

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 2019 IS ALMOST GONE!

This is our last newsletter for 2019. Where has this year gone? I want to thank the wonderful community of Greenwood PS for all of their contributions across the year. It has been another very productive year with wonderful innovations being begun or progressed. The staff are extremely professional and enthusiastic, our P&C, School Board and other committees have led with initiative and our students have engaged positively with opportunities. I also sincerely thank all of the parents and carers who stepped up and supported our goals. At Tuesday's Community Thank You Morning Tea, I spoke about the importance of adults from outside the school staff being active participants inside school activities. I encourage people to look at how they can assist in 2020. I have heard that 'Somebody Else' is actually not very well at the moment and won't be able to help out much next year. Depending upon how 'Somebody Else' goes in their recovery, I will speak more about that early in 2020.

### ARISS INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION HOOK UP

As I indicated in my communication earlier this week, staff and students were very disappointed that we were cancelled by NASA at the very last minute. We do understand that missions obviously need to be prioritised over the Primary School hook up. We will see what unfolds in 2020 and get back to the community. I thank those thoughtful parents who have taken the time to send such positive and supportive messages to the staff around the impact that the whole theme has had on the excitement for space/astronauts in their homes.

#### Dates to Remember

##### December

- 16 TA1-A & TA3 Suitcase Circus Incursion – 10.00am
- 16 TA14 & TA15 Chipmunks – 9.00am
- 17 Graduation Ceremony – 1.00pm
- 17 TA1-B & TA2 Suitcase Circus Incursion
- 17 TA11 & TA13 High Flyers
- 17 Year 6 Dinner Dance
- 18 Book Awards Assembly
- 19 Social Dance
- 19 Last Day for Students



## STUDENT DIGITAL COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

I remind parents of the new Department Policy which takes effect in 2020 around mobile devices at schools. If you are providing your child with a device, they must be stored at the office during the day. We will have a system in place for making them as secure as possible, but ultimately responsibility is with the parent. Any device stored in a school bag will be confiscated and will require the parent to attend the school to recover it.

Recently, I sent out information from WACSS around the Tik Tok app and I thank parents who have been pro-active in their support by removing their child's access to that platform. This means that one potential social media problem is averted. I would advise parents to continue to closely monitor how their children are interacting online.

### STAFFING FOR 2020

At this point in time most current staff will be remaining with us at Greenwood for 2020. Mrs Miles returns from Parental Leave for 2 days per week. Miss Howley will continue to tandem with her in 2020. As in 2019, there will be a number of changes of teaching, support and classroom Teaching Areas for 2020. It is with sadness that I announce that Ibu (Mrs) Clifton will be leaving us at the end of this year. She has chosen to retire. I know that she has agonised over this decision because she just loves teaching and adores the students and community of Greenwood. She has contributed many years of service to Allenswood, East Greenwood and now Greenwood communities for well over 20 years. Earlier this year she was awarded the ACEL Excellence in Teacher Leadership Award for her system contributions to the Languages curriculum development. They are very big shoes to fill! We thank Marie for her amazing contribution to our community and wish all the best in the next phase of her life.



**School Returns Monday 3 February 2020**

## 2020 CLASSES

Class lists will be provided to you in two formats:

1. All families will receive a personal message via Connect with the details of teacher and room, saving you the traditional visit. The message will be sent in the morning on Wednesday 29 January.
2. They will still be posted on the window of the Medical Room on Wednesday 29 January at 3.00pm. I remind all parents that, for child security reasons, photos of these lists **may not be taken**.

**Changes to these classes will not be made.** The process of placement is extremely thorough and considered. Staff bring class data through an Impact Index to their meetings, moderate this data and then apply a very collaborative approach based on the school needs for the student and the resources available to the school. All parent requests submitted by the due date were considered. (Not necessarily acted upon). On most occasions the anxiety created by a placement is overcome after the first day. Talk your child through the fact that new friendships are built and new and exciting opportunities far outweigh what they may see as a loss. Sometimes the anxiety actually belongs to the parent. Do not transfer your issues to your child!

## REPORTS

Providing our system works as planned, all parents should receive their child's report via Connect tomorrow.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Our final general assembly for 2019 was a huge success. It was run by our instrumental music students. I loved the fact that they had the opportunity to showcase their skills to such a large audience. We have gone from 10 students involved in 2018 to 25 this year. All of this year's students are in their first year of playing. Next year we will be at 30 students involved in the IMSS program. I thank the School Board for their assistance in helping us successfully increase the opportunities for our children. Also critical to our success was the work of Warwick SHS Principal, Lesley Wintle who through her passion and leadership has been able to ensure a pathway is provided for our students is available at Warwick SHS.

## BUSY LAST WEEK

Please ensure that you are aware of all the events taking place in our last week of school. Look out for notices on your Connect app. Re-read those that you have already received and ensure that you keep your communication device close by.

## HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON

On behalf of the staff at Greenwood PS, I wish all of our community a happy festive season. I wish our Year 6 families and other families who are leaving us this year, all the best and thank you for your contributions to the culture of our school. I welcome our new families joining us from Kindergarten and other contexts. Please stay safe over the holiday period and we look forward to having you join us as part of an exciting 2020.

