Dear Greenmount families

Thank You
I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Astle for stepping into the Principal’s role over the last four weeks – and for managing it all so well!

Positive Attendance
Each semester we conduct a review of attendance figures. I am very pleased to share with our school community the very positive attendance figures for Semester 1.

From Pre Primary to Year 6 we have 30 students (9%) whose attendance rate is 100% for the year to date!
The number of students whose attendance is between 95% - 99% is 184 (56%).
Only 1.8% of students have an attendance rate less than 80% (a percentage point deemed ‘at risk’ by the Education Department). The remaining 33% of students fall between the 81%-94% attendance rate. Definitely worth a blast of the trumpet!

Research shows that attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes and that students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school. Greenmount continues to have attendance rates higher that state average and this is due to the excellent efforts of school and families working together. Thank you to everyone for your fantastic efforts!

Ready, Set, Go!

It’s just around the corner…… SCIENCE WEEK! There is always a ‘buzz’ in the air during this activity filled week - perhaps this year it is the result of all the models of ‘living things’ being created around the classrooms. Teachers and students are being very clever with materials and producing delightful models of all types of creatures. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone’s finished works.

Lucy Webb
PRINCIPAL
SMS Communications

Our new Messaging system for absences is working well. From now on, it is important to advise us of your child’s absence before 10am. Our system now automatically sends parents a message at 10.30am to inform them that according to school records, the student is absent and no reason has been provided to the school. We do need your confirmation that your child is home so please respond to the email.

If you child is really ill and you think they will need a few days off please let us know instead of having to ring every day.

Please mark these dates on your Calendars

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MERIT AWARDS

Friday 12 August

Rm 3  Greer Lamont Evalini Walter
     Cameron McLennan
Rm 5  Makayla Moody Indie Montgomery
Rm 6  Oliver Nolte Harriet Dunn
Rm 7  Pat Khamthai Jakob Houghton
Rm 8  Paige Warwick Courtney Higgins
Rm 9  Hayley Lisle Shanika Gamer
Rm 10 Jacob Brady Leon Vona
Rm 11 Jaydin Armstrong Kaycee Spurr
Rm 12 Jessica Bates Tara Teale
Rm 14 Beau Brady Alyssa Howard
Rm 15 Liam McChesney Rory Clohessy
Rm 17 Callum McKinlay Scott Jamieson
Music   Oliver Banks Lauren Grieves

CONGRATULATIONS
Young Local Sportsman Heading for US College

One of our ex students, Joshua Harvey (18) from Greenmount will be jetting off to Watertown, in up-state New York this month after being recruited by Jefferson Community College to become a ‘Cannoneer’, and join their baseball programme. Fantastic news.
Hills Interschool Cross Country 2016

On Friday 5th August, Greenmount Primary School entered the Hills Interschool Cross Country Carnival full of enthusiasm and vigour. Our runners were cheered on by our vocal cheer squad. There were only 5 schools participating in this year's Interschool Cross Country due to the reshuffling of the Eastern Hills Schools' Hub. The participating schools were St Anthony's, Helena College, Middle Swan, Midvale and Greenmount.

There were some terrific individual efforts from our runners. In the first race, it was too close to call and Leona Nebel was awarded an equal first place. Glory Iloh also finished first in his event. We achieved 14 top 10 finishes.

A super effort by Naomi Punaivaha and Makayla Green to finish in second place, Lucas King and Malachi Desmond in third place, and Xavier Francis and Aniwa Carpenter in fourth place. Many of our runners had achieved better results than last year.

Our Year 3 girls and boys achieved second place, our year 4 girls were first, our year 5 girls achieved fourth place, our year 5 boys first place and our Year 6 Boys achieved a third place.

Overall, Greenmount Primary finished in 3rd position overall, behind eventual winners St Anthony’s and second place Helena College. Greenmount Primary performed well above expectations beating the larger schools of Middle Swan and Midvale.

It was a great effort by all our competitors. They all deserve a pat on the back. Well done.

