



NEWSLETTER No. 7 Thursday 3 August 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone has had a relaxing and restful holiday break. Term 3 is always an exciting term as traditionally there are many events on a school calendar. To name a few, we have our Instrumental Music assembly, book week, open night, massed choir, faction carnivals and interschool athletics all coming up in future weeks. Prior to many of these events, we'll forward to you communication detailing how the event will work and what is involved. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in the school this term and I hope you're able to attend.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Last Friday we were fortunate enough for the weather to hold off and be able to run our Cross-Country event. It was great to see many members of the community in attendance to support this celebration of physical activity. I am extremely proud of every participant and the way they employed great levels of resilience to tackle the challenge of a long run. The results can be viewed further down in this newsletter. A special thank you goes out to our Physical Education teacher Belinda Dunham for her meticulous work in organising the event.

NAPLAN ONLINE AND PEAC

NAPLAN individual testing results have been sent home and you'll have likely noticed a considerable change in how the results are presented. The traditional band system has been replaced by 4 levels of achievement – 'Exceeding', 'Strong', 'Developing' and 'Needs additional support'. The important thing to note with these changes is that these new results are not comparable with previous results due to the change in scales. In the coming weeks Greenwood will receive access to our performance data and traditionally we would review the data and examine our past performance in comparison to our current performance.

This year will essentially act as a reset with the data. As a school when we review the data, this point in time will act as the new foundation point for future years comparisons. Though we won't be

able to reference past performance this year, we will still be able to review our current academic performance. When we receive the data, we interrogate the information and use it to help inform our teaching and learning. The information is then presented to the board and referenced in future public documents such as the Business Plan and Annual Report.

Our Year 4 students tackled the challenge of the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program this week. Year 4 students are tested annually for potential entry into this upper primary school program that runs in Year 5 and 6. The programs focus on a range of domains including social interaction with gifted and talented peers, the development of higher order process skills and in-depth investigations of real-world problems. We will be notified later in the year if any of our students have made it into the program.

STAFFING

We officially welcome to staff, in the Science role, Mr Jordan Letcher and in the Indonesian language role Mrs Indhira Made (Ibu Made to the students). Both teachers join us with a wealth of country service and have already proven to be a wonderful and enriching addition to our team for the remainder of 2023.

THANK YOU 'CARPET CALL'!

The Greenwood Primary School community would like to thank **Carpet Call Balcatta** for their kind donation of a new carpet square for the Languages and Science room. We are fortunate to have local businesses supporting our school.



Dean Gill
Principal

FACTION CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

The results were very exciting with only 1 point separating 1st and 2nd.

4 th	Kambarang	672 pts
3 rd	Djirin	764 pts
2 nd	Mookaroo	782 pts
1 st	Birak	783 pts

We also had outstanding individual efforts. Congratulations to the following athletes:

	Champion	Runner Up
Junior	Amelia M Charlie W	Isabelle B Parker O
Intermediate	Aubree W Jude A	Eva C Ethan A
Senior	Scarlett M Tim G	Layla D Blake D

Presentation of the shield and individual medallions will take place at this week's assembly.

Mrs Dunham
PE Teacher



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

30 JUNE

TA2	Bailey
TA3	Finn, Evelyn
TA4	Hazel
TA5	Deng
TA6	Hollie, Mila
TA8	Ahmad, Elsie
TA9	Ariyan, Jasmine
TA10	Rikki, Taylah
TA11	Ethan, Tayley
TA12	Jemma, Steven
TA13	Layla, Oskar
TA14	Neve, Skye
TA15	Albi, Jonah, Isabelle
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	Dakota, Thomas, Pedro

28 JULY

TA2	Noah
TA3	Shea
TA4	Leo, Isaak
TA5	Harper
TA6	Finn, Ashton
TA8	Eva, Nathan
TA9	Layla, Rhys
TA10	Isabella, Isaiah
TA11	James, Evie
TA12	Isabelle, Levi
TA13	Claire, Lyla
TA14	Charlotte, Abel
TA15	Aaliyah, Marcus
SUSTAIN-ABILITY	Hugo, Emma, Haydn

VALUES CERTIFICATES

TA2	Peyton
TA3	Sienna
TA4	Loni
TA5	Indi
TA6	Grace
TA8	Lukin
TA9	Harper
TA10	Isaac
TA11	Russell
TA12	Fletcher
TA13	Kaeley
TA14	Lexi
TA15	Aaliyah



DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- 8** Waste Free Lunch – 'Take Home Tuesday'
- 11** Assembly – Instrumental
- 18** P&C Disco
- 21** Book Week Parade
- 22** Picnic Lunch & Yr4 Library Excursion
- 23** Open Night / Book Fair

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I personally, cannot believe we are at week three already and it really does feel like things are ramping up. I keep having to remind myself a couple of things and I hope this encourages you all too. Firstly, to live each moment – to not dwell in the past, to embrace new experiences and challenges and to not be so hard on yourself. That everyone makes mistakes and that these are tools by which we can learn from. As one of the students told me today – to just be yourself and the most important reminder is that self-care is essential for your own well-being, and it is not selfish. Oh, and that it is not a sign of weakness to accept the gift of help from those trusted people around you.

The self-care wheel emphasises six dimensions of your life which scholars tell you that you should ideally focus on daily – physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, personal and professional, with a simple search bringing up ideas and activities that you can engage in to help replenish and fill those tanks. My charge to you today as a result – is what are you going to do to look after yourself today? Will it be taking time to read a book, go for a walk, eat that last chocolate bar or indulge in that cup of coffee?

Emma Swan
Chaplain



OUTDOOR PLAY COMMITTEE

Hello Greenwood Community.

The outdoor play committee would like your support to re-stock our loose parts play equipment. The following is a list of “wish” items that we feel would improve the play in our Woodlands space.

- Tarpaulins
- Large hessian pieces
- Netting fabric
- Shower curtains
- Small electrical plastic spools
- Small sections of carpet cut offs

Items need to be clean and in good condition.

If you have any of the items that would be suitable please contact Ms Valentini or Mrs Simmons. Via email.

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SUSTAINABILITY

National Tree Day

If you are noticing lots of new trees, shrubs and ground covers around our school grounds, this is a result of the whole school planting day on Monday. Thank you to staff who talked to students about some of the reasons we plant trees and the benefits. Well done to students and staff for wearing green items and a big thank you to Mr Nikoloski and Miss Young who assisted with extra help on the day. Please stick to the path while walking around school, there are small shrubs which are easily broken and we want them to grow tall.

The Sustainability Committee



REMEMBER

Pack a waste free recess and lunch – it's **'Take Home Tuesday'** next week, the 8 August. Help us reduce our waste to landfill!



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In TA14 & TA15 we had a great time designing arcade games for Design & Technology with our Year 6 friends from TA10

