

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AWESOME START TO THE YEAR

I thank all community members and staff for the smooth start to 2018. Classes are settled and despite closing our new enrolments to in area students only, we are nearing maximum capacity at 398 students. The student census occurs this Friday and the school will then be allocated its One Line Budget based on those enrolments.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Parent Information meetings on Monday 5 February and Wednesday 7 February. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, especially in our senior classes. For those parents who were unable to attend to receive information first hand from the classroom teachers, please ensure that you obtain a copy of the notes provided. If you would like more detailed information, you may choose to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

COMMUNICATION

Please make sure that your **email address** is accurate and that you update any changes. In most classes and for all whole school notices, this is our major form of contact with you. The **Flexibuzz App** will be used for reminders and events, as well as newsletter distribution. The **Qkr App** is our payment and permissions tool (*there are no classroom payments*). Some classes are trialling the use of "Connect" for classroom only communication (*communicated to you on parent evening*). Please ensure that you have all necessary understanding in place.



STUDENT LEADERS

Elections for Head Boy and Girl, prefects and faction captains have concluded. Nominations for other positions have been considered and appointments made. I congratulate all the successful students and thank all the others who put so much effort into their presentations. With each of these positions comes a degree of responsibility. These students may have a title, but we expect all of our senior students to act in leadership roles across our school at all times.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Communication around this process was sent out last Friday. Please check the timelines and consider nominating for the available positions.

NOMINATE

ON ENTRY TESTING

Parents were emailed information on this testing process last week. All students in Pre Primary are currently being individually tested in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy by their classroom teachers. This testing is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Education. At Greenwood Primary School we also use other modules to test our Years 1 and 2 students in the area of Mathematics. This testing provides valuable information about our students to both their parents and teachers.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you paid these for your children? Search through this newsletter for some exciting news around those who have! If you pay yours before 1 June you too could be part of the opportunity!

Dates to Remember

February

- 16 Assembly TA10
- 20 Coz Dance Performance
- 21 P&C AGM 7.00pm

March

- 2 Assembly TA13
- 5 Labour Day Public Holiday



USE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

- During school hours, the school playgrounds are only for the use of school students or others attending an authorised program.
- After school we have allowed parents to stay with their children and use the facilities. I remind all families that this access only applies if you are directly supervising your child and therefore totally responsible for them. They cannot be running around the school. You may not supervise other families' children. They must make their way home.
- Before school there should be no use of playgrounds. Any child arriving before 8.30am is either sitting with their parent or sitting on the bench or ground near the library opposite TA10 and TA12.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Special toys, cards and sport equipment are often prized possessions for children. If they are brought to school there is a chance that they may be lost or damaged. Therefore, we ask that children do not bring these items to school. We can take no responsibility for them.

MOBILE PHONES

It is our school procedures that no student has a mobile phone or other social media device on their person or in their school bag whilst at school. Parents who need to get a message to students are to contact the front office. If your child needs a communication device for out of school hours, then that device must be brought to the office and stored in the box provided. Again no responsibility for the device is taken by the school.

PLAY

We have some exciting news to share with families which will be communicated very soon. Keep your ears and eyes open ready for announcements and how you can get involved. Our Loose Parts Play initiative has had a very positive start. It has been delightful to see children playing cooperatively, imaginatively and collaboratively with others whilst making creative use of the equipment provided. Well done to Mrs O'Hearn and her team. This equipment **is not** for after school play.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This year I have been very fortunate to have picked up some extra time due to the INCREDIBLE generosity of the P&C at Greenwood Primary School. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity as it will give me more time to be present around the school, to support the school community, visit classrooms and facilitate social programs.

If you have any concerns or need some support for your child/children or even yourself, please don't hesitate to give me a call or visit me in the school's office. My working days this year are every **Wednesday, Thursday** and alternate **Fridays** (odd weeks this term).

A lot of children struggle with anxiety every day. Luckily there are accessible ways to help your child to learn coping skills through the use of relaxation. Below is a list of some of the best relaxation apps for children who experience anxiety. I Hope you find them very useful for you and your family.

BREATHE, THINK, DO SESAME



This is intended for parents and caregivers to use with their young children (2 -5) to help teach skills such as problem-solving, self –control, planning and task persistence.

SMILING MIND



This is designed to help people with pressure, stress and challenges of daily life. This app has a fantastic section on mindfulness in the classroom and home. This is suited for ages 7-18.

POSITIVE PENGUINS (fee of \$0.99c)



This app helps children understand why they feel the way they do and helps them challenge their negative thinking. The four positive penguins take you on a journey to help you understand that feelings arise from your thinking and if you challenge your negative thoughts successfully you may be able to see things in a more realistic and even optimistic way.

“Throw kindness around like confetti.”

Kelly Collins
Chaplain



RECYCLING NEWS

Greenwood PS has a successful recycling program which is based at the Recycling station outside the Library.

We currently collect the following items:

Used household batteries
Postage stamps
Aluminium ring pulls
Used printer/toner
Cartridges – all brands
Mobile phones
Nespresso coffee pods
Oral care products – all brands



We also now have a recycling station outside TA2, commencing with the Nespresso pods and household batteries. As the Term progresses, recycling of other items will be introduced. However, please bring along the other collectables and take the opportunity to check out the station at the front of the Library.

The mobile phone collection box is located inside the Library door, on the right hand side.

Thanks for your contributions from the Sustainability Team

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PRIZE DRAW

For your chance to win a Bike (1st prize) or Scooter (2nd prize) ensure you have paid your family voluntary contributions by **Friday 1 June 2018**. Prizes will be drawn at the assembly on Friday 8 June 2018. ****One ticket per family**** Thank you to George's Bike Shop in Balcatta. Please see them for all your bicycle needs.



TENNIS COACHING

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Tennis coaching classes for Term 1 at Greenwood Primary School tennis courts commence on Wednesday, 7 February and Friday, 9 February.

WEDNESDAYS: 3.30 - 4.30pm 4 - 6 yrs
4.30 - 5.30pm 7 - 9 yrs

FRIDAYS: 3.30 - 4.30pm 9 - 11yrs
4.30 - 5.30pm 11 - 16yrs

Enrolment Forms are available from the School Office.
Enquires to Alan Gooch on
0412 298 052 or alanguoch@outlook.com

Helping students realise their full potential

Our highly qualified and experienced tutors assist students with personalised tutoring at our centres. We also provide at home tutoring.



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Student Leaders 2018



Faction Captains

**Grace, Sophie, Bree, Sam
Tom, Aiden, Tom and Zak**

Senior Student Assistants

**Emma, Tahlia, Jackson, Tane,
Sebastian, Tyler, Ben, Vataya, Tane,
Riley, Keiahlee, MacKenzie, Miah,
Hayden, Alice, Harley, Oliver, Aidan,
Matthew**



Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects

**Head Boy: Isaac
Head Girl: Riley
Prefects:
Ella-Rose and Darcy**

