



NEWSLETTER No. 10

Thursday 26 October 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We've now commenced our final term for the year, and it is hard to believe how quickly 2023 has gone so far. I've thoroughly enjoyed the two terms I've been here and am very much looking forward to many more! Earlier this term many of you will have come to the school on the referendum day and noticed that our Year 6 parents were running a cupcake and bookstall fundraiser. I thank all the volunteers who helped raise funds.

Our P&C has a vital role in assisting the students' education and creating a positive connection between the school and community. I encourage you to get involved in the P&C if you're able to volunteer your time. Continuing on the theme of P&C, you are more than likely aware that this Friday night the P&C is hosting a Quiz night. Full details are in earlier Connect notices, so please see those details or get in touch with the school to find out more. I look forward to seeing you there for a night of friendly competition.

Earlier on this week you will have been emailed a code for a survey. The National School Opinion Survey is a biannual survey for schools to receive feedback around its operation. This feedback is used to look at how we are doing as a school and can help inform areas where we might need to implement change to create a positive educational experience at Greenwood. The survey will be open until midnight on November 5. We encourage you to complete it if you would like to have a say and I thank everyone for their contributions. If you haven't received an email with a unique code to complete the survey and wish to participate in this opportunity, please get in touch with the school.

STAFFING

With regards to staffing, we have a number of announcements to make. Starting with a retirement, firstly we would like to acknowledge

Lynda Cook who will be retiring as of the end of this week. Lynda has been with the school since its foundation and has been an integral allied professional who has created many positive experiences for students and staff alike. Performing roles in special needs and mainstream education, she has been a well-loved professional who will be sorely missed in our school. We wish her all the best in her next adventure.

Helen Petkov who has been permanently attached to our school but has been teaching in the country in Mount Magnet, has also chosen to retire and head into her next journey. Although she is not currently at the school, Helen moved to Greenwood in 2011 and has been a well-loved and respected staff member who students and staff remember fondly. She left Greenwood to join the Flying Squad in 2022 to help provide education to remote locations. We hope she enjoys the next chapter in her life and can look back on her memories of Greenwood as a wonderful experience.

We have three staff members taking leave over the next few weeks until the end of the year. Maureen Perry our Associate Principal, Sandra Dias our Year 6 teacher and Deborah Nowak our Kindergarten Education Assistant will have an early start to the holidays. While we are saying farewell to them for 2023, we are excited to see them back in 2024. Lianne Upjohn and Leah Sutcliffe who are well known to us as former staff and practicum students will be filling in for Sandra's role. We are excited to see them back at the school and know they will do an excellent job in ensuring our Year 6 students have a wonderful graduation experience. We are in the process of finalising the Associate Principal position and will announce the details once we are finished. Sharon Spadek and Michelle Bright will both fill in for Deborah's position.

Dean Gill

Principal

MUSIC NEWS

IMSS – Instrumental Music School Services

Our School offers musical tuition on classical guitar, clarinet, and brass through the Instrumental Music School Services program.

This term, all Year 4 children are tested using a musical aptitude test. Students who show an ability to distinguish differences in pitch and rhythm are offered a place for next year in consultation with Mrs Perry, classroom teachers and our Instrumental Teachers.

If you require further information about the Instrumental Program, please contact Mrs Wilson-Boyce by email.

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Rebecca Wilson-Boyce
Music Specialist

INTER CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday Greenwood competitors ran against six other schools in the interschool Cross Country. Greenwood performed very well this year against all the bigger schools. All runners and helpers are to be commended on their behaviour and attitude and we are proud of the way you conducted yourselves. Thank you to those reserves who stepped up to compete.

Greenwood came 5th on points, but just missed out on winning the Handicap shield.

