From The Principal

I’m not sure if you have had the chance to notice yet, but our yard is looking much tidier and this is thanks to our Garden Gurus group. Last week they were so efficient they finished all the jobs we had listed by Wednesday. They then showed how proactive they are by coming to the office and asking for a new list to be given to them so they could continue improving our yard right up until Friday. As a celebration of their work, we awarded 5 students who have been out sweeping and cleaning up our garden beds each day, a special canteen voucher for a canteen lunch on us. Thank you to Ta Bawi, Loang, Andrew H, Dahn and Sairas for the great leadership you are showing in our school.

This is also a great example of Habit 4 in action – Think Win-Win. When we are thinking win-win we want everyone to be a success. We don’t need to put other people down to get what we want. It makes us happy to see other people happy. We like to do nice things for others. When a problem comes up, we help think of a way to solve it. We can all win!

Last week nominations for the vacant positions on our School Council closed and, given we had equal or less than the number of nominations to positions declared vacant, I would like to welcome Leonie Willett-Weyers, mother of John and Lauralee, Rongopai Koia, mother of Hevani, Kalani and Psalms and Lilijana Simonovska, mother of Filip as our parent representatives on School Council. Retiring from school council this year is Tauseef Ashraf, who has served for the past 2 years as a parent representative and our School Council President. I would like to thank Tauseef for the dedication and work he has put into his time on School Council, particularly last year while our school went through it’s review.

The first School Council meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday, the 16th March starting at 3:55pm in the Meeting Room. During this meeting we will set meeting dates for the remainder of the year and also elect our office bearers. All School Council members will receive their documents the week before the meeting when they will be sent home with the eldest child in each family. Prior to this meeting we will hold our Annual General Meeting at 3:45pm and all parents of our school community are welcome to attend this meeting.

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

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Term 1 Program - New Families Welcome!

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Camp, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Do you have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card?

You may be eligible for the CSEF payment which will pay for all your children’s excursions and activities during the year. Please bring your Health Care Card or Pension Card to the office and you will be able to complete an application form.

Applications are closing soon.

Reporting Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school parents need to either:

- Phone the school on 9366 1381,
- Tell someone in the office, or
- Send a note or medical certificate to the class teacher when the child returns to school.

If you are your child / children are going to be away in the future (e.g. family holidays), please send a note or contact the office as soon as dates are confirmed.

Each month we are sending home absence letters for students who have unexplained absences. If you receive one of these letters please write the reasons for the absences, sign the letter and return it to school.
Leaders of the Week
To be presented at Assembly this Friday. Assembly Hosts - 5/6M

Prep C  Muntas Shire  3/4F  Justin Sourivong
Prep M  Bella Batson  3/4H  Tiffany Huynh
1/2A  Bilal Jamaldeen  3/4Y  Andy Nguyen
1/2B  Musa Naveed  5/6B  Mark Burrell
1/2C  Eric Tran  5/6M  An Tien Mai
Art  Victoria Masalu  PE  Lazar Manev
Italian  Lian Ceu Hnin
Reading Recovery Tekai Neemia

Good Citizen
Above and Beyond

Come and have a look at our ‘Leader In Me’ Displays!
Green Day - Monday March 21st
A gardening day working bee where each grade will have a one hour timeslot where they will be tidying, mulching and watering their own garden area in preparation for planting in Term 2.
Parents are more than welcome to came along and assist. It would be helpful if students could bring a bucket from home.

Harmony Day - Tuesday March 22nd
Harmony Day is held each year on 21 March. We, at Stevensville Primary School, will celebrate Harmony Day of Tuesday the 22nd of March.
It’s a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.
The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.
The theme for 2016 is “Our diversity is our strength, because together we…”
All students to be encouraged to wear something orange, which is the colour that is used to celebrate Harmony Day. Mei is planning a multicultural lunch in the BER building and we will be asking parents and teachers to contribute a plate of something that represents their country of origin. The canteen will have a pizza & juice lunch for the students on this day.

Market Day - Wednesday March 23rd, 2.30 - 3.30pm
As part of their Math and Inquiry topics, the 5/6 students are organising and running a school Market Day. All classes from Prep to Grade 6 will have their own stall, where they will sell items or have games to play.
The purpose of the Market Day is for the 5/6 students to apply their new knowledge of Economics and Financial Math in a real life setting. They aim to raise money to purchase soccer goals for the oval.
We would love to see as many parents attend as possible. Please come along and support our students in their market endeavours.