Dear Greenmount families,

Welcome back to all students and families and an especially warm welcome to all our new students and families. I hope that the holiday break was a restful and enjoyable time for all.

The start of the new school year has gone very smoothly thanks to the wonderful efforts of staff, parents and carers. It was wonderful to see the many smiling faces returning to school ready to start another exciting year.

There have been minimal changes to staffing this year. We welcome back Mr Bradley Giles who previously worked at Greenmount in 2012, and also to Ms Sara Duhig who will be running our Year 1 - 6 Music program, and of course, the choir.

We have a total enrolment of 362 at this stage with some classes running to capacity. The class structures are as follows:

- Room 1: Pre Primary, Mrs Perrin/Mrs Bishop (Thursday)
- Room 3: Pre Primary, Mrs King
- Room 4: Kindy, Ms Hewton / Mrs Bishop (Wednesdays)
- Room 5: Year 1, Mrs Evans
- Room 6: Year 1, Mrs Williams
- Room 7: Year 2, Mrs Digney
- Room 8: Year 2/3, Mrs Stevens
- Room 9: Year 2/3, Mrs Opie (Mon – Thurs) / Mrs Carr (Fri)
- Room 10: Year 3/4, Ms Marotta
- Room 11: Year 4, Mrs Fox
- Room 12: Year 4, Mrs McGlew
- Room 14: Year 5/6, Mrs Sims
- Room 15: Year 5/6, Mr Giles
- Room 17: Year 5/6, Ms Clemente

Physical Education Specialist: Mr Hodgson (Wed – Fri)
Art Specialist: Mrs McEwen
Music Specialist: Miss Duhig (Wed – Fri)

It is important that your child arrives at school by 8.30am when classrooms open, ready to begin the school day.
**REMINdERS**

* All Pre Primary to Year 6 students arriving at school before 8.15am must go to undercover area to be supervised by Admin.
* Only slouch hats or bucket hats are to be worn – caps were phased out in 2015.
* All students now wear green shorts and tops – no black for senior students.
* Students playing on equipment after school must be supervised by parents/carers.
* Parking in the Staff Car Park and Service Entry is for Staff only – please use designated Kiss and Drive area for drop off and pick up of students.

**Voluntary Contributions and Fees**

It would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for payment of the voluntary contributions as soon as possible ($60—1 child, $100—2 children, $120—3 or more children). These can be paid at the front office either by cash or eftpos. These contributions provide valuable income for the school and support the excellent programs which enhance our students’ learning.

Mathletics payment ($10 per child) is required for each child PP to Year 6. All students are registered and are encouraged to use the program at home as well as at school.

Lucy Webb  *PRINCIPAL*

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**Soundwave Books**

For Yr 1—6 parents who did not purchase a Soundwave book, class teachers will be ascertaining which level your child requires and sending a note home shortly. These can then be purchased through the school via the class teacher or at the front office using Eftpos at a cost of $18.00.

**Diaries**

Diaries are now available for Year 6 students at a cost of $5.50 through the class teachers. Money should be forwarded to your child’s class. Thank you.

**CAR PARKING**

Can all parents please be mindful of parking areas when dropping off students. Parents may park along the road in Polygon Place and there are also car parking spaces at Remembrance Crescent. Please do not park on the lawns or in driveways of private residences surrounding the school.
This year swimming lessons have been timetabled for **Mon 14th March—Thursday 24th March, weeks 7 and 8** of this term. Once again they will be held at Swan Aquatic Centre Midvale. There are 9 lessons scheduled over the 2 week period. (No 10th lesson because of the Good Friday holiday)

A class roster will be published in a following newsletter.

Swimming replaces the school’s physical education classes and Mr Hodgson will be attending the pool over the 9 days.

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be receiving swimming enrolment forms today. These forms must be completed before lessons can commence.

Please complete your child’s details and **return forms to the class teacher with payment.** This can be cash, cheque or credit card (at the front office.)

- **Cost per child is $40,** which covers the bus and pool entry.
- The actual swimming lessons are paid for by the Department of Education.
- Payment can be made to the class teacher or front office Eftpos.
- **All forms and money to be in by Week 5, Friday 4th March.**
- Students to wear bathers under uniforms ready to disrobe at the pool for their lesson.
- Only the first two groups are to wear boardies to school as these groups are leaving for early lessons.
- Students will require a change of clothes at the pool after their lesson.
  (Don’t forget underwear)
- Slip on shoes/thongs can be worn to and from swimming but normal footwear before and after swimming
- Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- Please label bathers, hats, uniforms, all pieces of clothing, etc
- Parents are more than welcome to attend and watch their child/children swim, but you will be charged entry. ($2.20)
- Please do not provide your child with money to purchase food as students are not permitted to eat at the pool.

