

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO TERM 2!

We have had another busy and eventful start to the second term, with lots of changes, especially around the COVID-19 settings. It is wonderful to be able to welcome parents back into classrooms. The recent Year 1 Eco-Action incursion was a fantastic example of the power that parents can have in adding richness to the classroom environment. Look out for future opportunities. The ANZAC ceremony was another wonderful event. More information will follow about assemblies. We can't just return to normal as that will mean some classes missing out.



WEBSITE

Our new website is finally live. This has been a long process which coincided with the redevelopment of a fresh new logo. Please have a look at it and you will see changes occur as we learn more about the opportunities our new platform provides.

The address has not changed, please see the hyperlink below:

<http://greenwoodps.wa.edu.au/>

STUDENT RAT ALLOCATION

As you have seen in the media each school student has been allocated 20 RATs. When these arrive we will allocate days for year levels to be collected (please note these only can be given directly to parents). Collection will be through the office on your allocated day and a signature by the parent is required. Watch Connect for your allocated days.

Dates to Remember	
May	
10-20	NAPLAN
20	Assembly – TA15
26	PP-Yr 6 Kings Park Excursion



ANZAC CEREMONY

A very special thanks to Mrs Perry and the Student Councillors for the work they did in pulling this all together on Friday of Week 1. The whole structure was reworked as a result of the changes in COVID settings. I also thank the choir for their work, especially with Mrs Wilson Boyce being on LSL for the last 5 weeks of Term 1. Our relief teacher, Mrs Molkenthin, did a great job preparing them and Mrs Wilson Boyce pulled it all together in the days before the ceremony. Thanks to all the parents and families who attended and to the students who performed the wreath laying and flag tasks. Another wonderful Greenwood community team effort!

NAPLAN

Testing began on Tuesday and will continue through until the end of next week. Individual classes have been provided timetables by teachers. Once again, our students have embraced the opportunity. Well done to teachers and parents for instilling calm and ensuring such a positive attitude in our wonderful students.



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY (pictured below)



COVID NOTIFICATIONS

I am sure that you have seen in the media, the return to base levels of Very High Case Load settings. Part of this is that I do not have to report cases directly. The Microsoft Forms link that I provided gives the school the capacity to be aware of who are close contacts, so please continue to complete that form for your household cases. Follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MZmAA50L7X>

SCHOOL BOARD

I recently announced the two new members of the School Board through Connect. I look forward to working with the Board this term.

WHOLE SCHOOL PP-YR6 EXCURSION TO KINGS PARK

On National Sorry Day **26 May 2022** the PP to Year 6 students will be attending The Aboriginal Education and Eco Centre at Kings Park. They will engage in multiple learning opportunities around our local Flora and Fauna and some of the historical uses of the land. The school will be heavily subsidising the excursion to reduce cost for families. It is an amazing day, so I am hoping that COVID has begun to slow down by then. Mrs Marsland is working very hard to put this together and further information will follow very soon. Again, we were not able to run the excursion until settings changed. It has been in our planning for well over 12 months and is part of the school's Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework implementation.

WINTER SPORTS

Students are training for these team events. Unfortunately, a few of the schools in our zone were unable to adjust their settings so that we could have our normal scratch matches. The carnival event is on **Monday 13 June**. (Yes... a Monday...this is due to Kingsway Reserve management not allowing schools to hire the venue on Fridays).

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 **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.

Peter Mulcahy
Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA2	James
TA3	Nevaeh, Leo
TA4	Ellie, Remy
TA5	Lonica, Mia
TA6	Cleo, Stephanie
TA7	Indiana, Rhys, Melinda
TA8	Tina, Brady
TA9	Alex, Benjamin
TA10	Brok, Keanan
TA11	Simone, Cowin
TA12	Ivy, Aden
TA13	Isaac, Jacob
TA15	Baden, Connor
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	TA2, TA3, Rikki, Bayden, Taylah

MEET VINNIE!

Vinny Vocab is the leader of the VCOP gang and is a knight in shining armour. Vinny wears a protective helmet and uses his pencil sword to rescue writing from boring words. He helps children use 'WOW Words' to make their writing more interesting and powerful. 'WOW Words' are words or phrases that are also known as ambitious vocabulary. These are words that make the audience say, "WOW!"



We encourage 'WOW Words' in our classroom to widen children's use of language and make their writing richer. In your child's classes from Year 2 to 6, you will find a VCOP display containing four sections. This display is a visual reinforcement and a way to showcase children's learning. Vinny Vocab stands proudly in his section surrounded by 'WOW Words' the children have written on yellow card. These are new and impressive words that your children have used. This board encourages children to use these words in their writing and further develop their vocabulary.

How You Can Help

You can help broaden your child's language by doing a few simple things:

- Talk about or write down interesting 'WOW' words you hear on TV, radio or in stories you are reading at home.
- Try using 'WOW' words in your own sentence.
- Have a family 30 second challenge: You have 30 seconds to think of as many different words instead of: good, bad, happy, sad or mad. Put each one in a sentence.
- Give your child a 'WOW' word to put in a sentence. How many different sentences can they make?
- Older students can look up vocabulary to find possible synonyms.

English Committee

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back to another term at Greenwood Primary School. I hope you and your family are settled back into the school routine!

I had the honour of giving the Prayer of Remembrance at the school's ANZAC Day ceremony at the beginning of term and it was so lovely to see how respectful all the students were and so lovely to see many parents/guardians in attendance.



The lunchtime program has started again for the term and it continues to grow in numbers each week. It is wonderful to see so many students come in each Wednesday and Friday when I am at Greenwood and Mrs Fazz tells me that many also come in on Thursdays. Students have the opportunity to colour pictures and draw or finish the movie that is playing in the reading corner. We also have many students who enjoy showing us their creativity with the Lego and we look forward to reintroducing challenges and seeing what the students' imagination does with them! My only problem is that lunch time flies when you are having fun in the library!!

Emma Swan
Chaplain



SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who recycles!

We have some new posters on the gates which show the items that we are currently collecting.

Can you spot the new item?



Parents are reminded that applications for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary in 2023 are being taken **NOW**. Applications close on **Friday 22 July 2022**. Application forms are available from the school office or Connect.

Children currently attending our Kindergarten will need to complete their application for re-enrolment into Pre-Primary next year. Application forms for this are also available on Connect.

I ask that parents please mention this information to parents who are intending to enrol their child at Greenwood Primary School or any school for the start of next year.

TA4 & TA5

Sound Maker Design and Plan

After some thoughtful preparation and discussion, the Year 1 students accepted the challenge to create their own amazing sound makers. We were very proud of the results. I'm sure you could hear us testing them out...



Creating and Designing



Our finished sound makers

At the end of Term 1, we wore Crazy Hair or Socks to raise money for a good cause.
Science: Biology Eco Action Visit



This term the Year 1 classes had a visit from Eco Action. Lora brought in lots of different insects for us to find out about. We were able to carefully handle the insects. We learnt what they like to eat, where they live and how some camouflage to protect themselves from their enemies. It was a great morning!