**From The Principal**

Welcome back to everyone— I hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy your holidays. It has been great to see everyone back with such big smiles on their faces ready for a new term of learning.

After our very successful Green Day at the end of last term, over the holidays I purchased some tube stock (very small plants) that our Garden Gurus are beginning to plant in some of the garden beds around the school. So far they have planted out the garden bed along the footpath into the office area and the garden bed under the bed tree in between our buildings down near the bike shed. Now we just need to wait and watch them grow!

This week we will introduce to you the 7th Habit – **Sharpen the Saw.** When we sharpen the saw we take the time to look after ourselves. We can do this by looking after our bodies by eating healthy food, regularly exercising and getting enough sleep. We spend quality time with our families and friends. We also take the opportunities to learn in lots of ways in lots of places.

Sharpening the saw is perhaps one of the hardest habits for us as parents to do for ourselves because we are so busy taking care of our children and life gets very busy. There is a lot of research that recommends that we make sure we spend at least 20 minutes a day doing something that helps us to sharpen the saw. Sharpening the saw doesn’t have to be something big either— it might just be spending time each day doing an activity that we enjoy such as gardening, reading or going for a walk.

This term we will be running a Parent Helpers course. Jo, our Assistant Principal, would love you to join her on Wednesday 4th May in the Community Hub at 9:15am after you drop your child/children off at school. The session will run for just over an hour and you will learn how you can assist your child with their learning in Reading and Maths. Completing this short course will also enable you to help out in your child’s classroom as well. In next week’s newsletter we will include an Expression of Interest slip for you to complete and return to the school should you wish to do the course.

*Regards,*

Michelle Huggan
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Welcome back to Term Two in Physical Education

We have a big term lined up once again as we will be focusing on the Fundamental Motor Skills, game sense approach and our Term 2 Interschool Sports teams. We will also be running specialised programs during PE and class time with Victoria University during April and May across the whole school. For more information on the Physical Education program please visit our website in the coming weeks for full dates and times.

This term I **will not** be running afterschool activities on a Tuesday evening, as I was disappointed with the numbers of participants attending each week. In some classes there was as few as 1 participant for the hour. As I am paying for coaching staff per hour, I have decided to bring the coaches into my Physical Education lessons where the middle and upper grades will all have the benefits of professional coaching at different times throughout the term.

This term we have the Interschool Soccer Gala for boys on the 21st April and Cross Country Events coming up in May, so training will be taking place before school on the oval for all ages starting at 8.40am on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. I strongly encourage all students and parents to join in and enjoy the walk/jog each morning.

In Term 3 we will be working with the Heart Foundation to Jump Rope (skip) in PE and will have a Jump off week where children will be raising money for the National Heart Foundation. As this is Active April month, let’s all make a special effort and run, jog, walk or skip each day to improve our own health and set beneficial examples for our children.

Hope we all have a happy, fit and healthy term and if you have any questions regarding physical activities please feel free to approach me to discuss them further.

Regards,
Tania Crook
Physical Education Specialist
Leaders of the Week
To be presented at Assembly this Friday.
Assembly Hosts - 5/6B

Prep C  Ekam Jeet  3/4B  Ayman Chakik
Prep M  Jethro Sumabong  3/4F  Hubi Ahmed
1/2A  Jayden Pham  3/4H  Winsphil Tuuau
1/2B  Cooper Lugg  5/6B
1/2C  Kalani Loloa  5/6M  Chanelle Elisara
Art  Alyissa Scanlan  5/6S  Ta Bawi Hlawn Chin
Italian  Cindy Seephan  PE  Christina Gavrilovski

Reading Recovery  Courtney Scanlan

Mother’s Day Stall
When:  Friday 6th May
Time:  11.30am - 1.30pm
Where:  BER Building
         (Library)
Prices:  From $1.00 to $5.00

Don’t forget to bring a plastic bag to put your purchases in.

Mother’s Day Stall Volunteers
On Wednesday 20th April we will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall meeting in Room 15 at 3.45pm. This meeting is to start preparing for the Mother’s Day Stall. If there are any volunteers who would like to help could you please see Kylie Bonello in Room 15. Thank you.
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**Art Room News**

**Wanted!**
Please help us to create our wonderful artworks. If you have the following materials, or any other resources that we can use in the Art Room, they would be greatly appreciated.

- Small baby food jars
- Margarine & ice cream containers
- Family magazines, e.g. Women’s Weekly, Woman’s Day, New Idea
- Lunch wrap cylinders (not toilet roll cylinders)
- Egg cartons
- Material
- Wool
- Buttons

**Art smocks**
All grades will be involved in activities using paints this term and an art smock is required to protect their clothing.

Mrs Ackerman
Visual Arts teacher

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**Mission Statement**

**D R E A M**

At Stevensville we
- Develop confidence,
- Resilience and
- Empowerment to
- Achieve our full potential and
- Master lifelong learning.

**Our Values**
- Trust
- Respect
- Honesty
- Teamwork
- Responsibility

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The Leader In Me

Habit 1: Be Proactive
I have a "Can Do" attitude. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I don't blame others. I do the right thing without being asked, even when nobody is looking.

Habit 2: Begin With The End in Mind
I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

Habit 3: Put First Things First
I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I should say no to things I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am organized.

Habit 4: Think Win-Win
I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do nice things for others. When a problem comes up, I help think of a way to solve it. We can all win!

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
I listen to others' ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas.

Habit 6: Synergize
I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other ideas to solve problems. I know that "two heads are better than one." I am a better person when I let other people into my life and work.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw
I take care of my body by eating right, exercising, and getting sleep. I spend time with my family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places.