Principal’s Message
Students at Green Square School have had some wonderful achievements this term and we are excited to share with you some of these in amongst the pages of this term’s newsletter.

In particular I would like to congratulate Isaiah, Tahlia, Elana, Tyson, Daniel, Aden, Baree, Saxon, and Kabha for their dedication and commitment to the integration goals—well done!

I would like to welcome Leanne to our executive team as relieving assistant principal this term and next. She is a fantastic teacher who has built an excellent rapport with our students and community already.

Our school is engaged in a process of consultation with our community, commencing last term and continuing through to next, which focuses on the school’s next three year planning phase (2015-2017). Last term I attached a copy of the School Excellence Framework to which our school and community will measure the success, growth and changes within Green Square School over this period, and beyond.

Enclosed in this newsletter edition is a draft copy of our School Plan (2015-2017), a result of process of consultation so far.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff, parents and community in supporting our students to achieve their best. It is inspiring to witness the efforts of all throughout this process.

Patrick Faucher, R/Principal.

As in mainstream settings, Green Square School students and parents/carers are reminded on a regular basis that students who bring mobile phones to the school do so at their own risk—schools will not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to mobile phones.

As a result of inappropriate use of mobile phone and other electronic devices, Green Square School has decided to implement a Mobile Phone Policy.

Inappropriate use of a mobile phone includes:

- using a mobile phone in a way that disrupts the learning environment or interferes with the operation of the school
- bullying, intimidating or otherwise harassing others through SMS or text messaging or through photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone
- recording of conversations, including lessons, without the knowledge and permission of the teacher or those involved in the conversation [refer also to the separate section on Recording and Other Listening Devices]
- downloading or otherwise accessing inappropriate material on the internet such as child abuse or pornographic or other offensive material
- filming of fights or other criminal behaviour involving students that occur at school or the institute, during school or institute activities or while on the way to or from school or the institute
- using it in a way that threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person use that is in breach of any law. What action can I take if students use mobile phones inappropriately?

If students use mobile phones inappropriately, principals and executives have the right to take action.

Actions include:

- banning students from using mobile phones during the course of the school day
- confiscating mobile phones from individual students
- in the case of schools, requiring students to hand in their mobile phones to designated school staff at the beginning of the school day for collection when students go home
- applying student disciplinary provisions
- reporting the matter to the police.

At Green Square School, students are to hand in their mobile phones and other electronic devices to be locked away in the student store room. In emergency cases where a student is required to be contactable via mobile phone during the school day, please ring the school or send in a letter on the day your child requires his/her phone to be on them.

Phones are not to be used during any other part of the school day, unless it’s part of the teaching lesson.
Thank you Oz Harvest! Green Square School was added to their weekly run this term. As a result, students who are not able to bring in their own recess and lunch have a broader selection of food options if they need it.

For more information go to: http://www.ozharvest.org

Green Square School has been fortunate to be a part of the South Cares Program, where South Sydney football players spend time in the classroom to support students with their academic studies each Monday morning. So far we have had the pleasure of working with Jason Clark, Glenn Stewart and Ben Lowe. Thank you Souths Cares for your ongoing support of our students, it is greatly appreciated.

TAG TUESDAY

Starting next term Green Square will be competing against other schools each Tuesday afternoon. Students have been practicing each week to develop their teamwork, communication and football skills to impress and bewilder our opposition. Remember, to wear appropriate sports shoes and clothing for training sessions and our competitive games. Pack a drink bottle and food each week as growing bodies need fuel from food to function at their best.
On Friday the 6th March, sport was at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence. Students took on the staff for a game of Basketball and Indoor Soccer. Other sections of the centre students engaged with were the outdoor boot camp area. Activities included tyre lifting, skipping, ropes and utilising the punching bags with appropriate equipment. Students are to be commended for their participation and behaviour during the NCIE excursion. We hope to enjoy this facility again in the near future.

Starting this term, students will have the opportunity to develop their social skills such as leadership, collaboration, trust, building relationships, decision making, communication and team building, while learning an exciting sporting activity.

Indoor climbing is a natural team building activity and provides a collective experience where students work on unfamiliar challenges.

The increased level of interdependence required quickly builds rapport and trust within the team. Climbing can improve self esteem and confidence as climbers achieve a very visual goal. Although climbing is a physical activity, challenges are designed to encourage participation for all levels of fitness and ability, so even first time climbers will feel a sense of accomplishment.

Integration Update

Green Square School is an integrating program, and as such it is the goal of all students to work towards gaining full time placements back at their mainstream schools.

Congratulations to students who have been making the consistent effort at their mainstream schools.

A special mention to Elana, Daniel, Baree, Ali, Kabha, Tyson, Saxon, Aden, Hayley-Rose and Isaiah.

Well done to all students who have maintained or who have just started integration.

We look forward to your continued progress throughout next term.
We combined International Women’s Day and Harmony Day celebrations in style this term. Students created International Women’s Day posters, featuring women who ‘Make It Happen’. To acknowledge that ‘Everyone Belongs’ for Harmony Day, we enjoyed a delicious recess of French styled crepes made by Patrick and scrumptious lunch of Irish stew made by Laura and students from gold and blue class.

1990-2015: Celebrating 25 years!

On Friday the 6th March students from Green Square School participated in the annual “Clean Up Australia Day” campaign. A special thank you to the following students for volunteering to support a good cause: Hayley-Rose, Tyson, Aidan, Tyrone, Daniel, Baree, Aden, Elana, Tahlia and Saxon.

Construction Induction & White Card Certificate Training

White Card Certificate Training and We welcome Phil Clark back to Green Square School early term 2, to facilitate Construction Induction and White Card Certificate Training as follows:

Activity: Construction Induction
Date: Thursday 30th April
Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Activity: White Card Certificate Training
Date: Thursday 7th May
Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Activity: Introduction to Construction
Date: Thursday 14th May
Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

All students interested in participating are to let Kate know by Friday 24th April.

Back to School

All students return to school on
Tuesday 21st April 2015

Thank you to all students, parents/carers and staff for a great start to the year.