Dear Greenmount families,

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had some time to relax and enjoy the break after such a busy Term 1.

We would like to welcome Amanda Randall, our new School Psychologist, to Greenmount Primary School. Amanda is replacing Manita Bestow and will be present on alternate Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and will take place in two weeks. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. Importantly, they also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. It is a snapshot of your child’s and the school’s progress. Your child’s teacher and classroom report will provide you with specific information about your child’s progress over the year.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers have ensured that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. The best way you can help your child during the assessment period is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

Lucy Webb
PRINCIPAL
Please mark these dates on your Calendars

- Thursday 28th April: School Anzac Service 1.30pm Blackboy Hill
- Friday 8th May: Prefect Assembly
- Tuesday 10th—12th May: NAPLAN
- Tuesday 17th May: P & C Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom

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**MERIT AWARDS**

Friday 8th April

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**ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

The Anzac Day Service will be held on Thursday, 28th April, between 1.30—2.30 at the Anzac site, Blackboy Hill. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be present and all families are very welcome to attend and join in. Please make sure that your child brings a hat and drinks bottle to school on this day.

We are asking for donations of flowers on Thursday 28 April to make up floral displays for the ceremony. These should be taken to the outdoor classroom area adjacent to the Library.

Thank you.

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**KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS FOR 2017**

Have you a child who was born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013? They are eligible to start Kindergarten next year.

We are taking Applications until the end of July. Please bring some proof of Residency, Birth Certificate and Immunisation Record when you come to apply.
**Uniform shop** - A Uniform shop co-ordinator is still needed. The volunteer position involves putting together orders and placing them with suppliers, and general administration of the shop. We also need the person, or another volunteer to work in the shop every second Wednesday. If you would like to nominate for this position please contact us uniform-shop@gpspnc.org.au or drop by Wednesday Mornings before school or Thursday afternoon after school.

Zip Jackets are back in stock and selling at $34 each.

**Bookclub** - Issue 3 will be going home with students in the next week, don’t forget to get your orders back in, or via the LOOP App. Deadline for order returns will be on the catalogue.

**Fundraising Roundup Term 1** - Thank you to everyone who supported our events for Term 1, the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Easter Raffle, Scitech Night, it has been a great kickoff to 2016!

Ongoing Fundraising - Entertainment books will be available shortly, [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8607k4](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8607k4) is the link to purchase online. In the meantime, if you preorder before the 4th of May you get instant access to early bird discounts.

**Upcoming events** for Term 2 - 5c Fundraiser (keep hold of all those 5c coins, the challenge is on which class can collect the most). Stocktake sausage sizzle should be in the next 2 weeks with a Movie Night at Midland Ace Cinemas planned towards the end of the term. Notices and information will be available closer to the dates.

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