We also had some standout performances with three students winning medallions. Congratulations to:

Champion Junior Girl – Amelia M & Runner up Junior Girl – Isabelle B

Champion Intermediate Girl – Aubree W

Belinda Dunham
HPE Specialist



HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

22 September

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| TA2 | Aria |
| TA3 | Millie, Indie |
| TA4 | Loiki |
| TA5 | James, Katelyn |
| TA6 | Bethany, Mia |
| TA8 | Oaklen, Harry |
| TA9 | Indy, Sophia |
| TA10 | Kyen, Lara |
| TA11 | Daniel, Bethany |
| TA12 | Milton, Toby |
| TA13 | Benj, Michael |
| TA14 | Lexi, Ava |
| TA15 | Nathan, Xavier |
| SUSTAINABILITY | Oliver, Ryder, Naya |

20 October

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| TA2 | Noah |
| TA3 | Maddy |
| TA4 | Brodie |
| TA5 | Jaxx |
| TA6 | Burley, Heidi |
| TA8 | Chelsea, Stephanie |
| TA9 | Zane, Brady |
| TA10 | Simone, Flynn |
| TA11 | Tom, Russell |
| TA12 | Rosie, Fletcher |
| TA13 | Riley, Connor |
| TA14 | Joran, Isabelle |
| TA15 | Olivia, Gabriel |
| SUSTAINABILITY | Mason, Harper, Jackson |
| MUSIC | Jackson |

Values Awards

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| TA2 | Evelyn |
| TA3 | Katia |
| TA4 | Josh |
| TA5 | Aya |
| TA6 | Heidi |
| TA8 | Nathan |
| TA9 | Seysha |
| TA10 | Taylah |
| TA11 | Layla |
| TA12 | Scarlett |
| TA13 | Mason |
| TA14 | Angus |
| TA15 | Amelia |

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Greenwood Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful break and have settled back into the final term for 2023. These first few weeks have flown by, and I have had to keep reminding myself to remain in the moment and enjoy each day as they come.

Parent educator, presenter and resilience specialist Maggie Dent has said the following and it is so true of today that "Technology can be beneficial and harmful. The tricky thing for today's parents is how to protect their children and themselves from the harmful aspects, while engaging in technology to enhance communication, education, positive entertainment, and the strengthening of human relationships."

Technology can inspire creativity, provide an insight into the world around us and be a source of information. To help us in our endeavour to teach children to navigate this world wisely, there are two websites that I would recommend. The first is the eSafety Commissioner website (www.esafety.gov.au) which has sections for kids, young people and parents containing videos about being safe online and advice for parents on gaming, parental controls, and cyberbullying.

Another great resource for parents is YSafe! (<https://ysafe.onlinesafetyhub.com.au/>). This resource provides information from experts and guides on things such as starting out on social media, online safety guides and deep dives into every gaming and social media platform that is relevant and popular today. In these deep dives the experts provide an age recommendation, explain the apps, and rate the potential risks that children (and adults) are exposed to. They also have a section dedicated to how to handle social media incidents and links to online counselling and mental health support services and websites.

In a world that is becoming increasingly technology focused, I hope these links help. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

Emma Swan
Chaplain



SUSTAINABILITY

WASTE FREE DAYS

During Term 3 we held several successful Waste Free Tuesdays and were encouraged to see an increasing number of lunch boxes that had no waste items in them. **Waste Sorted Schools** completed an audit for us on a Monday to see just how much waste we did bring to school on other days. A group of Year 4/5 students assisted with the sorting of the items and we now have a clear idea of which waste type is our biggest to try and avoid.



During our waste audit we counted 193 snack wrappers, which is about average when compared to other schools. This works out to be approximately 35,898 wrappers being sent to landfill each year. We also counted 35 plastic bags and pieces of clingwrap, meaning 6,510 of these items are also headed for landfill. Unfortunately, there are limited recycling options for these items, so avoidance is the best option. The students discussed ideas to reduce lunch box waste including bringing snacks and sandwiches to school in reusable containers or reusable snack bags. A number of the students were already familiar with the different styles of reusable containers and wraps. We also discussed the benefits of buying snacks in bulk where possible, such as receiving more of the snack, saving money, and reducing the amount of soft plastics being sent to landfill.

Our next Waste Free Day is **Tuesday 31 October**. Please help us reduce our waste to landfill.

Thank you, from the Sustainability Committee

Dates to Remember

October

27 P&C Quiz Night

31 Dancesport Commences

November

1 Yr4 & Yr5 Groundwater Festival

3 Choir Assembly

MUSIC 2023

