



NEWSLETTER No. 1 Thursday 16 February 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



WELCOME

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Greenwood Primary School for 2023. I trust that all our new families and their students have enjoyed a smooth transition to their new classrooms and school.

Mrs Dias and I were recently discussing about the lovely smooth and calm start with which the new school year has commenced. I thank our parents and community for assisting our children by ensuring that they were all well prepared. Congratulations to everyone concerned.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Last Monday and Tuesday we organised Parent Information Evenings to allow families to meet their children's teachers and receive first-hand information about how the classrooms would run. I sincerely thank those parents who managed to attend these meetings. They generally help to ensure that we are all on the same page and are working together to achieve the best outcomes possible for every student.

Dates to Remember

February

13-24 Interm Swimming Lessons

March

3 Assembly – TA12

6 **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

15 NAPLAN commences

24 Assembly – TA9

31 Swimming Carnival

MR MULCAHY

As I explained at the meetings mentioned above, Mr Mulcahy retired as of 25 January. This means that a process is being run to select a new Principal for our school. The process is rigorous, and we all look forward to meeting the successful applicant in Term 2. When this occurs, Mrs Dias and I will return to our usual roles.

STAFFING

We are lucky at Greenwood Primary in that we generally have a stable staff. Thus far, we have Mr Jonty Harrison returning to teach the Year 6 class for this term. We have also appointed Miss Lianne Upjohn to our school to take Science with the classes from Years 3-6. We wish both teachers well for their time here.

SWIMMING LESSONS

As you are all aware, swimming lessons commenced for our school on Monday. I wish to sincerely thank Mrs Dias for the hours of work she spent in creating effective rosters for our Pre-Primary to Year 6 classes. The excellent job from Mrs Dias and the support from Mrs Shadbolt and Mrs Pethick means that all has gone seamlessly. Well done, ladies, and thank you for your efforts.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS



ASSEMBLY

Last Friday we had our first official Assembly for the year where we presented the students who were successful in gaining leadership roles. We also introduced the Faction Captains and the students who take on leadership roles in various areas. Congratulations to all these students.

NAPLAN

I assume that our community is aware that our NAPLAN testing will occur in Weeks 7 and 8 of this term. You should have received an information sheet about NAPLAN last week. Our students will be given opportunities to practise these tests so that they are prepared for the 'real' thing.



Maureen Perry
Principal

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.



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA2	Jace
TA4	Lonica
TA5	Indi
TA6	Heidi, Baden
TA8	Stephanie, Luca
TA9	Willow, Londynn
TA10	Lara, Mia
TA11	Layla, Thomas
TA12	Nina, Austin
TA13	Reed, Leo
TA14	Macie, Zakariye
TA15	MacKenzie, Gabriel
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	Ellie, Sophie, Evie

GREENWOOD DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

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

If you would like to enrol your child:

- Please take the time to read the information provided before completing forms - there is a white form and a green form to be completed.
- 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 the school office or post it to Greenwood Dental Therapy Centre by Friday 10 March.

Kind regards
Janet and Cath



CONNECT

Please ensure that you are fully operational with this platform. It is the way we are communicating with you all at both classroom and whole school level.

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. Please see the office staff if you require assistance with your device.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Greenwood Community!



I hope you and your family have settled in well to the school term and had a delightful break. I want to give an especially big welcome to you if you and your family are new to Greenwood Primary School this year. My name is Emma Swan and this is my second year as the School Chaplain, and I am here at Greenwood on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Anyone can access the services that I provide so please do not hesitate to contact the office to speak with Mrs Perry or Mrs Dias to arrange this. Also, if you have any questions please send me an email on emma.swan@youthcare.org.au – I am working at two schools, so please let me know which school your children are at.

My role as the school Chaplain is to provide social and emotional support wherever it is required. I work with students, teachers and parents in meeting the needs that arise in their daily lives. This is demonstrated through being always available when a child or adult needs to talk, providing pastoral care (encouragement and support) and running life skills programs. I also conduct classroom visits and help on school excursions and events.

Additionally, Mrs Fazz and I run a lunchtime Library program in the Library on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays where all students from Year 1 to 6 can come in and colour, make LEGO creations or play games. Along with this year's Library Assistants, we also hope to introduce some clubs which will be very exciting – watch this space for details for all we get up to throughout the year!

Emma Swan
Chaplain



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.



Thank you from the Sustainability Team

2023 YEAR 6 LEADERS



FACTION CAPTAINS



CHOIR CAPTAIN



VALUES ASSISTANTS



LOOSE PARTS PLAY ASSISTANTS



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES ASSISTANTS



PHOTOGRAPHERS



LIBRARY ASSISTANTS



PA ASSISTANTS