In the past, we have had excellent student participation and we appreciate your continued support in sending your child to swimming. Becoming a confident swimmer is a vital life skill for children who live in a country where swimming is such a popular recreational activity.

Thank you
Mrs King and Mrs Astle
(Associate Principals)
Early Years Outdoor Play area
We have had some great donations for our play area and we are now asking our community for further assistance. We require a site plan to be drawn up for our playground and this requires the expertise of an experienced gardener or landscape designer. We hope that someone can assist us or inform us of a suitable contact.

All we require is a detailed *mud map* of the area indicating where we can build a fortress, (using our donated wood) locate a slide/swing, place planters for vegetable gardens and generally make good use of the area that we have targeted in the PP/1 playground. Planning approval must be obtained from the Education Department before we can commence our busy bee day so we need to have a clear indication of what we want to incorporate in this first stage of our outdoor play area.

Please contact Mrs Jo KING (Associate Principal) if you can assist in any way.

Year 6 CAMP –
This year we have returned to a one night, 2 day camping program at Fairbridge village near Pinjarra for all the year 6 students, followed by a special excursion to Volcano Park and Jungle Gym for both year 5 and 6.

The camping program is from Wednesday March 9th – Friday March 11th.

Students will be briefed this week and will have an initial letter with an Expression of Interest going home. Can parents please sign and return the EOI as soon as possible to assist us to determine the final cost. Thankyou.

Enquiries to Mrs KING.

Medical Information
We are currently in the process of updating all medical information for our students. If your child has a medical condition (including mild asthma), a medical form(s) *must* be completed and medication kept in an appropriate location. Mrs King is asking to meet with all parents to discuss action plans for students with moderate to severe medical conditions and to ensure existing medication and documentation is up to date.

P&C AGM  TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2016  6.30PM IN STAFF ROOM
Hi Everyone!

Hope you all had a nice relaxing break and are getting back into the swing of things!

For those parents that have never been to a P&C AGM before, no general business is covered but this is an opportunity to hear about what the parents in our P&C achieved in 2015 and to nominate for the following positions which will be vacated at the AGM:

- **PRESIDENT**
- **VICEPRESIDENT**
- **SECRETARY**
- **TREASURER**
- **UNIFORM SHOP**
- **FUNDRAISING**
- **SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB**
- **SAFETY HOUSE**
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

So, if you think you’d like to give one of these positions a try (with our support), please come along on the 23rd February and put your name forward. There are no skill sets required, we’re just a group of parents that take an interest in our school and our children’s education. Together we can all help to provide the kids at Greenmount Primary the best opportunities we can.

We also welcome anyone that is interested in becoming a member, but may not be able to make it to the AGM or take on one of the above positions. Simply fill out a membership form (available on the school’s website or at the office), pay the whopping 20c annual fee and you will receive regular updates on school issues, P&C news, meeting discussions, organised events etc.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to email our Secretary or President at secretary@gpspnc.org.au or president@gpspnc.org.au.

Hope to see you on the 23rd February!
Taco Tuesday Activities and Chill Out Sessions
3pm - 3.30pm during school term
Swan View Youth Centre

Term One Activities

2nd February
Write a Story
9th February
TACOS Opening Party
16th February
Movie Afternoon
Polo Tarts Making

23rd February
Water Gun Fight
1st March
Doughnut Making
5th March
How Games Competition

13th March
Pool Competition
Easter Egg Hunt
22nd March
Ice Cream Bar
29th March
Outdoor Sports
Tomato Making

This event is strictly drug and alcohol free.

Kalamunda & Districts Basketball Association
commences its season in mid February 2016
We have girls and boys programs from Monday to Thursday with trainings and games from 4pm to 7pm from age 6 upwards.
If you are interested in and need more information, please ring Chris Saligari on 0439 936 536 anytime.

Midland Library Computer Club CoderDojo
Midland Library is starting a CoderDojo; a club for self motivated young people to learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games and explore technology in an informal and creative environment with the aid of both mentors and each other.

Suitable for ages 7-17
Where: Midland Public Library
When: Every Monday between February 15—March 28
Time: 3.30—5.00pm
Bookings essential.
Parents welcome to get involved. Please bring a laptop if possible.
Ring 9767 9020 for more information.

Swan United FC
Registration Dates for 2016 Soccer Season

All players new and old welcome

Sunday 21 February 2016
from 9.30am – 12.00noon

@ JACK MANN OVAL
Cnr Gr Northern Hwy and Bishop Rd, MIDDLE SWAN

For further details please contact:
Secretary [Mrs] on 0412 414 772 or
visit our Facebook:
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