Mr Hodgson

Governor Stirling Senior High School Specialist Programs

We are pleased to advise that there are still a few availabilities left in each of these categories: Engineering, Artsmedia and Football for new enrolments into years 7, 8 or 9 for 2018. In particularly our wonderful Artsmedia Program.

As you are aware our Specialist Programs are open to every primary school student not just our feeder schools and we would be delighted to receive applications from your school. Information on each program can be accessed through our website. A clear overview as well as entry requirements are all downloadable through our website www.govo.wa.edu.au under the heading “PROGRAMS”.

Donations
Mrs Duhig, the Music Teacher, is looking for donations of recycled tin cans. Please bring in to the Music Room.

Thank you.
P & C Fundraising News
The Greenmount Primary School P&C Disco this year is “Glow Party”, come dress in fluro!
The event is being held at the Swan View Youth Centre at the Brown Park Recreation Complex on Friday 9th of September.
◊ Tickets will be $8 each with the disco being held in 2 age groups,
◊ K-Yr2 at 5:30—6:45pm,
◊ Yr3-6 for 7:00—830pm.
Snacks, drinks and glow sticks will be available to purchase on the night.

If any parents can help out on the evening, please indicate your availability, your help is appreciated.

Green Mount Primary
Glow Party
Optional come dressed in fluro
Friday, 9th September
Swan View Youth Centre
Juniors K - Yr 2: 5:30- 6:45
Seniors Yr- 3 - 6: 7:00- 8:30
Snacks and drinks 50c to $1.50
Glow Sticks $2:00
Tickets $8:00 EACH
Ticket order forms to be sent home soon
Flexischools has arrived at the P&C

You can now order and pay for our events and uniforms online or phone app. Cashless options! Head over to http://www.flexischools.com.au and register for an account. All you need to do is add in your children/s details and then add funds to your account. We are still accepting cash for Uniform orders and Fundraising events. EFTPOS via the front office for Uniform payments will be ceasing at the end of the term. For a demo on how Flexischools works, check out the video at http://www.flexischools.com.au/ForParents/HowItWorks.aspx.

Scholastic Bookclub
Issue 6 is due to arrive and go home with students by early next week. The due date for orders will be Monday 5th September

Safety House
This is the last week for safety house colouring in competitions. All entries must be returned by Monday 22nd August as we need to send them to the Safety House headquarters before the end of next week. It’s not too late to get an entry in, there are spare forms in the front office. The events put on by the P&C next month will be a Safety House Show and BBQ sausage sizzle. Funds raised from the sausage sizzle will be used to cover for the costs for the presentation. The committee is also organising a scavenger hunt. Keep an eye out for information forms to go home with students.

Entertainment books - Don’t forget, we are still running the Entertainment Books Fundraising offer, head over to https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8607k4. 20% of every purchase comes back to the P&C as fundraising. The Entertainment Book website is currently running a free postage offer.

Keep up to date with your P&C news and events head over to our Facebook page search “Greenmount Primary School WA P&C”
My Country, Our Country, We all Belong

This year’s National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day was held on Thursday 4th August. First observed in 1988, the day is all about helping our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids feel connected and proud in culture and ensuring all our kids feel like they belong. To grow healthy and enjoy the benefits of a good education is a focus of the day of celebration.

The Aboriginal students at Greenmount Primary School each received a Book and Gift as part of the National Day Celebration.

Ms Nelson AIEO

**DARLINGTON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

**Registration Day**

Saturday 13th August 9am-12pm @ Darlington Oval, Darlington

For more details contact: Leah Agnew (M) 0400 229 363 (E) leahandian@bigpond.com

OR register via the website below


**HILLS NIGHT HOCKEY**

Hills Night Hockey 2016/2017 season will commence in October 2016 (beginning of 4th term) for all players - pre-primary to seniors. Registration night and Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September 2016 at the Pavilion, Mundaring Weir Rd, Mundaring commencing 7pm. So grab a few friends and make up a team.

Player nomination forms and more details are available from the Hills Night Hockey Association website [www.hnha.com.au](http://www.hnha.com.au) or from your team manager. More information is available from the HNHA Secretary, Jane on 0402 744 690 or