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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are cruising into the term and already planning end of term events. A nine-week term certainly goes by quickly.

NAPLAN

Next week we begin our two weeks of NAPLAN Online testing. Students in years 3 and 5 will conduct testing in the following tests:

- Writing – online for year 5s but pencil and paper for the 3s.
- Reading
- Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

The NAPLAN Online tests are a reflection of the breadth of the curriculum and, as such, schools aren't encouraged to specifically have 'NAPLAN content revision' periods. What schools are encouraged to do, is to ensure students have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the testing platform to build their competency with digital testing. We set a roster for testing over the two-week period in the prescribed test order, which also builds in catch up testing for students who are absent on a particular test day. We try and give students every opportunity to complete their catch-up testing at regular intervals throughout the two weeks.

STAFFING

In staffing news, Maureen Perry our Associate Principal will be enjoying a period of leave from next week until the end of the term with Sandra Dias stepping into her role for the duration. Replacing Sandra for the last three weeks will be Jordan Letcher and Leah Sutcliffe, who know the students in TA10 well.

P&C COMMITTEE

Finally, a message from the P&C.

"The P&C are looking to fill the important role of Secretary!



Could this be you?

The P&C has parents, care givers, school staff and community members who participate and assist in building the schools community. Our door is open to anyone who wishes to come on board.

Specifically, the role of Secretary! This role involves making and keeping records of meetings (discussion points and decisions made), keeping a list of members, and facilitating incoming mail (via email and snail mail) and distributing accordingly.

The role does not need an onerous amount of your time and we can make sure plenty of support is provided by fellow members.

If you would like to join the P&C in this role or any other, please feel free to contact myself via email, or grab me at school and have a chat.

vicepresidentgreenwoodpc@gmail.com

Thank You!

Amy - Vice President Greenwood P&C"

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Dean Gill
Principal



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 their 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 the individual named storage container provided. No responsibility for the device is taken by the school.



MEDICAL PLANS

All students with identified medical conditions such as allergies, intolerances, and asthma, need to have an 'annually' updated plan. Please organise these with your medical professionals and have them at the front office by the commencement of Term 2. Many of these plans are currently out of date. Thank you to those who have already provided updated plans.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS

TA2	Max, Shiv
TA3	William, Frankie
TA4	Lily
TA5	Freddy
TA6	Lexi, Finlay
TA7	Chace, Oaklen
TA8	Xanthe, Neve
TA9	Piper, Harriet
TA10	Anna, Leo
TA11	Willow, Phoenix
TA12	Mason, Sophie
TA14	George, Aya
TA15	Lucy, Keenon
SUSTAINABILITY	Michael, Maddison, Bior

VALUES CERTIFICATES

TA2	Eden – Kindness
TA3	Joey - Kindness
TA4	Jaxon - Kindness
TA5	Aria - Kindness
TA6	Isabelle - Kindness
TA7	Mia – Diligence
TA8	Remy – Perseverance
TA9	Corbin – Kindness
TA10	Ben – Perseverance
TA11	Elias – Helpfulness
TA12	Layla – Respect
TA14	Neel – Respect
TA15	Penny - Helpfulness

MARCH

Dates to Remember

- 8** TA9 – Assembly
- 11** TA7, TA9 & TA11 Sculptures by the Sea excursion
- 13-25** NAPLAN Yr3 & Yr5
- 21** TA14 & TA15 Cockman House
- 21** Harmony Day
- 22** TA14 - Assembly



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi Greenwood Community,

I hope you have all had a smooth start to the school year, and I cannot believe we are on the downward slope to the end of term! Where have the weeks gone? We have had some great weather of late, but the library is still buzzing at lunchtime on Wednesdays to Fridays with students coming to colour, draw, play games, read, or create some amazing LEGO creations.

Today, I would love to share some tips on how you can help your children to express and vocalise their emotions and feelings:

Read and chat about emotions: My current favourites are "My Body Sends a Signal" by Natalia Maguire, "Marcy's Having All the Feels" by Allison Edwards and the Usborne Book "All About Feelings" by Felicity Brooks and Frankie Allen.

Model talking about feelings: Sharing with children how you are feeling using emotional language saying what you are feeling and then pairing it with a coping strategy that you will use. "I'm mad that your brother took your toy. I'm going to tell him that he needs to give it back".

Help them to vocalise what they may be feeling by how they are acting: "I think you are feeling mad because you have crossed your arms and stomped your feet"; get them to think about this and repeat it back or find the appropriate emotion to describe their actions/feelings.

And finally, two of the most important things you can do is helping them to practise talking about their emotions by asking them specific questions such as "was there something that made you happy today?" and allowing them to feel and express their emotions but also guiding them onto what they can do next to solve their problems or to cope with what is happening.

Emma Swan
School Chaplain



SUSTAINABILITY

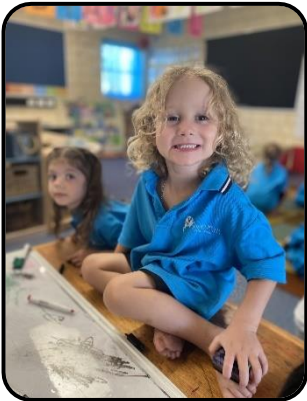
SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY



Thank you to staff and students for participating in the Official Schools Clean Up Day last Wednesday. We collected a total of **9.6kgs** of litter from all designated areas.



Thank you from the Sustainability Team



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