



NEWSLETTER No. 1 Thursday 15 February 2024

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



WELCOME

Welcome back everyone to the 2024 school year. We welcome the many new families that are starting with us this year and hope you feel welcome in our community. We're three weeks in now and everyone has been doing great at adjusting to their new routines and getting to know their new classrooms. The hot weather does not seem to be letting up anytime soon, but I'm pleased to see our students have been coping well with the heat. We will continue to adjust our daily routines during hot weather as we monitor the temperature throughout the upcoming days.

This week we have had our Parent Information Evening and it has been great to see the turnout of parents attending these important sessions. If you were unavailable during these timeslots, please don't hesitate to reach out to the classroom teachers for more information. If you ever have reason to contact our Associate Principal Maureen Perry or myself, simply ring through the main school line or email greenwood.ps@education.wa.edu.au

I would like to ask parents to be considerate of not using the play areas in the morning while they are waiting for the classes to open. As these aren't supervised times or areas, we want to ensure the students are safe while waiting for the classes to open at 8:30am.

In unfortunate circumstances, we have to postpone our swimming carnival. Our regular booking is currently undergoing maintenance and our attempts to book elsewhere have not been successful. I will hopefully have more information on the carnival later in the year.

With regards to the Parents and Citizens' (P&C), we encourage everyone to get involved in this vital organisation that supports the school. The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at Greenwood next Wednesday 21 February at 7:00pm in the school office. The purpose of the

AGM is to nominate members to the required roles for the P&C to function. Please find below some information as to how to get involved.

"If you are interested and would like more information on a sub-committee / position information please email vicepresidentgreenwoodpc@gmail.com. There is no requirement to give a certain amount of time or to attend all meetings throughout the year, as a member or in any of the positions. We run on the kindness of volunteers, and we are always keen to welcome new faces, new ideas and supporting existing initiatives. In 2024 the P&C are dedicated to and will continue to support and enhance the student's education and schooling experience. We hope to see you there.

Greenwood Primary School P&C Assoc Inc."

Dean Gill
Principal



2024 Student Councillors: Amelia, Ellie, Casey and Haydn

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.



It is a collective responsibility to ensure the safety of our children. We appreciate your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.

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.

VOLUNTEERING

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check legislation, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews
- visiting the uniform shop.

If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

A current Working with Children Check is required by all other family members and friends over 18 years of age who want to volunteer.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA2	Reese
TA3	Linden
TA4	Cooper
TA5	Lucy
TA6	Macie, Aiden
TA7	Charlotte, Jake
TA8	Isabelle, Nathan
TA9	Luca, Zara
TA10	Oliver, Layla
TA11	Melinda, Harper
TA12	Kaeley, Benjamin
TA14	Mark, Oliver
TA15	Leo, Edith
SUSTAINABILITY	Mikayla, Georgia, Layla



Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

- 21 P&C Annual General Meeting
- 23 Assembly Senior Students
- 23 TA14 &15 Penistone Park
- 28 School Clean Up Day

MARCH

- 4 Labour Day Public Holiday

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello Greenwood Community!



I hope you and your family have settled in well to the school term and had a wonderful and well rested 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 3rd year as the School Chaplain (time flies when you are having fun), and I am 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 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 where a need arises. I also conduct classroom visits and help at 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, read, or play games. Time goes so quick when you are having fun in the library, so watch this space for details of all we get up to throughout the year!

Emma Swan
Chaplain



RECYCLING NEWS

We hope you're ready for 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



PA Assistants: Bethany, James and Benj

YEAR 6 SENIOR STUDENTS 2024



Faction Captains: Naya, Kayla, Layla, Evie, Blake, Eneas, Oliver and Mason



Values Assistants: Sophie and Tayley



Loose Parts Play Assistants: Riley, Dakota, Layla and Ryder

Choir Leader: Dan



Library Assistants: Ruby and Claire



Photographers: Jaxon, Jackson and Skye



Digital Technology Assistants: Anna, Phoenix, Lyla, Hannah, Malachi, Alex, Leo and Kaeley