

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### BULLYING NO WAY!

Our school is registered to support this National Day which takes place tomorrow Friday, 15 March. Staff will do their best to cover activities, given that we are still participating in swimming lessons. Each student will receive a pocket card and wrist band. Please ensure that you engage in discussion with your child around the pocket card. This is intended to be a resource for home.



### IMPORTANCE OF PLAY IN THE ECE YEARS

A great deal has appeared in the media and across social media over recent times. Everyone seems to have an opinion. The Department of Education's Focus 2019 document asks schools to emphasise the role of play-based learning in a balanced curriculum for Kindergarten and Pre-primary students. To assist with this initiative, The Department has provided some support materials for parents. I have placed the link on our school website and attached an electronic version of a pamphlet that each family will soon receive.

### ON ENTRY TESTING

Teachers are finalising these assessments. Each student 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.



### COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

We are now at the point where Flexibuzz will be phased out, so it is critical that all parents are accessing their 'Connect' profile. **This includes opening attachments!** Please discuss with your friends as to whether they are totally on board. If they are not, they will not be receiving any communication from the school. If you are still having any issues, please see Jai Shadbolt or Sandy Pethick in the front office.

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL – FRIDAY 22 MARCH

At the time of preparing this newsletter, less than 55% of students eligible to swim have had forms completed by their parents via Qkr or the front office. **The opportunity to submit the forms on Qkr closes today.** Eventing needs to be completed and as such, if the forms are not received on time today or manually at the office by close of business tomorrow, then the child will not participate. Two reminders have been sent out this week. **There will be no late forms taken.** This is a parent responsibility and it will be sad, but your child will not participate. If there is not a significant uptake today, then future swimming carnivals are unlikely to occur.

### IN TERM SWIMMING LESSONS

The overwhelming majority of students have been outstanding during these lessons and cooperative in travelling and changing. Parents can be proud of their children. Remember that not everyone can pass a stage on every occasion. Please recognise the effort of your child and encourage them to keep trying hard.

### SCULPTURES BY THE SEA (pictured below)



### Dates to Remember

#### March

- 15** Swimming Lessons Finish
- 18** Triple P 6.00-8.00pm
- 19** TA15 Buckingham House Excursion
- 21** Assembly – TA11
- 21** Harmony Day
- 21** TA14 Buckingham House Excursion
- 22** Swimming Carnival – Warwick SHS
- 25** Triple P 6.00-8.00pm
- 29** Assembly – TA10

## TRIPLE P PARENTING SEMINARS

Monday saw the repeat of last year's seminar for those who did not attend. We had 7 attendees which was fantastic. Over the next two Mondays - 18 March - Seminar 2, and 25 March, Seminar 3 - are being run. This is a great opportunity for all K parents who attended last year and others across the school, to develop their knowledge. There is the opportunity for a crèche (run by Zig Zags) to be offered, so please call the office to reserve your place.

## SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

We have had three nominations for the two vacant parent representatives. Voting will open tomorrow and close on Friday 22 March at 3.00pm. Instructions are provided attached to your Connect notice.

## USE OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

I am repeating this notice from the last newsletter as we are still having some issues with younger children using Loose Parts equipment and parents with their backs to students whilst they spray water and run around. ***Should there not be improvement over the next fortnight, then we will be forced to close the area again.***

The following conditions are placed on playground usage.

- During school hours, the school playgrounds are only for the use of school students or others attending an authorised program.
- After school we will again allow 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. Loose parts equipment cannot be used at this time
- Before school there should be no use of play grounds. 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.

## UNIFORMS AND OTHER ITEMS

Please name all clothing and other belongings that your child brings to school. It is amazing how much lost property we get and there are no names on the items.

## 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 4 June, you too could be part of the opportunity.



## HONOUR CERTIFICATES

TA2	Elias
TA3	Michael, Faysal
TA4	Jaxon, Layla
TA5	Lilly, Connor
TA6	Mia, Chayse
TA7	Xander, Noah
TA8	Keanan, Jasper
TA9	Jai, Noah
TA10	Louis, Ayden
TA11	Lewis, Emily
TA12	Cleo, Jessicah
TA13	Mary, Miller
TA14	Lara, Blake
TA15	Rosie, Blake
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	Alex, Anika, Jia-Xing
LANGUAGES	TA10, TA12
MUSIC	TA8

## 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 4 volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more children we can assist in the area of Literacy. We need at least 8 volunteers to run this program.

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

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

**Sandra Dias**  
Teacher



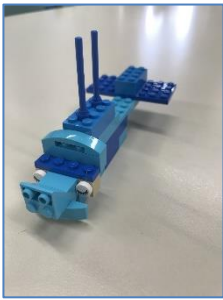
## MUSIC NEWS

A huge thank you to Barry Illingworth for donating a guitar to the school, this will be used by students when creating their own music. Thank you to all 75 choir members who are working hard preparing for their first performance at our ANZAC Ceremony. Choir shirts will be sent home towards the end of this term. All communications for Choir will be via Connect.

**Rebecca Wilson-Boyce**  
Music Teacher



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



This Term, Mrs Fazz and I introduced Lego to the lunchtime program. This has been a big hit with the students and we have been so surprised with the creativity that has filled the library. It's been wonderful to see the students sharing the Lego, working together to

create their masterpieces and to see the excitement that fills the library. I've even had the opportunity to create something and I felt surprisingly relaxed after the lunch session 😊



The colouring activities are still taking place in the library and continue to be very popular. This term the students have been completing "Colour by number" activities, while others have chosen to draw. Students have had the option of displaying their colouring in on the Library pin up board or taking it home.

Both activities are open to all students who want try something different, need a break from the heat, wanting to meet new people or are keen to use their imagination and creativity.



**Kelly Collins**  
Chaplain



## 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 an Assembly to be held on Thursday 21 March at 8.50am.

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

## PE NEWS

Just a reminder for families of Yr 2-6 that eventing forms and money need to be submitted before the end of this week for those attending the swimming carnival in Week 7. This information was sent out via Connect late last week. Time is needed to event students so I am urging this to be done if you haven't already, before the cut-off date of this Friday 15 March. Please be aware that late submissions will affect your child's event selection. We are also in need of parent volunteers to help at the carnival in the form of ribbon presenting and judging. If you can help, please contact Mrs Dunham through the front office.

Parental help is also required for our Lightning Carnival teams, especially AFL. A Connect message went out last Monday with all dates and information details on it. If you are able to assist in any way please contact me either by email or through the front office.

On another note I would like to commend all the students at Greenwood on their excellent behaviour and attitude at Swimming over the past two weeks. It's been great to see and our students are doing themselves and the school proud!

**Belinda Dunham**  
**PE Specialist**

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PRIZE DRAW

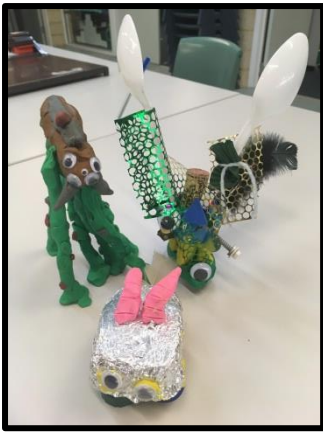
For your chance to win a prize ensure you have paid your family voluntary contributions by **Tuesday 4 June 2019**. Prizes will be drawn at the assembly on Friday 7 June 2019.

**\*\*One ticket per family\*\***

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







## TA13 and TA11 Striking Sculptures

