Congratulations, to all the students and staff for making 'Night of Stars' the best ever!
Principal's Message

'Night of Stars'

Our 'Night of Stars'—What a spectacular night! On Wednesday evening we were entertained by an outstanding display of performances, highlighting the myriad of talents at Greystanes Public School—35 acts in fact!

Soloists, duets, performance groups and combined class groupings entertained us with song, dance and instrumental pieces. The standard was second to none— we could have been in the Concert hall of the Opera House or main stage at Acer Arena. From hip hop to classical to rock— we saw shining stars, super stars and even a few budding rock stars!! All students were definitely shining on the night!!

Many thanks must go to all staff, the creative genius behind the night. I appreciate their dedication of time and their enthusiastic encouragement of the students. Many thanks must go to Mr Peter Morris and Mrs Margaret Smith, for their outstanding coordination and leadership of the night.

We also must thank Narelle and Darren, the teachers from Greystanes High School, as well as the Year 11/12 VET students for their outstanding execution of light and sound on the night. This created the atmosphere and polish to each performance.

Thanks also to the parents for your support with costuming and participation on the night. It was fabulous for the children to have such an enthusiastic, supportive audience. Many thanks for all your messages of support. According to all accounts this Night of Stars has been the best one ever. I was certainly so impressed by the calibre of each performance at my first Night of Stars. I can only imagine how amazing 2013 will be!

2013 Opportunity Class Orientation

On Wednesday we hosted the Orientation morning for the incoming Year 5 students to the Opportunity Class for 2013, as well as their parents. Many thanks to Mr Peter Morris and Mrs Margaret Smith for coordinating and leading an informative and welcoming morning session for the students and their families. Many thanks also to our student leaders for leading the orientation morning and sharing vital information for the incoming students. Thanks also to the office staff and members of the P&C for supporting the parents through the orientation process.

Parent Thank You Morning Tea

On Tuesday we held our annual Thank You Morning Tea for all parents, carers and long standing family members who have supported us throughout the year. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance.

Throughout the year you have supported student learning in so many ways such as the home reading program, reading groups, maths groups. You have attended parent workshops, Meet the Teacher night, parent/teacher interviews.

We have had the benefit of parents working in the School Learning Support Officer role—supporting student learning in classes across the school. Parents have provided support & encouragement to students at numerous school events.

Many thanks must go to Michael Shiels, our P&C president and the dedicated members of the P&C and fundraising committee for their excellent coordination of major events such as Welcome to School, Trivia night, Bunnings BBQ, Election BBQ, discos & Spring fair, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls & breakfasts and support for all school programs. Through their outstanding fundraising efforts the P&C were able to purchase 5 interactive whiteboards for our classrooms to ensure that all students have access to 21st century learning.

Again this year we have benefitted from a strong partnership between the staff, parents, students and school community. We have worked together to create opportunities, maximise student outcomes and achieve greatness for our students. In 2013 we will continue to strive to make Greystanes Public School the best school it can be for our students

Quality of School Life Survey

This week we have included the Quality of School Life survey for all families. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey
and return them to school, we appreciate your feedback.

**Gift Giving Tree**

**Salvation Army Christmas Appeal**

Please remember that the last day for gift donations is Friday 7th December. We request new items (no pre-loved or out of date) to be left under the tree unwrapped. Please note that while items need to be unwrapped at this stage, wrappings and cards can be donated and left under the tree.

Thank you

**Sports**

**PSSA - Summer Sport**

Congratulations to senior girls softball and senior cricket who made it through to the grand final and are competing today. Cricket will play Parramatta West PS and Softball will play Widemere. Best of luck teams.

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**Week - 7 washout**

**Enrolments for 2013**

If your child or children are leaving the school at the end of the year, could you please notify the office as soon as possible. Also if you know of someone who will be enrolling at Greystanes Public School for next year and they haven’t already done so, we ask if you could remind them to come into the office soon, so we can begin planning for 2013.

**School Security**

To help maintain the security of our school we ask that if you see people in the school grounds who do not have a valid reason to be there, that you please contact the Schools Security Unit or Merrylands Police. This can be done anonymously and helps to ensure the security of the school and minimise vandalism and theft.

School Security Unit: 1300 880 021
Merrylands Police: 02 9897 4899

Please note: We do have a number of legitimate groups who use the school facilities of an evening or weekend, this also helps minimise opportunities for vandalism and theft.

**Visiting the School**

Please remember that if you are on the school grounds after 9.15 and before 2.45pm you must sign in at the office as a visitor. *We also ask that you do not use the students’ toilets at any time.* If for some reason you need to use the facilities during your visit to the school please go to the administration office.

**Credit Card Payment**

Only payments of $20 and over can be accepted as a credit card payment. Please make sure that all details are completed correctly on the back of our school pay envelope when paying by credit card.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**Attention K – 2 Parents**

It is a good idea for children to have a clean change of clothes in their school bag in case of any accidents. Our supplies are running very low as some people forget to return borrowed items. If your child does come home with a change of clothes please wash and return to the office. Your assistance would be appreciated.
Money is only collected on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** unless otherwise advised. Please place money in the envelope provided or your own envelope clearly marked. Money must be brought to the office **before 9am** on these days and placed in the Money Box.