

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COVID-19

I will be sending community changes to advise as I receive them. Please ensure that you read them as I send updates out and discuss general good hygiene habits with your children. One issue we do need to manage is the fact that we have a couple of children in the school, who for various reasons, are drawn to inappropriate use of soap dispensers. This leads to the wasting of our resources. I would ask all parents to reinforce the need for appropriate use of the supplies both at school and at home.



FRONT CARPARK

Despite my notice in the last newsletter, I still have parents walking through the carpark at the front of the school. We very nearly had an accident as a car, using the Kiss and Drive function we set up, did not see a student trailing their parent. An extra 30 m walk around that bushland to keep your children safe is not much to ask. *I will rope that area off if parents continue to ignore this request.*

TRIPLE P SESSIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARENTS

Module 2, 'Raising Confident and Competent Children' will be held next Monday evening 16 March and Module 3, 'Raising Resilient Children' Monday 23 March between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Please telephone or email the office to book your spot. I will attempt to organise a crèche if there is a need.



ON ENTRY TESTING

Testing for this program will be finalised this week. Each parent will receive a report to indicate how your child is progressing against the measured outcomes. You are able to assist your child's progress, by engaging in some of the suggested activities on the reverse of the report.

HARMONY AND BULLYING NO WAY! CELEBRATION FRIDAY 20 MARCH

A Connect notice went out earlier this week from our Values Assistants and Miss Vicary. Please support these critical messages with your children.



SCHOOL BOARD

It is with great sadness that I announce Courtney Murphy will be stepping down from the School Board. I thank him for his outstanding work and contributions to our Board. His final two years of tenure will be completed by Jane Dalin, we welcome Jane back to the Board.

SUSTAINABILITY (pictured below)



Dates to Remember

March

- 13 Swimming Lessons Finish
- 16 Harmony Week
- 16 Triple P – Kindy/PP - 6.00pm
- 16 TA7, TA9, TA11 & TA13 Sculptures by the Sea
- 20 Bullying No Way! Day
- 20 Assembly – TA19
- 21 Harmony Day
- 23 Triple P - Kindy/PP - 6.00pm
- 25 TA4 & TA5 Spineless Wonders Excursion
- 27 Faction Swimming Carnival

April

- 1 TA14 & TA15 Peninsula Farm Excursion
- 2 Police Pipe Band Visit 10.00am – K-6

VANDALS/TRESPASSERS

I thank parents for their continual awareness of this issue. The situation has improved over the last two weeks. Below is what I said in the last newsletter and is worth repeating. 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. Do not be deterred by these individuals. We must stand together as a community and protect our school from their total lack of respect. Continual reporting will either move them on or get them off the streets. I am working with the police to deal with those who have already been identified.

NAPLAN

We are currently engaged in our technical readiness phase. As such, we are part of a nationwide test that will be conducted on Monday 23 March at 9.00am. This is an assessment of our equipment not the students.

WARWICK SHS MEET AND GREET CAFE P&C AGM

It was wonderful to see parents attend this opportunity, some with students in Pre Primary. These people were able to obtain factual information from staff. The current Year 6 students received information packs last week following a visit from WSHS leaders. Your next opportunity is to be held at the high school. The session will be held **Wednesday 18 March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm**. The school also conducts school tours on Tuesdays at 10:00am.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PRIZE DRAW

For your chance to win a prize ensure you have paid your family voluntary contributions by **Monday 1 June 2020**. Prizes will be drawn at the assembly on Friday 5 June 2020. ****One ticket per family****



Thank you to George's Bike Shop in Balcatta. Stay tuned for more information.



Hebat!



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA2	Alice
TA3	Maele, Cleo
TA4	Baden, Rhys
TA5	Mikayla, Ben
TA6	Bonnie, Bayden
TA7	Sarah, Mark
TA8	Scarlett, Lucas
TA9	Maddie, Sophie
TA10	Max, Jia Xing
TA11	Kieran, Phoenix
TA12	Iris, Heath
TA13	Rienne, Kojo
TA14	Tayley, Claire
TA15	Kayla, Reuben
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	Shenelle, Lukas, Sam

SUPPORT A READER

Greenwood PS has run this program for a number of years. It is a very effective way to assist children in the early years to develop their fluency and comprehension skills. We need volunteers to run these sessions during Term 2 and 3. At this stage we only have a couple of volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more children we can assist in the area of Literacy. We need at least 5 volunteers to run this program.



