

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WHAT AN AMAZING COMMUNITY WE HAVE!

As I have stated in my many communications to you over recent weeks, I want to acknowledge the highly supportive community here at Greenwood. I thank all parents, staff and students for following the required protocols as we endeavour to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. To those of you going through isolation at the moment either with COVID or as Close Contacts my thoughts are with you. I have endeavoured to make contact with all of you, but as it escalates in our community, that becomes more difficult. Please ensure that you contact the school office if:



- Anyone in your household contracts COVID-19.
- You and/or your children are required to isolate as a Close Contact.



P&C

Thank you to our amazing members who have taken their meetings into dual mode. They continue to support our students and will try to keep things as normal as possible. Look out for opportunities to support them. Their Facebook page is a great way to do that. Volunteers are desperately needed for the Canteen.

Dates to Remember

March

11	Assembly – TA9
18	Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6 at Warwick SHS
21	Harmony Day
21	Yr 5 State Library Incursion 1.30-3.00pm
22	Yr 2's Peninsula Farm Excursion

STUDENT LEADERS

Our student leaders are doing an amazing job continuing to support the school in all their roles. I have especially loved the technical wizardry of our PA crew as they have taken our assemblies online for the classes and our photographers, learning new skills. Yesterday I conducted our first Student Councillor luncheon. The ideas and support that came from them was incredible.

CHAPLAIN

Our new Chaplain, Emma Swan, began work with us yesterday. Please see her introductory message later in the newsletter.

SCHOOL BOARD

Please see our Chair, Samantha Lakin's report later in the newsletter. I mentioned nomination processes in the last newsletter, but with all the requirements we have had over the last few weeks, I have still not called for nominations. I will endeavour to get this process underway by the weekend.

CONNECT AND LEARNING

The only time that students are to access the formal remote learning processes are if they are recovering from COVID-19 and are well or if they are identified as a Close Contact and are well. We have had some parents asking for work because the parent has 'chosen' to keep their child home. These circumstances do not meet the definitions above and, as directed by the Education Department, the absence code will be 'Unauthorised absence'.



ON ENTRY TESTING

Teachers in Pre-Primary have almost concluded the Literacy and Numeracy mandated testing. Year 1 teachers have completed the school-based monitoring testing for Numeracy. The students have engaged wonderfully in the process and the staff now have lots of valuable data to work with.



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.



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA2	Jaxx
TA3	Jace
TA4	Isabelle, Joshua
TA5	Albi, Isabelle
TA6	Lachlan, Reena
TA7	Michael, Mikayla
TA8	Heidi, Zane
TA9	Bethany, Leo
TA10	Sam, Sienna
TA11	Layla, Kyen
TA12	Bonnie, Kieran
TA13	Milton, Blake
TA15	Sasha, Harry
LANGUAGES	TA7, Meg
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	Richard, Isabella, Toby, Jemma, Blake, Sarah
SCIENCE	Amelia, Malachi, Sophie, Blake



WARWICK SHS ENROLMENT PACKAGES

These should have gone home in the last couple of days. Please check with your Year 6 child so that you have access to them. Thanks to the parents

who took the opportunity to attend our recent Café facilitated by Warwick staff.

SCHOOL SECURITY

I like to remind our 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.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My name is Emma and I am the new school Chaplain. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank the staff and students for making me feel incredibly welcome to Greenwood PS.

As part of my role, I will not only be supporting your children when they may be struggling and have issues come up, but will also be a constant presence in the playground, and want to really immerse myself in the school community.

I will be at Greenwood PS on Wednesdays and Fridays and you are able to refer your child and seek more information by contacting the Manager of Student Services, Mrs Maureen Perry.

Emma Swan
Chaplain



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.

Peter Mulcahy
Principal

WHAT'S VCOP



Has your child come home to tell you about our VCOP characters? VCOP focuses on four main aspects of the writing process. It provides children with the skills to improve their own writing through self-assessment. We have mascots, each with a designated colour to represent the four aspects of VCOP.

- **Vinnie Vocabulary** - helps us use a range of descriptive vocabulary ('Wow' Words).
- **Connie Connective** - allows us to use connectives to develop a variety of sentence types.
- **Ollie Opener** – encourages us to include a range of sentence starters.
- **Penny Punctuation** – motivates us to use a variety of correct punctuation.

English Committee

SCHOOL BOARD

On Wednesday 23 February we had our first school Board meeting of the year. During this meeting we reviewed the Board Reflection Survey from last year and identified areas of strength for the Board and areas we can improve on. Any recommendations will be implemented for future meetings.

The Board was given progress on the upcoming Business Plan and the final draft is ready for printing. We also had a look at the new school website which will be live soon. The new website looks fantastic and has so much more information plus easier functionality on the back end so news and updated information can be added easily.

The Board was advised of adjustment to school processes as a result of COVID and directions from the Chief Health Officer. We were also given a financial update and learnt about changes implemented within the school as a result of the Department of Education school review last year.

Finally, we thanked our outgoing members Mrs Southern (Teacher representative) and Dean Starbuck (Parent representative) whose tenures finished at the end of February. If you are interested in getting involved and joining the Board, we encourage you to put your hand up when the call for nominations goes out.

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS



The P&C 'Containers for Change' recycling bin is located at the Ranleigh Way gate near the Dental Therapy Unit.

All the above containers, which are available from the Canteen, will be recycled from our student lunch orders.

If you are ordering any of these items, please remind your child to put them in the bins provided in the lunch areas.

Thank you
from the Sustainability Team

TA 11 Fractions and Pattern Blocks

