From the Principal

This week I submitted two important documents to Regional Office – the Annual Improvement Plan and Greenvale’s proposal for the state government’s Great Results Guarantee. Our Annual Improvement Plan (AIP) sets out how we will achieve our priorities in improved Reading, Writing, Number, higher student attendance, and building school capacity to perform at its best and encouraging community partnerships.

The aim of the Great Results Guarantee is to have school’s achieve improved student learning in the Prep to Year 3 sector – giving students a great start to their learning.

Our Great Results Guarantee has been approved and the funding will be used:

- Increase the number of students in the P-3 meeting the National Minimum Standards in Reading to 100% within the next two years.
- Increase the number of students in the Year 3 Upper Two Bands in Reading for two out of five students in 2014.
- Develop Individual Learning Plans for students who are identified below the National minimum Standards for Reading.
- Increase staff capacity through professional development focused on the explicit teaching of Reading.

We have purchased a Reading, Writing and Spelling intervention kit to assist students who require intervention.

We hope you have a good break over the holidays and enjoy some Easter cheer (and eggs) with family and friends.

Once again, I would like to thank all of the staff and students for their hard work and dedication this term.

Enjoy your Easter holidays, I will be on leave for the first week of term 2 but I look forward to seeing you all in week 2. Miss List will be the Officer in charge whilst I am away.

Yours in learning,
Laura-Beth Martin.

Reading at home

Parents and guardians, it is vital that your child is reading at home each night, every night, regardless of their age or class. Children in the younger grades should have a home reader to read each night. These need to be read each night and returned to the school the next day for changing. Older children should be reading a small novel each week and changing this when finished at the Library. Please take a few minutes to read with your child each night, as it is vital that your child develops healthy reading habits early. Spending 20 minutes each night reading with your child equates to nearly 3 hours of reading over a 7 day period. This is vital learning time.

Reading Tip!

“Are we there yet?”

Use the time spent in the car or bus for wordplay. Talk about how jam means something you put on toast as well as cars stuck in traffic. How many other homonyms can your child think of? When kids are highly familiar with the meaning of a word, they have less difficulty reading it.
Our Vision:  
To provide a supportive and challenging school environment which recognises and values individual differences and equips students for tomorrow’s future.

WE ARE WINNERS!

Our school made waves on Wednesday the 19th of March, Greenvale State School hosted the Small Schools Swimming event in Charters Towers. Everyone had a great day and our efforts were recognised as we were the Winners on the day. Congratulations to our Age Champions, Wes, Dean, Keeley, Jack, Jasmine, Wade, Hayley, Chelsea, Jordyn and Kyle. We would like to thank the Homestead P&C for catering for this event and to Central State School for letting us sleep over at their school.

On Thursday the 20th of March, Greenvale State School joined Homestead, Ravenswood and Pentland State Schools for our Small Schools Cluster Cross Country Carnival. We had a great time and received fourth placing overall. Congratulations to our Age Champions, Keeley, Hayley, Wade Douglas and Jorden. Thanks to the Greenvale P&C for catering for this event.

Age Champions for Greenvale State School at the Dalrymple Cluster Swimming Carnival (above)

Age Champions for Greenvale State School at the Dalrymple Cluster Cross Country (Right)

After the swimming carnival all the children from the Small Schools Cluster went back to Central State School where we had a visit from the very talented cartoonist Brian Doyle. He inspired us to use our creative talents to draw some crazy creatures! I am sure that we will 'Keep on Drawing' for years to come.
Our Strategies:
Improving student achievement in all key learning areas.
Demonstrate high quality teaching practices characterised by high expectations of all.

ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony
The 2014 ANZAC Day Memorial Ceremony will be held on Friday the, 25th April. This is a special parade to honour those who have lost their lives and family as a result of conflict. All parents and community members are invited to attend. Please see attached flyer for details.

Foodworks Cash for Schools!
Please keep in mind if you are shopping at the Foodworks store on Boundary Street Charters Towers and you spend over $50 they will give you a coupon to place into one of the boxes on the Cash for School stand! It’s that simple! Thanks to all of our families and community members who have already been supporting us in this super easy fundraising venture!

JCU Fun Day - Wednesday 2nd of April, 2014
Representatives from the James Cook University organised fun, team building activities for Greenvale students. During the morning activities P-2 students identified their future aspirations and possible obstacles they needed to overcome to achieve these. Following this activity the P-2 students were challenged to build a spaghetti tower. Teams worked well together and created some wonderful spaghetti towers using only spaghetti and marshmallows.

The senior students were encouraged to identify their life visions including aspirations, personal strengths and future opportunities. Following this activity senior students were challenged to build a bridge made of only newspaper and masking tape, strong enough to hold a stack of newspapers. Each team worked well and successfully met the challenge. Some bridges were even strong enough to support a student, Jack Olditch.
Great team work everyone!
Change of Staffing in Term 2

Judy Sandwith has moved on to new projects next term. We would like to thank Judy for her time at Greenvale State School and wish her all the best on her travels. We welcome Julie Condon next term as teacher aide to the school.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM Meeting and P&C General Meeting last week. Congratulations to our newly elected P&C Executives and P&C members.

I would like to extend my thanks to Julie Condon P&C President, Mel McClear P&C Treasurer, Laurel Royes P&C Secretary and all the members and supporters of the P&C for their outstanding efforts in 2013.

Congratulations to the following P&C Executives who have taken up positions and support roles:

- **President**: Bedeliah Mallett
- **Treasurer**: Christine Ford
- **Secretary**: Laurel Royes
- **Vice President**: Chris Land

The P&C raises valuable funds to support and subsidise many programs at our school. It is voluntary and everyone works well together in supporting student outcomes. All members in new roles are supported by other members and help is always at hand if required.

The next P&C will be held on Wednesday 30th April 2014. All new and existing members are welcome to attend.

Student Council News

We have been really busy fundraising this term and have had lots of fun doing it.

Last Saturday, the LAC kindly let us have a stall at their promotion day and we sold “Frogs in a Pond” jelly cups. We sold out within the first half hour of being there. Thank you to the LAC who let us sell their ice cream cones and keep the profit, that was really kind. We raised $113.00 in total for the day. We would like to thank the P&C who donated the cups to us for the jelly cups.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

**Easter Raffle** Our Easter raffle was a hit we raised $286.00, the lucky winner of the cake and Easter egg was Miss Judy. Thank you to Mrs Olditch for making a lovely cake and donating it.

Queensland term dates - 2014

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