Dear Parents,

Yet again another fun filled busy couple of weeks at Greenmount. We have been working hard in class and have enjoyed a great time out and about doing some exciting activities. Last Monday and Friday the students competed at the Central Downs Athletics Carnival at Allora State School. All students competed to the best of their ability and were fine examples of sportsmanship. It is always lovely to see this event be, not only a day of sport, but a day of students socialising and having fun with students from the other schools. Well done students! We would like to particularly congratulate Emily Murry, Jackson Fo’Ou and Bailey Skillcorn for making it into the CD team to compete at the Southern Downs Athletics Trials. Also Jackson was awarded the Runner up Athlete for his age group.

Last Thursday the school Travelled to the Cobb and Co Museum for our annual Indigenous celebrations. Please see the article and photos over page.

Our annual Options program will commence next week on Tuesday the 16th of August. Once again there are some exciting craft and hands on activities for the students. The Options presentation evening will be held on 1st of September.

The P&C are looking for a business/community member/family that would like to donate a carton of beer or meat tray for their fathers day fundraiser on the 3rd of September at the Greenmount pub. Please contact the P&C if you can help.

Unfortunately Mrs Moy has been very unwell with influenza and off work for the last two weeks. We hope she has a speedy recovery and joins us back at school soon. She would like to thank all of the staff for looking after the school in her absence.

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Cobb and Co Museum Visit

Greenmount SS was lucky to be a part of the Indigenous Cultures Workshops held in Toowoomba at the Cobb and Co Museum on Thursday, 4th August. All of our students were involved in discovering more about the oldest living continuing culture on the planet – our indigenous culture. We took part in a range of activities including Murri Connection to Country where we learnt about tucker, medicines and weapons; Indigenous art and artefacts workshops as well as throwing boomerangs, learning more about music and playing outdoor games. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to proudly acknowledge and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Olympic fever has hit our playgroup!!

We started our Olympics opening with the torch relay.

Jazzmyn was first to start the run, followed by Keelie, Anastazyia, Natalya, Harry and Toby, who then passed the torch on to Paige to light the cauldron.

Our children won medals today in Badminton (using fly swats and a balloon), Hockey (pool noodles), Javelin (straws) and Rhythmic Gymnastics. Toby is shown here with his gold medal for his great javelin throw. As you can see the crowd behind the medal winners were cheering and sang the Australian Anthem with pride.

Next week the Olympics will continue with Sprints, Long Jump, Weight Lifting, Sailing and Cycling. Hopefully the day will be warm and the velodrome (tennis court) dry.

After the final event and medal presentation, the closing ceremony will commence with fireworks. The children will be painting their own fireworks display and a science experiment will be conducted.

This will conclude our gross motor Olympic theme in time to make special gifts for Father’s Day the following week.

*Mrs Miller*
### P&C Update

Friendly reminder that the P&C Working Bee is next Saturday 20th August 12:30pm-5pm. Many hands make light work! We encourage everyone to come along, help clean up the gardens in our school grounds and help make our little school neat & presentable (also manageable as snake season fast approaches for the safety of our children). We ask everyone to BYO gardening gloves, gardening tools eg shovels, wheelbarrows, limb cutters, digging forks etc... Also drinks and wear enclosed shoes. We would also appreciate the use of Utes & trailers for any dump runs.

If you have any questions or would like to come along & volunteer, please see Shannon or Belinda.

### Fathers Day Fundraisers:

- **Fathers Day Raffle:**
  Which student will win the Prize selling the most tickets? More raffle tickets are available if you have finished your books. All money and unsold raffle tickets are due back in the Orange P&C Box.
  All money due back Monday 29th August.
  The raffle will be drawn on options night, Thursday 1st September.
  Reminder for family to please donate a six pack. These can be dropped at the tuckshop on a Friday.

- **Fathers Day Stall:**
  Will be held on Friday 2nd September. Any donations for the stall would greatly appreciated. Please drop them at the tuckshop.

- **Fathers Day Meat and Slab Afternoon at Greenmount Hotel:**
  From 2pm onwards. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. If anyone knows any business that would like to donate a slab or meat tray, please see Shannon. Spread the word, help make this a great afternoon for our dad's.

### Tuckshop News

Can parents please write out the tuckshop orders on brown paper bags, making note there is to be a separate one for morning tea and lunch for each student please. This saves a lot of time for our wonderful tuckshop workers who volunteer their time. Correct change is also required. Brown bags can be purchased from Woolworths for 100 for $2.

Next P&C meeting is at 3pm 8th September. Come along, be involved and have your say.

### P&C Dates

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| 1-9-2016     | Fathers Day raffle drawn and winning ticket seller announced  
|              | At the School Options Presentation           |
| 2-9-2016     | Fathers Day Stall 2pm                        |
| 3-9-2016     | Fathers Day Meat and Slab raffle at pub      |
Go Nude and Save the Environment!

By Maisie, Henry, Clare and Ned.

At Greenmount State School our year 3 and 4 group conducted a lunch and waste audit to see if we are having a negative impact on our environment. The results were alarming. 87% of all waste found in our lunch boxes was not able to be recycled. It is sad to know that most of our waste will make up landfill. Did you know that it takes 500 years for a zip lock bag to be broken down and at our school, on just one day, we used 23 zip lock bags. Our environment is suffering.

An average student at school generates around 30kg of potentially recyclable material each year—this just ends up making more landfill. Every year the average Australian family produces enough rubbish to fill a 3 bedroom home and totalling about 2.2kgs of waste each and every day. This is not a sustainable rate.

In one day, our school produced two medium sized metal bins filled with rubbish, and some of that waste was able to be recycled. This is something we will need to work on in the future in our school to help save our environment.

We are learning about ways we can reduce, reuse, and recycle, and as a part of this learning we would like our whole school to be involved in ‘Nude Food week’ next week. This would help us to reduce the amount of packaging we bring to school and therefore reduce our waste. Next Thursday, we will again conduct an audit of our lunchboxes and see if we have made a change in our habits. Please help us in our attempts to save the environment for our future. Please bring your lunch to school next week in paper, or reusable containers.
A NOTE from LOTE

If you are in Toowoomba this Sunday, 14 August, take time to visit the Languages and Cultures festival being held in Queen’s Park from 10 am until 4 pm. The festival is a showcase of the linguistic and cultural diversity of the people who live in the Toowoomba Regional area and an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the richness that this brings to our community. There will be plenty of entertainment with live music, interesting activities to try and lots of tasty, international food to tempt you. There is something for everyone, so come along and have a great day out with the whole family!