



NEWSLETTER No. 1

Thursday 25 February 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FANTASTIC START TO THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR

We were all thrown into confusion at the commencement of the year with the regional lockdown. Staff, students and families were superb in the way that they handled the situation. I thank all community members and staff for the extremely smooth start to 2021. At the close of census, we have 369 students enrolled. That is down 9 students on our predicted enrolments at the end of 2020. We had a couple of families move house and a couple who did not let the school know they were not returning in 2021. After clearance on these numbers the school's One Line Budget will be allocated.

With all the interruptions newsletters will be Week 4 and Week 8 for this term. They will then return to Weeks 3, 6 and 9 for the remainder of the terms. Please ensure that you are regularly checking your 'Connect' app so you are aware of all school activities. Office staff can assist you if you are having issues.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

A huge thank you to all those parents who attended the Parent Information Meetings. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. For those parents who were unable to attend to receive information first hand from the classroom teachers, please ensure that you use the Connect app to look for the information that was shared. You should find it in the "Library" section. Make an appointment with your teacher should you need further clarification.



SCHOOL SECURITY

I like to remind the community each year that we all need to work together to protect our school site for our students. If you see any person on the school grounds outside school hours report them immediately to **Education Security on 9264 4771** or the police on **131 444**. Any cars parked in the Ranleigh Way carpark at night must be reported. I thank those living near the school for your support in this matter.

P&C AGM

This will be held in the staffroom Wednesday, 3 March, commencing at 7.00pm. As I said at parent meetings, please try to get along and support your children.

STUDENT LEADERS

This year the school has moved to align ourselves with contemporary community standards around elections and appointments. The selection and/or appointment based on gender has been removed. All leadership positions have been elected/appointed. Badges for our 4 Student Councillors and 8 Faction Captains were presented at last week's assembly. All other positions will have badges presented to the students at tomorrow's assembly. 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.

2021 STUDENT COUNCILLORS



Dates to Remember

February

26 Assembly

March

1 Labour Day Public Holiday

8 Swimming Lessons Begin

22 Harmony/Bullying No Way Day

24 Assembly

26 Swimming Carnival

CLARIFICATION

I have heard some rumours regarding parent questions around the impact on our sporting medals of the above gender change for leadership. Community standards still see the majority of sporting organisations and clubs running gender based sports and, as such, our championship awards will still remain as they were.

INTERM SWIMMING

Interm swimming lessons commence on Monday 8 March, these may be paid on Qkr or through the office.

NEW STAFF

1. Following the retirement of Mrs O'Hearn, we welcome Mrs Canham to our school for Term 1.
2. Mrs Miles is on parental leave so Miss Howley is now full time in TA 2. Mrs Laverick is the DOTT teacher for Term 1.
3. Mrs Kaye has retired, so Mrs Cailles is full time in TA1 and Mrs Baker is the DOTT teacher for Term 1.
4. Mrs Sarah Malu has returned to her UWA duties so Miss Westwood is supporting TA7 for Term 1.
5. Miss Westwood and Mr Bertino are backfilling for Mr Ryan in his classroom and science roles whilst he is on leave.
6. Mrs Armitage is replacing Mrs Noreika in TA 8 and "Letters and Sounds" whilst she is on leave.

The school is running a Teacher Selection Pool at the end of term to select permanent teachers for a number of these positions.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

I will send nomination details out for our two positions early next week via Connect following this week's Board meeting. Nominations open 26 February and close at 3.00pm on 4 March. Each nomination needs to be seconded and a statement provided. Please ensure that you are also aware that an Education Department Screening number needs to be obtained.

ON ENTRY TESTING.

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.



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA4	Remy, Beau
TA5	Sasha, Taleigha
TA6	Michael, Tayley
TA7	Evie, Blake
TA8	Leo, Benjamin
TA9	Lara, Nicholas
TA10	Levi, Aaron
TA11	Rosie, Kieran
TA12	Kai, Hayden
TA13	Aden, Kade
TA14	Lucette, Zane
TA15	Indi, Moni
SUSTAIN- ABILITY	Georgia, India-Rose, Sam
LANGUAGES	Noah, Ben, Sam

SCHOOL PARKING

Please be reminded that The City of Joondalup regularly monitors the parking requirements around all schools. This tends to be at the request of residents. Please stay off people's property and obey council signs. There is lots of parking at Penistone Reserve and the walk is not far.

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/SMART WATCHES

The Department of Education's policy, is very clear around these devices. No student is to have 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 an individually named storage container provided.** No responsibility for the device is taken by the school.

Peter Mulcahy
Principal

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

If you are new to Greenwood Primary School, my name is Kelly Collins and I am the School Chaplain. This is my 8th year here and it's truly wonderful to be a part of a fantastic school.

My role as School Chaplain is to provide social and emotional support whenever it is required. I work with students, teachers and parents to assist in meeting the needs that appear in their daily lives. This is demonstrated by being available at all times to listen when a child or adult need to talk, providing pastoral care (encouragement and support) and running life skill programs. As well as visiting classrooms, helping out on class excursions, school events and running lunch time programs in the school's library.

Anyone can access this service, so please don't hesitate to contact **Mrs Perry on 9243 1143**. If you need my support during a particular life experience, I work every Thursday and Friday and alternate Wednesdays.

In 2020, the school community donated an outstanding amount of food to the Salvation Army Christmas Food Appeal. The team at Salvation Army sent me an email during the school holidays sharing their appreciation and gratitude towards your generosity. They shared a few stories of how your contributions were able to provide hope for families in Western Australia last year. Thank you once again for supporting this wonderful food appeal.



Kelly Collins
Chaplain

GREENWOOD DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Welcome to new families; very soon enrolment forms will be issued to each family. Please take the time to read the information provided before completing forms.

Return the completed forms to either your school office or post it to Greenwood Dental Therapy Centre as soon as possible.

Please attach to a separate piece of paper the names and year level of older siblings already enrolled at a Dental Therapy Centre as unfortunately with the new forms this information has been omitted.

If you have any questions, please phone the Greenwood Dental Therapy on 9203 5611.



Kind Regards
Cath and Janet

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Welcome to those who are new to our school this year and welcome back to our previous recyclers. We would like to introduce you to our recycling collections.

If you enter the school via the Kindy/Pre-Primary gate to TA1, 2, & 3 you may have noticed the recycling station on the bench outside TA2. For those of you who enter via the other gates, we also have another recycling station which is located outside the Library.

We have collection bins for the following items:

Household Batteries – all sizes
Used postage stamps
Aluminium Ring Pulls
All brands of Printer/toner cartridges
All brands of oral care products and packaging (except the toothpaste cardboard boxes- these can be recycled in your yellow top Council bin)
Used Nespresso coffee pods.

We also have a collection box inside the Library for all mobile phones and accessories to be recycled. As we are a Waste Wise school, we try to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill and encourage families to do the same at home. Some of these items also raise funds for our school.

Please help us by collecting and come for a walk to either Station to make a deposit.

Thank you, from the Sustainability Committee



Used household batteries



Postage Stamps

Mobile phones and accessories –
Collection box is inside the Library
RH side of the door



Wheelchairs for Kids
You can give a disabled child a wheelchair

Aluminium ring pulls

Student Councillors 2021

(left to right)

Chad, Hayden, Amelia and Chloe



Faction Captains

(left to right)

**Hannah, Aaron, Sam, Hayden,
Campbell, Aameeka, Lucy, Levi**



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