Upcoming Term 1 Week 2– Thursday 6th January 2014

**Principal’s Message**
Welcome back to 2014. Our Kindergarten students commenced school on Monday, 3rd February after completing their Best Start assessments. All students, including Kindergarten, have settled beautifully into their classes. Currently, we have 746 students enrolled in 29 classes at Greystanes Public School.

**Staff News Update- Baby News!**
On December 29, Mr and Mrs Sandeep Narayan became the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Ava Elizabeth. We wish the Narayan family every happiness for this very special and exciting time as a new family.

**Welcome To School BBQ**
This Friday, 7th February our wonderful P&C will be hosting our annual ‘Welcome to School BBQ’ to welcome all new families into the school, as well as welcoming back our existing families. It will commence at 6pm and there will be a free sausage sizzle, as well as a free disco for the children.

It will be a fun-filled night for all and will provide a fabulous opportunity for you to meet other families in the school. Come along and join in the fun and make some new friends. We hope to see you there.

**Money Collection Days**
This year we are increasing our money collection days to 3 days. They will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please remember that all money payments need to be taken to the office before school in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child’s name, class and activity.

**2014 School Photos**
School photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 12th February, 2014 by The School Photographer.

All students are expected to wear their full summer uniform, including black school shoes. Any hair accessories such as ribbons, headbands or clips should be green. Please remember that children should not be wearing jewellery such as bracelets, necklaces, wristbands or dangling earrings.

The completed order form, sealed in the envelope, together with correct cash payment or payment details can be returned to school on any day up to and including Wednesday, 12th February.

**Meet the Teacher Evenings**
This year Greystanes Public School will be holding our Meet the Teacher sessions on two evenings, Tuesday 18th February and Wednesday 19th February. We are hoping this will provide greater opportunities for parents to be able to attend the information session for each of their children.

The sessions will be as follows:
- **Tuesday 18th February** - Early Stage 1 (Kinder) & Stage 2 (Years 3 inc 3B & Year 4)
- **Wednesday, 19th February** - Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2 inc 2B) & Stage 3 (Years 5 inc 4/5N & Year 6)

Please come along and meet your child/children’s teacher and don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to find out all the relevant information about your child’s class for 2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

Libby Gledhill
Principal
Greystanes Public School App
This week we are launching our brand new school app. The Greystanes Public School App will be your one stop spot for upcoming events, your electronic copy of this and future newsletters, notes and notifications. You can set your app to only notify you of events relevant to your child/children's grade/s, you can also get it to sync with your smartphone. You can access our app in two ways you can download it to your smartphone or tablet by searching Greystanes Public School on the Apple app store or Google play store or you can access it from your web browsers at the following URL: www.myauschools.com
Password: community
Username: greystanesps

Our app will replace our newsletter mailing list this year. So if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically please download the app and complete the tear off slip attached to this newsletter so that we do not send you a paper copy. Please note that all permission notes and some other notes will still continue to be sent home in hard copy.

Parking
Around the school there are a number of no stopping and no standings zones. Hefty fines and penalties do apply if you park contrary to these signs and council rangers only need to drive past to fine vehicles. These fines are then posted to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Bradman Street Gate
Please remember that the Bradman Street pedestrian gate will be locked at 9.30am and re open at 2.30pm each afternoon.

Communicating with your school
While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home. Watch this video to find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school

Series books to ignite summer reading
Series books can be a great way to get your kids hooked on reading. Reluctant readers and children who struggle with comprehension can also find series books easier to enjoy. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/series-books-to-ignite-summer-re

Is your child in a new class without their friends?
At some stage in their school life your child is likely to find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it?

Summer food safety
You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child’s lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.
Have a look at more school food tips: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids

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 Collection
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

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.

Please detach and return this section to the school front office.

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Please complete the following notification slip if you wish to access your future newsletters from the Greystanes Public School App.

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Thu 6 & Fri 7 Feb - 5-7pm

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