



## NEWSLETTER No. 1

### Thursday 17 February 2022

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Once again, the adjustments required at the start of 2022 have impacted upon schools as we begin the year. We have moved into challenges implementing the High Case Load settings – Phase 1. I will continue to communicate future directives from the CHO (Chief Health Officer) as the phases change with ever increasing cases. Our wonderful community has been generally very supportive and understanding of the requirements. I extend a warm welcome to our new parents and caregivers and acknowledge the ongoing support of our returning community.



#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Due to the orders from the CHO, we had to cancel these meetings. Please ensure that you have read all the documentation from your class teachers. Be sure to contact them should you need any clarifications.

#### NEW STAFF

1. Following the retirement of Ms Young, and the difference in numbers caused by a large exit of Year 6 students in 2021 and a smaller intake of Kindergarten in 2022, we have dropped a class so there is no formal class in TA14. This room will be used for group work. Mrs Canham moves into TA6 to partner Mrs Mullins.
2. Mrs Miles returns from parental leave and will perform the DOTT role in TA2. Miss Howley remains full time in TA2.

3. Miss Wojcik joins us as the DOTT teacher in TA1.
4. Miss Westwood will be in TA7 for two days per week partnering Ms Petkov. She will also now be the Science specialist for Yrs 4-6 for two days per week.
5. Visual art will now be taken by classroom teachers and Ibu Clifton will support the Year 1-3 classes as a DOTT provider. Each room will get one session of Languages.
6. Mrs Noreika remains on leave and Mrs Biddle will cover part of her role for Term 1.
7. Mrs Cook has returned from leave and resumes her role in TA2 and support in other areas of the school.
8. Mrs Shadbolt has taken up a 6-month role in Central Office and Ms Schoch joins us as Manager Corporate Services for that period.

#### P&C AGM

This meeting was held in the school staffroom and online last night. I thank the outgoing committee and welcome the new office bearers to the 2022 school year. The P&C will continue to support your children. For all parents, I urge you to engage closely with the P&C as that is how we get a coordinated support network operating for all students in the school. Please be aware that activities coordinated by and through the P&C are covered by the WACSO insurances.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### February

- 18 Assembly – Senior Students
- 23 Board Meeting 7.00pm
- 25 Assembly – TA10

##### March

- 7 Labour Day Public Holiday



## STUDENT COUNCILLORS & LEADERS 2022

All elections and appointments have been completed and badges will be provided to all students tomorrow. I look forward to them having a great experience as leaders and developing their skills as the year progresses. This will be done via our new class streamed assembly format. We will make every endeavour to ensure that these students can fulfil their duties as closely as possible to the norm for schools. Our new faction names have been implemented and you will see the flags flying daily outside the library. They were designed by our 2021 student representatives for each faction. I thank the School Board for their support in that process across 2021.

## NEWSLETTERS/CONNECT



These will continue to be distributed in weeks 3, 6 and 9. The use of Connect means that parents are kept very well informed. We still have just a few parents who are not going into their Connect platform and looking at attachments like the Newsletter. The use of the Connect platform will be critical as the case load settings change.

## CONNECT AND LEARNING

Students in many year levels will have access to the app as the platform for Remote Learning should it be needed. On Tuesday, I sent out the 'School Based Close Contact' information from the Health Department through Connect. I ask all parents and caregivers to continue to work with the school to minimise our risk as we navigate the High Case Load settings from the CHO.

## ON ENTRY TESTING

Commencing NEXT week, all students in Pre-Primary will be 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 Year 1's in the area of Mathematics. This testing provides valuable information about our students to both their parents and teachers.

## SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Our last Board meeting for the current Board will be held on 23 February. I will send out nomination information for the 2022 School Board following that meeting. There will be one parent vacancy and one staff vacancy for the 2022 School Board. 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 before you can join the Board.



## 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 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 individual named storage container provided.*** No responsibility for the device is taken by the school.

## MASK REMINDERS

It is a requirement that **ALL PARENTS** wear a mask on school grounds when they cannot physically distance and when they drop their child at the classroom doors. I do not want to have to approach individuals for not complying with this requirement. Please carry a spare mask in your car to avoid the 'I forgot my mask' excuse.

