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\* Prep Newsletter No 15 29th May 2009 \*  
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Dear Parents,

This week the Prep children took part in an exciting exercise program (a HUGE thanks to Gaynor Andrews From Gaynor's Health and Fitness) for volunteering her time and magnificent program. The children took part in lots of dancing and physical activities and discussed why this is important for our bodies. The children had lots of excellent answers regarding keeping themselves healthy and had LOTS of fun on the day.



### Term 2 Week 7

Letter— Revision Nn, Vv, Ee, Yy

### Reminders and Special Notices:

- **World Of Maths Helpers**

On Monday 1st June Greenhills Primary School will be hosting a special program named World of Maths. Children participating will be involved in lots of fun maths games and activities. We would greatly appreciate parent assistance with this program if any parents are available and interested in helping. If you would like to come along and join in, session times are as follows for Prep children;

\* Prep K & Prep SH 9.30am-10.40am

\* Prep C & Prep JH 11.40am-12.50pm

Hope to see you there!

- **Buddy Bear**

Starting very soon, each Prep grade will be having a new edition to their class— Buddy Bear! Buddy Bear will be visiting the home of each child in the class some time between now and the end of the year. Buddy Bear comes home with each child, along with a bag and a special book. We would like for each family to include Buddy Bear in whatever they do during his stay at your house. Then, as a family, we would like you to record what Buddy Bear got up to while he was with you... This could be something as simple as going shopping or going to a friend's house. Please feel free to include a photo of Buddy Bear at your house. We would like to encourage children to have a go at writing about Buddy's stay with you. There will be more detail and information in Buddy Bear's book when he comes to your house to stay. Please ensure to return Buddy Bear to class by the requested date to ensure there is time for all class members to have their turn of looking after Buddy. Thanks.

- **Friend Of The Week**

Our Friend of the Week program will be beginning soon. Each week a student's name is selected out of a hat and they are the Friend of the Week for the entire week. During this time they get lots of special things, such as having Show and Tell every day that week, they get to take home a special book that the children make all about that child and lots, lots more. Over the years that this program has been running, the children have always been very excited about being involved and it is a good way for them to learn more about their class mates and to think about why that person is special to them.

- **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all of those children and parents who are currently taking part in this reading challenge. There is still time to be a part of this worthwhile experience. Parent comments in the past have reflected the special time it creates when sharing stories with your children at bedtime or simply enjoying a good laugh over a book you have shared. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to participate but have not yet enrolled your child.

- **Tissues**

As we are heading into the cold and flu season, it would be greatly appreciated if possible for families to please send along a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thanks.

- **Slippers**

Just a reminder that children can bring slippers along to school to wear in the classroom during the cold winter months. These can be kept in their classroom pigeon hole when not being worn. Thanks

*Have a lovely weekend*  
*Josephine, Amy, Janine & Suzie*

## **WHO SAID BEING A PARENT WAS FUN?**

**A FIVE SESSION FREE PROGRAM IS BEING OFFERED TO PARENTS** of children at Greenhills PS.

The program is aimed at parents who wish to improve their relationship with their children.

This program aims to increase parent understanding of child development, teach problem solving abilities and introduce some fun to the whole parenting experience. The topics covered are derived from the parents' own concerns. **Places are limited.** If you are interested in attending this program please register at the school office.

**Leader:** Peter DiLeo, Department of Education  
Psychologist

**Where:** At Greenhills, Community Room.

**When:** 9.15 – 10.45am, five Wednesday's from the 20<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

### **TEAR OFF SLIP**

**Who said being a parent was fun.....?**

**Application**

I would like to register for this program.

**Parent's Name:**.....

**Name of child/ren:**.....

**Year level:**.....