If you would like further information, please contact Mrs Dias (TA10) via email:

(sandra.dias@education.wa.edu.au) or speak to Mrs Shadbolt or Mrs Pethick in the front office.

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination.



It is a day when we celebrate and reflect on the cultural diversity that makes us Australia. At Greenwood Primary we pride ourselves on being accepting and ensuring that everyone belongs.

This year, Harmony Day will be celebrated with Bullying. No Way! at an Assembly to be held on Friday 20 March at 8.50am.

All children are encouraged to wear **orange** or come in their **National Costume**, on the day.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The friendship bench is a reminder that sometimes we all just need a friend.

Greenwood Primary School has had a friendship bench for a few years now and in that time the bench has helped students in many ways. It has helped students when they have felt lonely, it has given them the opportunity to talk to someone new and it has allowed students to feel heard.

For the families who are new, the friendship bench is used:

1. If you are new to the school.
2. If you want to make new friends.
3. If your friends aren't here today.
4. If you want to play something different than what your friends are playing.
5. If you're having a problem with your friends and you can't solve it right now.

If a student notices that someone is sitting on the bench by themselves, they can follow the **SNACK** way:

1. **SMILE** at them.
2. **NAME:** tell them your name and ask them what their name is.
3. **ASK:** them if they are okay
4. **CARE & SHARE:** by asking them if they would like to join you and your friends. Make some suggestions for them to try e.g. going to the library to play with the LEGO or colour in when the library is open.
5. **KEEP:** Keep doing these steps whenever you see someone sitting alone on the bench.

"If you can be anything, be KIND."

Kelly Collins
Chaplain

RECYCLING NEWS

Although we are recycling quite a few items in our School collections, these are a few things we **don't** take – but you can certainly put these into your Yellow Lid recycling bin at home. Here's a few tips from the Waste Wise gurus.

Aluminium Foil

Yes, it's recyclable! Even the foil you peel off your yoghurt in the morning (rinsed, naturally), and the aluminium trays that house pre-baked foods. There's a caveat, of course – tiny pieces of foil will fly away from the sorting line or get stuck in places, so make sure to save up your foil into a scrunched up ball so that's easier for the machines to pick up. Alternatively, tiny pieces of foil, including chocolate foil, can be stuck into an aluminium can that's squeezed shut.



Bottle Tops

How many times have you opened a drink and flicked the cap into the regular bin? Too many! While you'd be right to keep such tiny items out of the recycling when they're loose (they'd just fall through the sorting equipment at the facility), metal bottle tops can actually be recycled with a little bit of forethought. For steel bottle caps, such as those from drink bottles, save them up in an empty steel tin until it's half-full, then crimp the tin closed so the caps can't fall out, and off to recycling they go. Aluminium caps can receive the same treatment in an aluminium can.



Pizza Boxes

Pizza boxes are divisive – even though they're thoroughly cardboard, a lot of people opt to put them in the bin because they suspect the cold, gummy strips of cheese and that half-slice nobody could finish will disqualify the pizza box from recycling.



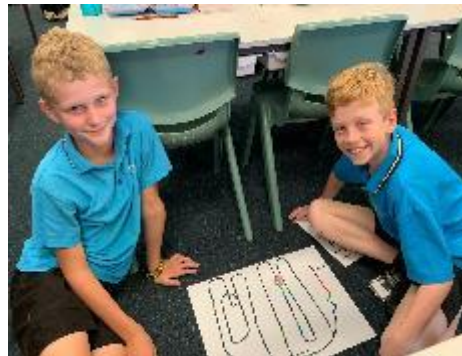
Technically, they're correct. Too much grease can interfere with the quality of the pulped cardboard, however it's still possible to salvage the box if it's only slightly greasy and all food scraps are removed. Worst case – the pizza box lid can definitely be torn off and recycled, even if the box itself is gross.

Takeaway Containers

The greasy plastic box from the last Chinese takeaway is perfectly recyclable despite the grease, and you don't even have to wash it super thoroughly. Just make sure that the noodles that went off in your fridge a week ago are put in the trash before you recycle the container and the lid. You might scream "this is common sense" but people throw out uneaten food in its original box quite regularly.



TA11 & TA13



Dexter (Robotic Arm), a 3D printer and Ozobots



Snake Visit