## SCHOOL SECURITY

I like to remind 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 131444. 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.



**Peter Mulcahy**  
**Principal**

## RECYCLING NEWS

Welcome back to another year of minimizing our waste to landfill. We welcome our previous recyclers and all the new families to our school, to have a look at the stations - one outside TA2 and one outside the library.



The items being collected this year remain the same:

**Household batteries**

**Printer/toner cartridges**

**Aluminium ring pulls (we have our Container-for-Change bin at the back gate near the Dental Centre run by the P&C for all your 10c recyclables).**

**Used postage stamps**

**Plastic bread tags**

**Writing implements – pens, markers, highlighters**

**Oral care products - all brands (the cardboard toothpaste boxes are recycled in your yellow top bin at home)**

**Mobile phones and accessories**

**Nespresso coffee pods (Please note: we cannot recycle any other brand).**

Last year we saved over 200 kgs of these items from going to landfill, that's a great effort which we hope to continue to achieve with your help.



## SCHOOL ENTRY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Dawn and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school.

School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential.

A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing.

School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health-related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs.

The services provided are free and confidential.

Please contact me on **0418 684 827**.

## GREENWOOD DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Welcome to all the new families in our schools. In the coming weeks dental enrolment forms will be issued to each family.

Please take the time to read the information provided before completing forms, there is a white form and a green form to be filled in – if you would like to enrol your child.

If you already attend a family dentist and DO NOT wish to enrol, please still return the forms with a "NO".

Return the completed forms to either your school office or post it to Greenwood Dental Therapy by 18 March 2022.

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



Kind regards  
**Janet and Cath**

Thank you from the Sustainability Team



Firstly, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Gemma Novotny and I am the new Year 5/6 Transition Coordinator for 2022.

I look forward to working with Greenwood PS in all matters regarding Transition for Year 5/6 students.

Please put the following dates into your diary.

### Wednesday 9 March

Prospective Parents Evening (6.00-7.30pm). The format is still to be confirmed subject to COVID restrictions.

### Thursday 16 June

Specialist and Elite Program Trials – available to all students who have completed their enrolment forms at Warwick SHS. Specialist Netball, Football, Elite Music, Elite Dance and Academic Extension programs.

### Wednesday 7 September

Transition Day 1 – Available to all students who have been accepted at Warwick SHS for 2023.

### Tuesday 22 November

Transition Day 2 – Available to all students who have been accepted at Warwick SHS for 2023.

### Year 5 Buzz Day

We will be continuing our successful Buzz Day. More information will be coming out soon.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

If you have any specific questions regarding any of these events, please contact either myself or Pam Bayliss on 9345 6430.

Kind regards

Mrs Gemma Novotny

Year 11 & 12 Coordinator

Warwick Senior High School

As part of its community reach out program, the Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club (WGJFC) has kindly donated \$1,000 worth of new football equipment to Greenwood Primary School.

As a family and community-based club, WGJFC is looking to build ongoing relationships with local schools and to offer students and their family's access to a fun, inclusive and team-oriented environment.

WGJFC are looking for players from all ages to join the club, and registrations are now open. Details are provided below.

WARWICK/GREENWOOD  
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

**JOIN US!**

**PLAY FOR US!**

- Auskick: Pre-primary - YR2 (Saturday mornings at Ellersdale)
- Female Teams: YR3 - YR12
- Modified Teams: YR3 - YR6
- Opens: YR7 - YR12

Early bird registrations are open now, to book today visit [www.warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au](http://www.warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au) or [www.playhq.com/afj](http://www.playhq.com/afj)

For general club or registration enquiries, contact [wgjfcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:wgjfcpresident@gmail.com)

Connect With Us @warwickgreenwoodknights  
[warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au](http://warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au)

## **Student Councillors 2022**

**Sophie, Carys, Maylee, Samuel**



## **Faction Captains 2022**

**Tahnee, Madison, Sienna, Kade, Kieran, Toby,  
Alby, Kieran**



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