

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone to Term 2. In starting back this term, we have had a few events on such as the stop-work action last Tuesday and ANZAC Day service held last Friday. We made a small number of changes to our ANZAC Day service, and I'm pleased to see the changes helped enhance the experience. Changing the location of the service helped mitigate sound and weather issues, while inviting in a special guest provided a genuine touch to the morning. I would like to thank Mr Gordon Clipston for attending and delivering a powerful speech that helped relate the importance of ANZAC Day to the school environment.

This term, our teachers are busily preparing for the delivery of the first semester reports. The reports will go out at the end of this term via Connect and are a snapshot of how the students are currently performing with the curriculum content covered in their academic year. You may receive contact this term from a classroom teacher if there are any noted concerns that would benefit from a discussion. You are also welcome to reach out to the classroom teacher if you would like to discuss any matters prior to reports going out.

As our Business Plan work continues, one of the major works being looked at is the way the school uses its values-based system. Currently the school has an established range of values that are taught and promoted throughout the school, and students receive values awards at assemblies. When workshopping how this system suits our current needs, it has become apparent that many of the values we have are extremely similar to each other, and a few of the values use the other values as part of their definition. As a school, we are currently looking

at how this can be better streamlined to establish a smaller but more useable number of values to integrate into daily teaching and learning at Greenwood Primary School. We are excited to go through this work to create a more accessible and less confusing system for our students. When we are closer to having a product to share, we will share the draft version with the community for feedback.

Ending in some very positive news, our school has been the recipient of a Waste Wise grant, which has enabled the school to receive a brand-new recycling station. Mrs Kym Dempster has done an outstanding job in working with the artists and fabricators to design the station. We think it looks great and we can't thank Kym enough for the amazing job she's done.



Kind regards

Dean Gill
Principal

ANZAC CEREMONY



Dates to Remember	
MAY	
8	P&C Meeting
9	Mother's Day Stall
10	TA6 Assembly
10	Year 6 Ern Halliday Excursion
15	Year 1 Eco Action Incursion
17	Home Scratch Match v Edgewater

Mrs B's Broadcast

Dear Greenwood Primary School Families, I'd like to introduce myself as the Year 3-6 Science Specialist.

I have had a very long history with the school, as my 3 children were students here back in the Allenswood days. Since then, I have spent the last 20 years teaching mainly sport and Science with a huge focus on sustainability and organic gardening.

I'm very excited to be joining the Greenwood Primary School Sustainability Team. Last week various classes planted our 4 vegetable raised garden beds. Since then, the rain has given them a huge boost and they are thriving!!!

I'm looking forward to working with the students to nurture, harvest and cook our own organic produce. If any family members are interested in helping, please let me know.

Kind regards,
Mrs B
(Mrs Bengough)





WARWICK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS



Warwick Senior High School has established a "Great Start Award" for Year 7 students who have made a significant effort to contribute to the school or have produced outstanding work in the early stage of their time at Warwick SHS. Well done to those past students from Greenwood Primary School.



Parents are reminded that applications for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary in 2025 are being taken **NOW**. Applications close on **Friday 19 July 2024**. Application forms are available from the school office.

Children currently attending our Kindergarten will need to complete their application for re-enrolment into Pre-Primary next year. This will be sent out later in Term 3.

I ask that parents please mention this information to parents who are intending to enrol their child at Greenwood Primary School or any school for the start of next year.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome back for Term 2! I hope you and your family had a wonderful break and have settled back into the school routine.

One thing that I have noticed throughout the years, is that friendship dramas are starting much earlier than I remember them doing when I was at school, and I am sure most of you can agree. Here are some handy tips to help you when your child/ren are having friendship dramas:

- **Listen** - without giving a response but use visual clues to show you are listening like nodding or looking confused.
- **Ask open ended questions** – to help you learn more such as "How did you feel when they said that?", "what happened next?" or "what were you hoping would happen?"
- **Empathise** – find an emotion or way to show them you were listening such as "That must have felt terrible".
- **Ask how you can help** – resist jumping in with a suggestion or fixing it for them and instead ask what they need from you with questions such as "Do you want to hear what I think?" or "Do you need help coming up with a solution?"
- **Brainstorm together** – Work together with your child to come up with a solution and use roleplaying of different scenarios to come up with one that they feel comfortable trying.
- **Keep the conversation open** – Friendships change rapidly and more often than not, they will need to talk often – encourage them that you are here for them and are willing to take the time to listen to them and help them to navigate friendships and life.
- **Talk regularly about and model good friendships, confidence when faced with peer pressure and how to handle instances of bullying.**

Hopefully these are helpful and always remind them that friends may come and go and that we can be friendly to all, but they do not have to be friends with everyone. Sprinkle that kindness around like confetti.

Emma Swan
School
Chaplain





Design Technology – Solar Ovens

TA 10 and 12

The Year 6 students worked collaboratively to create solar ovens using sustainable materials.

