Stanthorpe Little Theatre Performance

Next Tuesday the 21st June, the Stanthorpe Little Theatre will be visiting with their yearly pantomime performance titled 'Le Cirque Pour les Enfants'. It is a circus for children theme, where there is a nuisance of a magician who tries to spoil everything!

The performance is being offered at a cost of $4 per student. Students are required to bring payment in a clearly marked envelope by Tuesday morning.

9.7 News from Year 4/5

Our class expectation is that homework will be fully and accurately completed by each Friday morning. Each term the class decides on a target of weeks to be reached to earn a certificate.

Congratulations to the Year 4 students! All nine students in the 4/5 class, received a certificate with seven presenting error free homework for the term. This diligence will continue to be an asset in later years!

9.8 Parenting Tips

The following article has been provided by our Regional Guidance Officer for Mental Health. It is from the Michael Grose series

**PROMOTING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN KIDS**

I’m often asked by parents how to develop a sense of responsibility in kids. The answer is simple – give responsibility to them! Let them feed the family pet, empty the dishwasher, clean up the living area at the end of the day. Most kids rise to a real challenge when it is sincerely given, and backed by realistic expectations. We tend to give responsibility to kids that don’t need it – the easy kids. But we often ignore the kids in our family who would really benefit from giving them some trust – the difficult kids, those that require some following up or parental work.

**Kids belong in two ways in families -** they belong due to their positive contribution or they belong through poor behaviour. The family pest has as much cache as the responsible child – their parent knows they are around!!! It makes sense for parents to work hard to provide opportunities for kids to contribute to their family so they feel valued for what they bring to their family, rather than for what they take.

**Here are three practical tips to promote a sense of responsibility in your kids:**

1. Start early: children as young as three are to help and have some responsibility but we often push them away and say, ‘You can help when you are older’. Train your kids young to help themselves and others.
2. If a child forgets then no-one else does the task: If a child doesn’t empty the dishwasher then it is still there when they come home from school. Sounds tough but that is how the real world operates. When you empty it, it is your responsibility.
3. Don’t give kids jobs when you have an emotional attachment. Give them tasks that you know you can live without if they are not done, or are not done to your standard.

Another thing, many parents call this type of responsibility jobs or chores. I prefer to call it ‘help’. It’s just a little rebranding, but it reflects what it is.

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Prep students watch the Year 6 Drama performance

Brylie deep in focus during Technology

Year 3 students creating sludge at the book fair