

**Dates to Remember**

August	
19	Assembly TA15 Interschool Cross Country
22-26	Book Week
24	Open Night
25	TA10 & TA12 Joondalup Library Excursion

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**ONE BIG VOICE**

Last Friday evening, I had the pleasure of watching our brilliant choir perform at this sensational event. Those of us lucky enough to attend saw a choir of 3800 students all singing and moving as one in the centre of the Perth Arena. Well done to Mrs Wilson-Boyce and all of the children for the amazing commitment and hard work that went into the event. Thanks to our support staff who took their own time to assist Mrs Wilson-Boyce. What a brilliant opportunity for our children and a great showcase of Greenwood talent!

**AMAZING PERTH HILLS DISCOVERY CENTRE EXCURSION**

In this week of very wintery weather, we were able to sneak in our kindergarten to year two 'Nearer to Nature' excursion. Watching our amazing young students engage with the natural bush environment and build understandings of the links to the land for our local Aboriginals was an absolute joy. The behaviour of the students was sensational and I can assure parents they were very tired on the trip home. I thank all of our parents who volunteered to assist on the day. Your support meant we could really assist each child engage with the activities. Our year three to year six event has been rescheduled for Wednesday 31 August.



**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

This event will take place at Penistone Reserve tomorrow morning. We welcome parents to come along and support our team.

**WA EDUCATION AWARDS**

It is with great pleasure that I inform our community that Mrs Belinda Dunham has been nominated for consideration as 2016 WA Primary Teacher of the Year. We congratulate her on this achievement and wish her well.



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

**Vote now for your favourite teacher, principal or support staff member and give them a chance to win \$1000.**

As part of the 2016 WA Education Awards, we're asking students and parents to tell us who makes a difference in their public school. The staff member who receives the most votes will be awarded the People's Choice Award at the WA Education Awards 2016 presentation event on Monday 28 November.

All school staff who receive a vote will be acknowledged in *The West Australian* on World Teachers' Day on Friday 28 October. Vote now at [thewest.com.au/competitions](http://thewest.com.au/competitions)<sup>1</sup>. Voting closes 5.00pm Friday 23 September 2016.



**BOOK WEEK AND OPEN NIGHT**

These events are a massive community opportunity and are coming up next week. Please endeavour to try and support your child in at least one of the celebrations across the week. Mrs Marsland and her Special Events committee have set up a fantastic series of experiences for the students.

## SCHOOL BOARD

Last night we held our annual Open Meeting. Amongst the agenda items, the Board looked at the new DOE Cultural Standards Framework and workshopped the factors that contribute to exemplary schools, especially in the area of communication (staff, student, parent and community). The feedback showed Greenwood travelling very well in this area across all domains.

## STAFF CHANGES



I announced at the Board meeting that Mrs Moya Brown and Ms Stacey Bradshaw are leaving our school. Mrs Brown retires after nearly 40 years of service to the students of WA. We

thank her for her invaluable contribution to Greenwood PS, especially during the amalgamation and wish her well for the future.

Miss Bradshaw is returning home to Derby and taking up another role supporting the Aboriginal community. Again her contribution to Greenwood has been highly valued and we wish her well in her new ventures. Miss Sharla Oxenham will be replacing her as AIEO.

## P&C

At the last meeting, I presented a plan for support that the school would seek in some annual projects, as well as major one off items into the future. I am very impressed with the strategic direction that executive are moving in to support the students and community of Greenwood. Please consider becoming an active member of this wonderful group that is there for your child.

## UNIFORMS

Please contact our supplier directly, Tudor School Uniforms can be contacted by phone on 9408 2666 or by visiting their website via the link below.

<http://www.tudorschooluniforms.com.au/register-greenwood-primary-school>

The school does have a small supply of school hats available from the office for \$8.00 per hat. These hats are meant for the emergency situation of a lost hat. If you are purchasing a second hat or new uniform go through Tudor Uniforms. All hats should be named inside with a white (or light colour) marker pen. Please, don't just label the tag as these often tear off.



## CHOIR

Congratulations to the choir students who attended the "One Big Voice" last Friday. It was an amazing performance with 3800 children singing in harmony at the Perth Arena to a full crowd. Our choir looked and sounded incredible. It was great to see our children interacting with other schools and thoroughly enjoying their singing at such a prestigious venue.

I would like to thank Kerri-Anne Hannaford and Lynda Cook who worked tirelessly throughout the day and evening. Thank you also to our parent helper, Paul Rosier.

A huge thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who attended.

Well done Greenwood Primary School Choir!



*Rebecca Wilson-Boyce*  
*Music Teacher*







### Four Steps to an Apology

The year 3s in TA8 have been a part of the Buz Friends program for 2 weeks now and have been enjoying it. A part of the program focuses on Conflict Resolution. Students are given key strategies to use to sort out the problems that they may experience in the classroom, playground or even at home. One of the important key strategies is "Sorry".

An apology has the power to repair harm, mend relationships, soothe wounds and heal broken hearts. It is a way of showing respect and empathy for the wronged person. Most of all it prevents us from being stuck in the past.

A friend of mine sent me a link that was titled "A better way to say sorry". While I was reading this blog, I found it so interesting and effective that it has become something that I teach students in the programs that I run.

1. **I'm sorry for.....** *Be specific.*
2. **This is wrong because .....** *This might take some thinking, but it's an important part to reconciliation.*
3. **In the future, I will .....** *Positive language needs to be used here to tell them what you will do e.g.: In the future, I will keep unkind words to myself.*
4. **Will you forgive me?....** *This is important to restore the relationship. Sometimes the other person may not be ready to forgive you, but that's their decision. This phrase is very powerful for the offender and the offended. It's the key to reconciliation.*

I hope you find this as useful as I have and it's something that can be used in your family.

**"Sometimes saying SORRY is the most difficult thing on earth. But it's the cheapest thing to save the most expensive gift called Relationship."**  
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**Kelly Collins**  
YouthCARE School Chaplain  
**Greenwood Primary School**  
Thursday & Friday  
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### Parenting with Confidence

A workshop for parents and caregivers of children aged 1-12 years.

Are meal times becoming a challenge?

Kids having too much screen time?

Want to stretch your food dollar further?

Eat Play Thrive is an exciting and hands-on healthy lifestyle program for families.

To register: <http://www.ngala.com.au/pw>

For more information please call 9368 9368.  
No crèche available.



### VACSWIM

**Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons**

*It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.*



To enrol or find out more visit [www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming).  
Enrolments close on Monday 29 August.

# TRIP TO THE ZOO

Last term TA5 went on an excursion to the Perth Zoo.



The students spent the day actively engaged in a range of activities and explored a variety of animals and plants.

*We had the chance to feel a lizard...*

*and a snake!*