**Peter Mulcahy**  
Principal



## HONOUR CERTIFICATES

TA2	Moni
TA3	Michael, Charlie
TA4	Charlotte, Blake
TA5	Ruby, Tayley
TA6	Kyen, Sophia, Brok
TA7	Isaiah, Cassie
TA8	Will, Ruby
TA9	Yujin, Shaylee
TA10	Ava, Maddison
TA11	Lewis, Amelia
TA12	Tahlia, Layla
TA13	Elodie, Charlie
TA14	Lara, Isaiah
TA15	Rosie, Milton
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	James, Wyatt, Louise
ART	TA4, TA8

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

A big thank you to our community for participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. The school has purchased some wonderful instruments which the children have been using in the Music room.

**Rebecca Wilson-Boyce**  
Music Teacher





## TA4 & TA5 CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DAY

The day began with a visit from Pop Magic who entertained the Year 1 students with some great jokes and magic. After recess our family helpers arrived to help out with the Christmas craft activities.

We had a fantastic day! A big thank you to the P & C who help to support this event.



## GREENWOOD DENTAL THERAPY

Greenwood Dental Therapy will be closed for the Christmas holidays.

**Thursday 19 December** for EMERGENCIES ONLY please call North Beach DTC 9448 4566 (am) and Marmion DTC 9447 1275 (pm).

**Monday 23 December** for EMERGENCIES ONLY please call Hudson Park DTC 9342 4217.

**Tuesday 24 December to Friday 24 January** for EMERGENCIES ONLY please call Warwick General Clinic 9447 8011, Mt Henry General Clinic 9313 0552.

**Tuesday 28 January to Friday 31 January** for EMERGENCIES ONLY please call Halidon DTC 9409 6362.

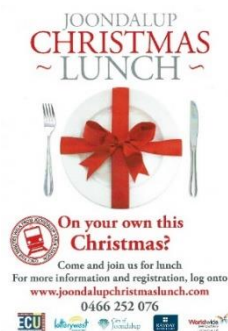
**Thank you and Seasons Greetings to all.**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A colleague of mine brought a Christmas event to my attention that I'd like to share with you and hopefully it's something that you could share with others who may really need this, this Christmas.

### 2019 Joondalup Christmas Lunch



This event provides fellowship and a festive luncheon for local residents who may be experiencing financial hardship or are isolated from family and friends on Christmas Day. The afternoon consists of a sit down Christmas lunch in a wonderfully decorated atmosphere representing the Christmas spirit.

This event is held at Central Park in Joondalup which is a smoke-free environment and alcohol is not permitted on site.

To register for this event, log onto [www.joondalupchristmaslunch.com](http://www.joondalupchristmaslunch.com) 0466 252 076

I would like to finish off by sharing how the lunch time program this Term has been so wonderful. The library has been buzzing with crowds of students and they have thoroughly enjoyed decorating their Christmas ornaments, creating Christmas LEGO characters, playing board games and watching a movie under the air conditioner. The students have been **AMAZING** with packing away their craft, LEGO, colouring activities and leaving the library looking so neat and tidy. Mrs Fazz and I thoroughly enjoy running this program every week and we are very excited for what we can add to it in 2020. I would like to wish everyone a lovely and safe Christmas and I hope you get the chance to take some time off with your family and friends.



I shall see you all next year.

**Kelly Collins**  
Chaplain



Merry Christmas





## SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

### Recycling

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our various recycling programs this year.

We commenced two new collections during Term 2, which have been well supported –

- ✓ 26 kgs of Plastic Lids for the 'Envision Hands' Project for prosthetic hands.
- ✓ 4 kgs of used writing Implements sent off to Terracycle to be made into new plastic products. This is also a fundraiser – 1 Kg = \$ 1.00
- ✓

Also collected this year:

- ✓ 165 kgs of Nespresso pods
- ✓ \$20 earned for 500gms of used postage stamps
- ✓ \$54 earned for Oral Care waste sent to Terracycle. Tally for 2018/2019 is 3454 pieces.
- ✓ Many kilograms of Ali ring pulls
- ✓ 101 kgs of Batteries (Terms 1-3, with today's pickup to be added )
- ✓ 38 kgs of Printer/toner Cartridges
- ✓

What an amazing amount of items saved from landfill! Don't forget to keep collecting during the holidays and fill up our empty bins in the new school year.

### Vegetable Gardens

Our school vegetable gardens have produced some good crops this year.

There were leeks, potatoes and pumpkin made into soup; broccoli soup too. Cauliflower, radish, bok choy and silverbeet were plentiful also.

At the moment we have strawberries, corn and pumpkins growing in the large beds, as well as an enormous pumpkin vine in the Pre-Primary garden bed which is looking very promising.

Congratulations to TA11 and TA13 who have worked in very efficient teams all year, doing the composting of food scraps and looking after our Worm Farm. It's a big job and you have been very well organised and efficient.

**Thank you from  
The Sustainability Team**



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



### Attention All Netballers!!

Greenwood Netball Club is an established club looking for anyone interested (girls & boys) from Yr2 & above in either giving netball a go for the 1<sup>st</sup> time or current players looking for a club to go to after leaving primary school for the 2020 winter season. Please email Ros for any enquiries:

[greenwoodnetballenquiries@outlook.com](mailto:greenwoodnetballenquiries@outlook.com)

or "Like" our Facebook page to keep updated  
Online registrations will open in January.





# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN TA 14 & TA 15?



## Incursions & Excursions



TA 15



## Group Activities