

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the final term of 2024. Last week we said farewell to two valuable and much-loved staff members. Firstly, to our Associate Principal Maureen Perry, and secondly to our Head Cleaner, Christine Doe. Maureen has long been a very positive fixture of the school, having worked here for the past 12 years. Her empathetic, warm and caring approach to leadership has ensured that Greenwood Primary School has been led with a gentle heart at its core. The impact she leaves behind is hard to describe in words, and although she will be gone, she will not be forgotten. I am extremely fortunate to have commenced my time here with her, and although we have a position advertised, it is hard to imagine anyone that could compare with all that she has done at our school. We wish her nothing but the best in the next chapter of her life. We farewelled Maureen's last official workday with a lovely send off via a student assembly where all classes contributed to remind Maureen of all that she has meant to them and the school.

A critical behind the scenes member of our school – Christine Doe, our Head Cleaner also leaves us to go off on a new life adventure. Christine's approach towards work has been nothing short of impeccable, admirable and amazing. She tirelessly conducts herself to a high standard and prides herself in maintaining an exceptional quality of work. Chris has been a stalwart leader during difficult times and will be a major loss to our school.

Continuing on from the last newsletter regarding a health and wellbeing event for the school, we are going to combine a whole school incursion experience with a parent picnic/meet and greet. The plan currently is to have this within the first few weeks of next year. This will provide not only a wonderful experience for the students, but also provide you with the opportunity to meet the other parents. You may be familiar with the picnic format from our Book Week events, and we envisage this looking somewhat like that, but with a few key changes to make the day flow smoothly. The date and further details will be sent out early next year. Finally, regarding end of year announcements regarding staffing, movements, end of year

arrangements etc, these will all be made in the final newsletter in week 9. Stay tuned!

**Kind regards**  
**Dean Gill**  
**Principal**



## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Please note that Greenwood Primary School second hand uniforms will no longer be sold at assemblies. They will however be available for cash purchase at the front office throughout the week.

Any donations of second-hand uniforms is always greatly appreciated.

## MUSIC - MASSED CHOIR

Congratulations to our fabulous choir for their wonderful performance last Friday at the HBF Stadium.

Thank you to all parents and family members who attended.

**Rebecca Wilson-Boyce**  
Music Teacher



## HONOUR CERTIFICATES WINNERS

### 01 NOVEMBER

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| TA2            | Harvey, Neo           |
| TA3            | Dylan                 |
| TA4            | Peyton                |
| TA5            | Sienna                |
| TA6            | Macie, Jack           |
| TA7            | Harriet, Allirah      |
| TA8            | Albi, Ellie           |
| TA9            | Harry, Jack           |
| TA10           | Blake, Pedro          |
| TA11           | Ethan, Georgia, James |
| TA12           | Haydn, Tayley         |
| TA14           | Neel, Aya             |
| TA15           | Edith, Henry          |
| SUSTAINABILITY | Bior, Max, Rhys, Jude |



### Dates to Remember

#### NOVEMBER

27 Year 3 Scitech Excursion

29 Assembly – Choir

#### DECEMBER

4 Christmas Concert

6 Year 6 Adventure World



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I don't know about you, but I cannot believe how quick this term (and 2024 in general) is going.

Christmas craft has commenced in the library at lunchtimes and the students are having a wonderful time decorating ornaments, making cards, writing to Santa, and working tirelessly on their LEGO and colouring creations.

As we approach the end of the year, I find that many children are pushing those boundaries and need clear and consistent expectations to be set and maintained. Here are a couple of tips to help you:

- Establish guiding principles and values. It may even be helpful to write these out and have them framed/displayed.
- Explain the reason behind your expectations.
- Ground expectations in reality. Mistakes may happen, but these are perfect opportunities for children to learn.
- Ensure you teach and model these expectations yourself.
- Have clear and consistent correction. Ensure that the punishment fits the crime, training them first and never punishing in anger.
- Stick to your boundaries, be fair but consistent and empathise with their emotional reactions.

Above all, make sure they know that you love them regardless, but they have chosen something difficult for themselves and that there needs to be those healthy consequences.

**Emma Swan**  
**School**  
**Chaplain**



## SUSTAINABILITY

### WASTE WISE NEWS

Last week a whole school incursion was conducted by Veolia, our Waste Service company. All classes were shown how to identify and deposit various types of waste into the correct coloured bins, and also how landfill

waste is treated. Lots of us learned some new things about recycling, in particular – items that we thought were recyclable and actually are not! Students were given a sheet to bring home, which has lots of handy hints about handling our 'Rubbish to Resource' waste and recycling correctly.

If you haven't seen the Handy Hints sheet and would like a copy please let Mrs Dempster know, via the front office

*Thank you from the Sustainability Team*



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# SUSTAINABILITY ACTIVITIES



Growing and cooking with Mrs B.

## Trash Free Tuesdays



## New Recycling Hub



## National Tree Planting Day



## Clean Schools Day



## Classroom Recycling Bins

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