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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is a very exciting time here at Greenwood Primary School as we make our way through the many events on at present. Our students have been bravely navigating the waters during swimming lessons as they learn new skills and move to even higher stages. Although we were assigned our rostered lessons during a less than ideal time of the year, I am pleased to see the way in which students and teachers have all worked together to be ready on time and conduct themselves to a high standard at Aquamation.

It was amazing to see the turnout at our Open Night and Book Fair yesterday evening. This is an incredibly popular event in the school that as you can imagine takes a lot of work to get up and running. I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped contribute in the many, many ways that helped our evening be incredibly successful. I would also like to thank everyone for attending and making our evening a special event to remember, thank you.



A few weeks ago, we received our NAPLAN scores as a whole school. When we look at the results as a school, we do need to keep in mind that these assessments are one test on one day regarding the curriculum areas the students are tested in. The results can help inform our overall academic performance level as a school in conjunction with the assessments teachers use throughout the year to ascertain students' progress against their expected curriculum level.

Overall, our students demonstrated pleasing results as a school where we performed either within expectations or above the expected levels in the year 3 and 5 testing domains of Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. When we talk about expected levels, it is one of the measures used to determine how our school performs relative to our index of Community Socio-Educational (ICSEA) rating. ICSEA is a rating every school receives as a collection of information that informs the enrolment process.

Our particularly strong areas this year were Year 3 Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation, while Year 5 performed admirably in Numeracy and Reading. Year 3 Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Year 5 Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation all came out at the expected level with a positive trajectory.

Next year will be the first time we can look at progress from NAPLAN test to NAPLAN test in the 2023-2025 period so it will be a great opportunity and our first look at NAPLAN as a measure of progress in the years to come.

Kind regards

Dean Gill
Principal



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hi Greenwood Community!

What a productive term we are having! I cannot believe that we are halfway through already. This newsletter, I thought I would share some tips for how you can teach and instil the important value of honesty to your child/ren.

1. Explain why honesty is a good choice for them to make and encourage them to practise being honest at home. Make sure you are modelling this to them daily.
2. Rewarding them when they are honest is a great way to encourage them as it helps them to associate it as something positive.
3. Play a true or false game with your child/ren.
4. Use puppets or their stuffed toys to roleplay, giving promises such as "I will put your toys away" or "I will sing a lullaby". Make sure one follows through with this promise and the other does the opposite and does not follow through with the emphasis on the consequences of not being honest.
5. Involve other people – the more the merrier when you talk about honesty and its importance.
6. Using games together during family time.
7. Using books and stories. Two of my favourite books to teach this value are Betty Bunny Didn't Do It by Michael Kaplan and The Problem with Problems by Rachel Rooney which not only teaches them to face their problems and worries honestly, but also face-on.

Hope these are useful and remember if your child/ren don't get it the first time, be patient but firm and reassuring. Home is usually their safe place to land, so they should feel comfortable to come to you with the truth and for help.

Emma Swan
School
Chaplain



SUSTAINABILITY

Remember each Tuesday we practice 'Trash Free Tuesday'. The children and parents are encouraged to pack a waste free lunch to help reduce landfill. Every little bit helps.



Our recycling hub is just behind the library, this is where you can recycle ring pulls, dental items, batteries, bread clips and much more. So please bring in any of these unwanted items instead of putting them in the bin.

Thank you from the Sustainability Team

TA 14 & TA 15 Fun!



Cross Country



Art



National Tree Day



Puppet Making